

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM)
MINUTES ■ Monday, October 10, 2022

<p><u>BHAB Officers Present</u> Nancy Borchard, 2nd Vice Chair Janis Gardner, Secretary Elizabeth R. Stone, Member-At-Large Chris Tejeda, 1st Vice Chair</p> <p><u>Others Present</u> Ratan Bhavnani, NAMI Volunteer Priscila Hazrun, Homeland Language Services Scott Miller, Ventura County Behavioral Health Innovation Center Shawna Morris, Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families Scott Walker, Crisis Intervention Team Liz Warren, BHAB Member</p>	<p><u>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Staff Present</u> Scott Gilman, Director Dr. Loretta Denering, Assistant Director Ophra Ashur, Compliance Sr. Behavioral Health Manager Cheryl Fox, Youth & Family Services Division Chief Kathy Mulford, Substance Use Services Interim Division Chief Cynthia Salas, Office of Health Equity and Cultural Diversity, Equity Services Manager Dr. John Schipper, Adult Services Division Chief Joanna Peterson, Management Assistant / Zoom Engineer Vickie Poliquin, BHAB Assistant</p> <p>NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 14, 2022, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>In-Person & Virtual Meeting Via Zoom</p>
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Note: The committee has not yet approved these minutes. There may be additions/deletions or corrections before the minutes are accepted in final form.

	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
I.	Call to Order First Vice Chair Tejeda called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Priscila Hazrun provided information and instruction on how to access interpretation services.		
II.	Roll Call – Executive Committee Members Secretary Gardner confirmed that a quorum exists through roll call. All Executive Committee members introduced themselves.		
III.	Approval of the Agenda Mr. Tejeda asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Gardner moved to approve the agenda; Ms. Borchard seconded. The motion to approve the agenda as written carried by majority vote through roll call. Ms. Stone abstained.	The agenda was approved as written. M/S/C	
IV.	Approval of the Minutes Mr. Tejeda asked for a motion to approve the September 12, 2022, minutes. Ms. Gardner moved to approve the minutes; Ms. Borchard seconded. Ms. Stone requested a revision on page 3, 3 rd paragraph, regarding Roberta Griego’s public comment on behalf of the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) requesting that it read, “...on behalf of Ventura County National Alliance for Mental Illness...” in order to specify that Roberta Griego represents the local Ventura County NAMI. Ratan Bhavnani responded on behalf of Roberta Griego who was not in attendance clarifying that the revision is correct, however should read: “...on behalf of the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI Ventura County). Ms. Gardner and Ms. Borchard accepted the revision to the minutes and the motion to approve the minutes as amended carried unanimously through roll call.	The minutes were approved as amended. M/S/C	
V.	Welcome and Introductions Mr. Tejeda and all members of the BHAB Executive Committee introduced themselves.		
VI.	Public Comments Scott Miller, Founder of Ventura County Behavioral Health Innovations Center (VCBHIC), outlined the purpose of his organization that studies and treats head injuries that may cause many mental illnesses. He advised that VCBHIC specializes in treating head injuries to assist doctors with detecting mental disorders at an earlier stage of development and noted that VCBHIC will be working with law enforcement and the Ventura County Unified School District regarding the technology that will be offered by VCBHIC. Mr. Miller’s submitted written public comments are attached for reference.		

VII.	<p>Director’s Updates – Scott Gilman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked members of the BHAB and public for attending the “Meet & Greet” sessions that were scheduled to provide an opportunity to meet each other and discuss various topics. • Continues the process of attending community meetings and meeting with various stakeholder and law enforcement groups to learn from the various groups. Meetings are being held with staff at various clinics and connecting with front line staff. • Addressing the current high vacancy rates within VCBH’s workforce that also extends across the country leaving the candidate pool very limited and very competitive. Reviewing creative strategies and conducting targeted, focused recruitments to improve the recruitment process. • Reviewing ideas on how to assist current VCBH staff with additional training or other methods to prevent “burn out” and help staff with their ability to do their job and to prevent further staff loss. • Several projects are in the early stages of development that will be brought forward to the BHAB along with plans to kick off several pilot projects and form various partnerships. • The implementation of California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) continues to take an extremely large amount of VCBH staff time and focus to ensure successful implementation. 		
VIII.	<p>Executive Committee Member Comments and Announcements There were no comments or announcements.</p>		
IX.	<p>Secretary’s Report / Announcements Ms. Gardner reported there are two openings on the BHAB in Supervisor Huber’s District along with one opening for a practicing psychiatrist. <u>Announcement:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On October 6, the Ventura County Star reported that affordable housing for farmworkers will be built in Oxnard by Cabrillo Corporation consisting of 58 apartments with 42 being set aside for farmworkers, 15 for veterans and one for an onsite manager. The units will be rented to those earning between 30-50% of the area median income. • Simi Valley’s homeless shelter, The Samaritan Center, will receive a \$475,000 grant through American Rescue Act funds from the City of Simi Valley. The funds will be used for case management, support services, housing assistance and food pantry support. • A VA clinic opened in Ventura that will provide a multitude of services. • Governor Newsom announced the appointment of Oxnard City Councilmember Vianey Lopez to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors who fills the seat held by Supervisor Carmen Ramirez who sadly passed away in mid-August. • The City of Thousand Oaks approved the use of a city-owned site for its first interim homeless shelter. A developer/operator will need to be found and approval of a special use permit to operate the shelter in an industrial zone must take place prior to opening. The interim shelter will assist 250 people to hopefully transition into permanent housing and consist of 30 prefabricated small modular homes on the corner of Ventu Park and Rancho Conejo Road. The City of Thousand Oaks is asking the County of Ventura for additional financial assistance for the project. • A very successful VCBH Suicide Prevention Forum, “Preventing Suicide: Connections and Community” took place on September 21, engaging keynote speakers and providing information on an array of topics. • VCBH, Dr. Loretta Denering along with invited guests from Aspiranet and other panelists held a four-evening series entitled, “The Prescribers Care Discussion Series” for prescribers (physicians, dentists, veterinarians and others) to participate and engage in discussions about “Preventing Overdose and Opioid Use” and other programs and models to reinforce positive changes and treatment services. <p>Ms. Stone noted as Chair of the Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Committee noted that Jennifer Harkey, Director of the Continuum of Care for Ventura County housing, has a standing item on the TAY Committee Agenda that provides an open discussion for questions regarding housing projects and invited people to attend future TAY Committee meetings, if interested.</p> <p>Ms. Warren complimented the people involved with coordinating this year’s Suicide Prevention Forum noting its success and excellent opportunity to also attend a virtual session several days later with highlights of the Forum for those unable to attend the Forum in person.</p>		

X.	<p>Old Business</p> <p>A. Needs Assessment – Status Update (Michael Rodriguez, Chair) This agenda item was tabled to the next meeting in the absence of Mr. Rodriguez.</p>		
XI.	<p>New Business</p> <p>A. Presentation Requests</p> <p>Ms. Stone requested an update on the progress the CalAIM implementation and the developing coordination with Gold Coast Health Plan that includes the additional services that target social determinants of health.</p> <p>Ms. Borchard asked the BHAB to review its list of presentations that have been on the carry over items list for several months. Ms. Borchard also reminded the Executive Committee that questions previously raised for the Sheriff’s Office are pending and suggested follow-up. Ms. Borchard also suggested checking on the status of coordinating a site visit to the Therapeutic Inn Management Unit (TIMU) within the jail. Ms. Gardner noted that she will follow-up with Chair Rodriguez on when it will be safe to resume BHAB member site visits. Ms. Stone noted that Chair Rodriguez advised her that a discussion regarding resuming site visits would take place at the November General meeting. It was noted that Ronna Bright in the Sheriff’s Office would be the contact person to follow-up with regarding the previous questions posed to the Sheriff’s office.</p> <p><u>CARRY OVER ITEMS – FOR REFERENCE & TRACKING</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. Homeless Court and Mental Health Diversion – Public Defender’s Office (requested by Mr. Tejada) Agenda placement TBD. 3. Substance Use Services & Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Updates (requested by Ms. Gardner) Agenda placement TBD. 4. WellPath – Overview and Update on Contractual Requirements (contact person: Leah James) (requested by Ms. Gardner) Agenda placement TBD. 5. County Counsel Presentation on Rosenberg’s Rules of Order – 10/17/22. 6. County Counsel Presentation on Updated County Administrative Manual Highlights – 10/17/22. 7. CalAIM Update – Implementation and Coordination with Gold Coast Health Plan for Additional Services that Target Social Determinants of Health (requested by Ms. Stone) Agenda placement TBD. <p>B. Recognition Award Recommendations</p> <p>Mr. Tejada asked for any recommendations for recognition awards. Mr. Gilman inquired whether the BHAB presents any annual awards and asked for information about the awards process. Ms. Gardner provided the details of the process that is followed by the BHAB to accept recommendations and develop and present awards to recipients from VCBH, other County departments, community-based organizations or members of the community. Scott Walker provided additional information regarding the annual Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) officer awards that take place in January and the annual Susan Lucky Mental Health Professional Award awarded to a mental health professional who supported law enforcement that year.</p> <p><u>CARRY OVER ITEMS – FOR REFERENCE & TRACKING</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Terri Yanez, Administrative Services Division Chief – promoted to another County Dept. (requested by Ms. Gardner) Recognition date: TBD. 2. Posthumous recognition of Supervisor Carmen Ramirez (requested by Ms. Warren and other BHAB members). Mr. Rodriguez and Ms. Gardner are developing the award. Presentation date: TBD. 		
XII.	<p>Develop Agenda for Hybrid General Meeting Scheduled for October 17, 2022 at 1:00 PM</p> <p>Mr. Tejada opened the agenda item for discussion.</p> <p>It was noted that with three presentations scheduled the agenda will need to be minimized to allow time for the presentations. In response to a question raised by Ms. Warren about the guidelines that had been approved to limit the number of presentations to one or two at each General meeting, Dr. Denering responded that three presentations are scheduled due to the carry-over of one presentation from the September General meeting due to technical difficulties that prevented completion of a presentation and the requests made by the BHAB to host the other two presenters in October when BHAB attendance would increase versus</p>		

	<p>during the summer months. Ms. Warren recommended that going forward, the Executive Committee consider limiting presentations to a maximum of two per meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Warren requested an edit to agenda item XII.E.2 – revising it from “Appoint Chair of the Ombudsman/Client Navigator Workgroup...” to “Appoint Chair of the Ombudsman Workgroup...” – eliminating the words, “Client Navigator”. Ms. Warren explained the purpose of her request to eliminate the reference to “Client Navigator” noting that she had inquired with Dr. Denering at the last General meeting and confirmed that the Client Navigator position already exists, and no discussion of the Client Navigator position would be necessary.</p>		
XIII.	<p>Public Comments <i>(This agenda item was incorrectly referenced on the agenda as agenda item XIV.)</i> There were no public comments.</p>		
XIV.	<p>Adjourn <i>(This agenda item was incorrectly referenced on the agenda as agenda item XV.)</i> The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 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
Michael Rodriguez, Chair	X	X	X	e								
Christopher Tejada, 1 st Vice Chair	e	X	X	X								
Nancy Borchard, 2 nd Vice Chair	X	X	E	X								
Janis Gardner, Secretary	X	X	X	X								
Elizabeth R. Stone, Member-At-Large	X	X	X	X								

Present = X

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