

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM)
MINUTES ■ Monday, July 11, 2022

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| <p><u>BHAB Officers Present</u> Michael Rodriguez, Chair Nancy Borchard, 2nd Vice Chair Janis Gardner, Secretary Elizabeth R. Stone, Member-At-Large</p> <p><u>Others Present</u> Ratan Bhavnani, NAMI Volunteer Stacy Dagleish, Los Angeles County Mental Health Commission Ariana Del Zotto, Homeland Language Services Shawna Morris, Casa Pacifica Scott Walker, Crisis Intervention Team Liz Warren, BHAB</p> | <p><u>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Staff Present</u> Dr. Loretta Denering, Assistant Behavioral Health Director Cheryl Fox, Youth & Family Services Division Chief Julie Glantz, Adult Services Senior Behavioral Health Manager Kathy Mulford, Substance Use Services Interim Division Chief Estela Ortega, Office of Health Equity and Cultural Diversity Administrative Assistant Cynthia Salas, Office of Health Equity and Cultural Diversity Equity Services Manager Sara Sanchez, Access & Outreach Services Division Chief Joanna Peterson, Management Assistant / Zoom Engineer Vickie Poliquin, BHAB Assistant</p> <p>NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 8, 2022, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>In-Person & Virtual Meeting Via Zoom</p> |
| <p><i>Note: The committee has not yet approved these minutes. There may be additions/deletions or corrections before the minutes are accepted in final form.</i></p> | |

| | DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS | RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS | RESPONSIBLE |
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| I. | Call to Order Mr. Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM. Joanna Peterson provided information on how to access interpretation services via Zoom and using available laptop computers with headsets when attending in person. | | |
| II. | Roll Call – Board Executive Committee Attendees Secretary Gardner confirmed that a quorum exists through roll call. Mr. Rodriguez provided the names and offices of each of the BHAB members elected to serve for Fiscal Year 2022-23 (effective July 1, 2022) noting that the Member (Chair) Emeritus office is vacant during this term: Chair - Michael Rodriguez, 1 st Vice Chair - Chris Tejada, 2 nd Vice Chair - Nancy Borchard, Secretary - Janis Gardner and Member-At-Large - Elizabeth R. Stone. | | |
| III. | Approval of the Agenda Mr. Rodriguez asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Gardner moved to approve the agenda; Ms. Borchard seconded. The motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously through roll call. | The agenda was approved as written. M/S/C | |
| IV. | Approval of the Minutes Mr. Rodriguez asked for a motion to approve the June 13, 2022, minutes. Ms. Borchard moved to approve the minutes; Ms. Gardner seconded. Ms. Borchard withdrew her motion to approve the June 13 minutes noting that she was not in attendance and abstained. Ms. Stone abstained advising she was not a member of the Executive Committee on June 13. Mr. Rodriguez advised that with two abstentions, a quorum vote will not exist to approve the minutes unless Mr. Tejada joins the meeting. The approval of the June 13 minutes was tabled to the August 8 Executive Committee meeting. | The minutes were tabled to the August 8 Executive Committee meeting due to lack of a quorum vote. | |
| V. | Welcome and Introductions Mr. Rodriguez introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members present at the Executive Committee introduced themselves. | | |
| VI. | Public Comments There were no public comments. | | |
| VII. | Chair Comments and Announcements Mr. Rodriguez thanked members of the BHAB for their votes to re-elect him for a second term as Chair and for their expressed confidence in his work in this position. He noted that he looks forward to continuing to serve and work collaboratively with everybody as well as the BHAB Committees and members of the Community with the overarching goal to significantly improve access to behavioral health services that are appropriate to individuals' needs. | | |

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| <p>VIII.</p> | <p>Assistant Director’s Updates – Dr. Loretta Denering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards for Round 3 Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Plan (BHCIP) funding were announced and, unfortunately, Ventura County was not a grant recipient. The funding was planned to supplement construction of a 120-bed locked mental health rehabilitation center (MHRC) in Camarillo. Executive Committee members were encouraged to review the list of those counties who were awarded funding. The link will be provided to all members of the BHAB. Dr. Denering advised the MHRC project will move forward with a reassessment of the plans to determine the scope of the project based upon the absence of the additional funding. • VCBH staff will provide a brief presentation at the July 18 General meeting on the “988” Universal Telephone Number for National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Hotline System scheduled to launch on July 16, 2022. • Several California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) policies went into effect on July 1, 2022. The new policies are being fine-tuned and will be rolled out over the next several months. Discussions continue within the VCBH network that includes its clinics, contract providers and several Community Based Organizations (CBO’s) and partners on the managed care side. Plans are being made to provide a public forum in the fall to provide information about the effect of the changes related to access and services. Ms. Stone advised that Gold Coast Health Plan is hosting webinars to provide information regarding CalAIM implementation. <p>Ms. Stone announced that the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) released a Notice of Intent to award Ventura County with a contract in response to its Mental Health Student Services Act application. Dr. Denering added that the funding will be used for expansion of the school Wellness Centers.</p> <p>Ms. Stone asked for additional information about VCBH’s role in the mixed-use Homeless Solutions Center in Oxnard (also known as 2nd and B and the Navigation Center). In addition to information that Dr. John Schipper will provide upon his return, Liz Warren offered specific details including that 29 of the 56 permanent supportive housing units (one-bedroom apartments) will be designated as VCBH supported housing.</p> | | |
| <p>IX.</p> | <p>Executive Committee Member Comments and Announcements</p> <p>Ms. Gardner asked about the timing for the release of the updated County Administrative Manual scheduled on the July 12 Board of Supervisors (BOS) agenda that includes a new Code of Conduct for members of Boards and Commissions. Dr. Denering advised that once the update is approved for release, it will be sent out to all members of the BHAB for their information.</p> <p>Ms. Borchard encouraged BHAB members read the Los Angeles Times newspaper’s mental health initiative series called, “For Your Mind” that began on the front page of the July 10 issue. She noted that the article is an effort to increase coverage for treatment, public policy, wellness and culture related to mental health in California communities and includes information about how the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) rolled out over the years.</p> | | |
| <p>X.</p> | <p>Secretary’s Report / Announcements</p> <p>Ms. Gardner reported there is one opening in Supervisor Huber’s district and that there are no candidates, at this time, for the practicing psychiatrist vacancy. She asked that BHAB members and members of the public advise her and Mr. Rodriguez of any potential candidates for the practicing psychiatrist vacancy.</p> <p>Ms. Gardner made the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventura County Sheriff’s Office’s contract with WellPath was approved by the BOS in June. The contract will include increased mental health and dental care as well as licensed clinicians who will provide around-the-clock care as outlined in the contract. Following discussion, Cynthia Salas mentioned that the Safety Racial Equity Advisory Group that meets on the first Thursday each month includes the Sheriff who may be able to provide answers to some of the questions raised regarding the WellPath contract. Cynthia Salas will send links to access information about the Advisory Group for dissemination to BHAB members. • NAMI’s 2022 Annual State Conference will be held in Newport Beach on August 25 and 26. | | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mixteco Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP) is holding a Backpack Drive asking for donations of backpacks and school supplies that will be provided to Indigena students in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. The Night in Oaxaca Fundraiser is scheduled for August 4 at the Olivas Adobe in Ventura. If interested, contact MICOP at https://mixteco.org/events/. Not directly related to mental health or substance use services however of importance to underserved low-income residents, State Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin is leading a legislative Committee on gasoline supply and pricing created to find out why Californians are paying 25% more for gas than the national average. <p>Ms. Stone asked Dr. Denering to include information about the status of Peer services into the workforce for both mental health and substance use services within her Assistant Director’s Report.</p> | | |
| <p>XI.</p> | <p>Old Business</p> <p>A. Needs Assessment – Status Update</p> <p>Mr. Rodriguez advised that the independent Needs Assessment group met last week and submitted its scores for the various submissions from the Request for Proposal noting that the process continues along the established timelines. Mr. Rodriguez will provide additional information regarding the award of a contract and a detailed schedule that will include an assessment across a wide spectrum of County agencies and other health care providers for the independent Needs Assessment of the Behavioral Health Continuum of Care as soon as information becomes available from the Ventura County Health Care Agency who is overseeing the process.</p> | | |
| <p>XII.</p> | <p>New Business</p> <p>A. Presentation Requests</p> <p>Mr. Rodriguez provided details on the lineup of scheduled presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 18 – VCBH presentation on implementation of the “988” Hotline, effective July 16. August 15 – County Counsel presentation on Rosenberg’s Rules of Order. August 15 – Dr. Joseph Vlaskovits presentation on the Residency Program. September 19 – MICOP presentation on “Living with Love” Program. <p>Mr. Rodriguez asked for any further requests for presentations be submitted now or to him via email.</p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding the details of the purpose of the Rosenberg’s Rules of Order presentation scheduled for August 15, to ensure that the presentation does not limit hearing the voices from communities throughout the county while also resolving the conflicts that may exist about knowing when and how to provide public comments during the BHAB meetings.</p> <p><u>CARRY OVER ITEMS – FOR REFERENCE & TRACKING</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mental Health Diversion – Effects of Law Changes as of January 1 – Public Guardian’s Office or Multi-Agency (requested by Mr. Bhavnani) Mr. Rodriguez will provide additional information and Agenda placement TBD. Homeless Court and Mental Health Diversion – Public Defender’s Office (requested by Mr. Tejeda) Agenda placement TBD. Stepping Up Initiative – (being coordinated by Cmdr. Fryhoff) Agenda placement TBD. Substance Use Services & Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Updates (requested by Ms. Gardner) Agenda placement TBD. Wellness Centers Presentation (requested by Ms. Gardner) Agenda placement TBD. WellPath – Overview and Update on Contractual Requirements (contact person: Leah James) (requested by Ms. Gardner) Agenda placement TBD. <p>B. Recognition Award Recommendations</p> <p>Mr. Rodriguez noted that Ratan Bhavnani will be presented with a recognition award for his previous service as a member of the BHAB at the July 18 General meeting and asked for any additional requests for recognition awards be emailed to him along with any background information for the development of the award.</p> <p><u>CARRY OVER ITEMS – FOR REFERENCE & TRACKING</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Terri Yanez, Administrative Services Division Chief – promoted to another County Dept. (requested by Ms. Gardner) Recognition date: TBD. | | |

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| XIII. | <p>Develop Agenda for Virtual General Meeting Scheduled for July 18, 2022 at 1:00 PM</p> <p>Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the proposed list of agenda items for the July 18 General meeting and provided details regarding the intended purpose of the establishment of a BHAB Media or Communications Outreach Workgroup to promote and increase public participation at the BHAB meetings. Ms. Stone encouraged proposed workgroup members to collaborate with VCBH's existing outreach program(s) to assist with advertising information about the BHAB and to increase public participation at BHAB meetings that will also create more awareness to available services.</p> <p>There were no changes requested to the development of the agenda for the July 18 General meeting.</p> | | |
| XIV. | <p>Public Comments</p> <p>There were no public comments.</p> | | |
| XV. | <p>Adjourn</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 PM.</p> | | |

**Behavioral Health Advisory Board EXECUTIVE Meeting Attendance
2022-2023**

| Members 2022-2023 | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June |
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| Christopher Tejada 1 st Vice Chair | e | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nancy Borchard 2 nd Vice Chair | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Janis Gardner Secretary | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Elizabeth R. Stone Member-At-Large | X | | | | | | | | | | | |

Present = X

- District 1: Supervisor LaVere
- District 2: Supervisor Parks
- District 3: Supervisor Long
- District 4: Supervisor Huber
- District 5: Supervisor Ramirez