

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH)

1911 Williams Dr, Training Room (first floor) · Oxnard, CA 93036

IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Monday, November 14, 2022, 1:00 – 2:30PM

BHAB Executive Members Present:

Michael Rodriguez, Chair

Chris Tejada, 1st Vice Chair

Janis Gardner, Secretary

Elizabeth R. Stone, Member-At-Large

Guests:

Ratan Bhavnani, NAMI Volunteer

Liz Warren, BHAB Member

Ariana Del Zotto, Spanish Interpreter

Mark Stadler, CIT

Scott Walker, CIT

Mary Haffner, NAMI Member

Gane Brooking, BHAB Member

Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Staff Present:

Scott Gilman, Director

Dr. Loretta Denering, Assistant Director

Ophra Ashur, Compliance Sr. BH Manager

Dr. John Schipper, Adult Services Division Chief

Cynthia Salas, Office of Health Equity and Cultural Diversity,
Equity Services Manager

Vickie Poliquin, BHAB Assistant

Joanna Peterson, Management Assistant / Zoom Engineer

Jakeline De Leon, Management Assistant / Zoom Engineer

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 1:02PM by Chair Michael Rodriguez. Ariana, Spanish Interpreter, introduced herself and provided instruction on the interpretation services available for the meeting.
- II. **Roll Call of Executive Committee Members to Determine a Quorum** – Secretary Janis Gardner confirmed a quorum through roll call.
- III. **Approval of the Agenda** – The Behavioral Health Advisory Board Executive Committee Agenda for November 14, 2022, was approved (Stone/Gardner/Passed). It was motioned to approve as written carried by majority vote through roll call.
- IV. **Approval of the October 10, 2022, Minutes** – The Behavioral Health Advisory Board Executive Committee Minutes for October 10, 2022, were approved (Gardner/Tejeda/Passed). Ms. Stone commented the second page of the minutes in Section 9, 2nd paragraph, the word “noted” was placed twice, first “noted” should be omitted. Amendment was accepted (Gardner/Tejeda/Passed). Ms. Stone commented on Section 6 of the minutes, it is her understanding that it is, “may cause symptoms that are like mental illnesses but not necessarily be a mental illness.” Chair Rodriguez stated revision will be done according to the recording. Minutes were motioned to approve as written carried by majority vote through roll call. Chair Michael Rodriguez abstained.
- V. **Welcome and Introductions** – All members of the BHAB Executive Committee introduced themselves.
- VI. **Public Comments** – Chair Rodriguez stated there were no written requests for Public Comments nor written comments submitted.
- VII. **Director’s Updates** – Scott Gilman provided a director’s report. He and Joanna introduced new staff member Jakeline De Leon. He announced in the coming months they will be speaking more about *Crisis Now*, a tool kit from SAMSHA that helps communities design a robust County crisis response system. More information is to come. Ms. Stone asked how the state mandated suicide prevention plan will be implanted into *Crisis Now*, Director Gilman stated he believes it will be a part of it, however, *Crisis Now* is more about infrastructure and a planning process. Mr. Tejeda asked what the time frame is for the development of the plan and if the MHSA funding is specific for the planning process. Director Gilman responded that funding is through the state allocation of MHSA, not our local dollars, and they hope to have a plan by the first quarter of the year.
- VIII. **Executive Committee Members Comments & Announcements** – Ms. Stone provided an update on the funding from the Continuum of Care to involve people with personal lived experience class expertise of the unhoused or housing programs in the planning process. As of the week of November 14, 2022, there are 4 people committed to be a part of an important group. Ms. Stone would like to include a flyer for the next meeting.

- IX. Secretary's Report / Announcements** – Secretary Gardner provided a report. November is National Native American Heritage Month and there are national events tributing to the rich ancestry and traditions of Native Americans. MHSa is having a mental health services community planning process in person and virtually. The first meeting will be Tuesday, November 29th in person from 6:00 – 7:30PM at 1051 S A St., in Oxnard, CA. The public can register at mhsa@ventura.org for the Oxnard Zoom meeting held on Tuesday, November 29th from 1:00 – 2:30PM. The second meeting will be Wednesday, November 30th in person from 6:00 – 7:30PM at the Community Center, 530 W Main St in Santa Paula, CA. The public can register at mhsa@ventura.org for the Santa Paula Zoom meeting held on Wednesday, November 30th from 1:00 – 2:30PM. Ongoing, there are 3 openings for the Behavioral Health Advisory Board, two from Supervisor Huber's district and one from Supervisor Park's office. She noted that the Welfare Institution Code has now mandated BHAB to have a Veteran representative; they are in the process of looking for a Veteran representative. Finally, Cal Trans has drawn up plans for an arch fence to build on the freeway bridge between highways 23 and 118, on the area where there have been attempted suicides and the California Transportation Commission has allocated funds for the building of the arch fence.
- X. Old Business**
- A. Needs Assessment: Status Update** – Chair Rodriguez provided an update. Contracts have been signed and he will have an additional update for the General meeting for Monday, November 21st.
- XI. New Business**
- A. Presentation Requests** – Chair Rodriguez informed members that if anyone has any presentation requests to please send them to bhabadmin@ventura.org and cc Michael.Rodriguez@ventura.org with a brief description of the proposed presentation.
- B. Recognition Award Recommendations** – Chair Rodriguez informed members that if anyone has recognition award recommendations to please send them to bhabadmin@ventura.org and cc Michael.Rodriguez@ventura.org with a brief description of why the person is worthy of recommendation.
- XII. Develop Agenda for Hybrid General Meeting scheduled on November 21, 2022, at 1:00PM** – Ms. Stone stated that she would like to add to the agenda discussion on-site visits; Chair Rodriguez stated he will be adding it as a discussion item for the BHAB General meeting. Ms. Gardner advised during BHAB orientation she provides protocol for sight visits; she will also be providing information at the BHAB General meeting. Chair Rodriguez then brought discussion for going live or dark in December; it would need to be an action item. Director Gilman recommends that this gets placed on the

agenda. Ms. Stone encourages members to join in person as well as the public.

A. Old Business

1. Needs Assessment: Status Update

B. New Business

1. 2022 Data Notebook: Review & Approve Finalized Report for Submission

2. Freeway Overpass Suicides & Suicide Attempts Data Request –
Vice Chair Tejeda asked if data will be presented or collected for this item. Chair Rodriguez responded, stating it is still a work in progress; there are privacy issues that could arise.

3. BHAB Committee Reports

- a) Youth & Family Services Committee
- b) Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Committee
- c) Disparities Reduction Committee
- d) Prevention Committee

4. Presentation Requests

5. Recognition Award Recommendations

XIII. Public Comments – No public comments.

XIV. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1:57PM by Chair Michael Rodriguez.

Next Meeting Date – December 12, 2022, from 1:00 – 2:30PM

Behavioral Health Advisory Board EXECUTIVE Meeting Attendance

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