

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, January 9, 2023, 1:00 – 2:30PM

BHAB Executive Members Present:

Michael Rodriguez, Chair

Chris Tejada, 1st Vice Chair

Nancy Borchard, 2nd Vice Chair

Janis Gardner, Secretary

Elizabeth R. Stone, Member-At-Large

Guests:

Liz Warren, BHAB Member

Ratan Bhavnani, NAMI Volunteer

Lorena Suarez, Spanish Interpreter

Mark Stadler, CIT

Gane Brooking, BHAB Member

Vannessa Cortez

Jerry Weaver

Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Staff Present:

Scott Gilman, Director

Dr. Loretta Denering, Assistant Director

Dr. John Schipper, Adult Services Division Chief

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

Jakeline De Leon, Management Assistant / Zoom Engineer

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 1:00PM by Chair Michael Rodriguez. Lorena Suarez, 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 January 9, 2023, was approved (Gardner/Borchard/Passed). Vice Chair Borchard commented on agenda item number 12.C, the chair should not only be Gane Brooking but Chris Tejada as well. It was motioned to approve as written carried by majority vote through roll call.

- IV. Approval of the December 12, 2022, Minutes –** The Behavioral Health Advisory Board Executive Committee Minutes for December 12, 2022, were approved (Gardner/Tejada/Passed). Vice Chair Borchard commented on agenda item number 12, it reads the date November 21, 2022, when it should read December 19, 2022. Amendment was accepted (Gardner/Tejada/Passed). Minutes were motioned to approve by majority vote through roll call and Ms. Stone abstained.

- V. Welcome and Introductions –** All members of the BHAB Executive Committee introduced themselves.

- VI. Public Comments –** A written comment via email was presented by Ms. De Leon from Dr. Jeffery L. Hayden. The comment will be attached to these minutes. No other public comments were made.

- VII. Director's Updates –** Director Scott Gilman provided the Ventura County Behavioral Health updates. He first provided an update on the Governor's order and the Brown Act meetings; at the BHAB General meeting he will present an overview of the Governor's order and County Counsel Jason Canger will be available for clarification/questions. Meetings will be held in person and there must be a physical quorum; committee members may attend virtually on a very limited basis; more information is to come soon. Ongoing, he will provide a summary on the initial findings from EQRO, an update on the various housing projects, an update on the capital improvement grants, and a brief update on CalAim for the Director's Report at BHAB General meetings.

- VIII. Executive Committee Members Comments & Announcements – Ms. Stone** commented on the City of San Buenaventura and the shelter program; having the opportunity to engage with a lot of people waiting to be selected for the program; showing her support and shared her concern for those not being selected as well as no follow up. Ms. Stone commented on Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. CIT Senior Program Administrator Mark Stadler indicated that Scott Walker will move onto a different position in the Sheriff's Department. Additionally, he stated that their recognition for CIT Officer and Deputy of the year will be held at the BHAB General meeting, January 23rd. The CIT Officer and Deputy of the year recognition will be added to the General meeting agenda for 25 minutes.
- IX. Secretary's Report / Announcements – Secretary Gardner** provided a report. There are 3 openings for BHAB members, 2 in Supervisor Parvin's office and one in Supervisor Gorell's office. She has been in touch with them, and they will be appointed shortly. There is an opening for a psychiatrist and a veteran or a veteran's advocate. There is a current candidate for the veteran appointee, however they are still checking their availability. Secretary Gardner is planning on asking current BHAB members if they are veterans and/or veteran advocates at the BHAB General meeting. VC Sherriff's Narcotic detectives seized more than a million dollars' worth of illegal drugs during a 2-month investigation from a trafficking organization based in Mexico; fentanyl overdoses have surged as the leading cause of death amongst young adults between the ages 18 and 45; the District Attorney's office will have a specialized prosecution team that handles alcohol and drug impaired driving cases received a \$427,000 grant from the CA Office of Traffic Safety. Finally, the State of the County presentation by CEO Dr. Sevet Johnson took place at the VC Offices of Ed in November 2022.
- X. Old Business**
- A. Needs Assessment: Status Update – Chair Rodriguez** provided an update. He has been in communication with EvalCorp, they are currently formulating discussion questions before conducting interviews and meetings. More information is to come.
- B. Site Visits Resumption – Chair Rodriguez** indicated that committee materials, such as protocols for the site visits from Theresa Comstock from the CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions will be distributed to the BHAB. The materials will be sent

out shortly after this meeting to discuss at the General meeting, January 23rd.

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. Secretary Gardner requested to have Carol Thomas be recognized for her service on the Behavioral Health Advisory Board; Michael approved. Vice Chair Tejeda provided an update regarding Jerry Harris' recognition; he is planning on having him attend the February General meeting for his recognition. He also requested to have the Probation department be recognized in the future.

XII. Develop Agenda for Hybrid General Meeting scheduled on January 23, 2023, at 1:00PM – Chair Rodriguez noted they will be adding the CIT officers and deputy recognitions to the General meeting agenda as well as the site visit discussion.

A. Presentation: Nate's Place, A Wellness and Recovery Center – Heidi Allison, LCSW and Larry Rhodes (20 minutes).

B. Old Business

1. Needs Assessment – Status Update – Michael Rodriguez, Chair (5 min.)

C. New Business

1. Freeway Overpass Suicides & Suicide Attempts Data Request

2. BHAB Committee Reports

a) Disparities Reduction Committee (November 1 & January 3) – Marlen Torres, Chair

b) Transitional Age Youth Committee (December 21) – Elizabeth Stone, Chair

c) Adult Services Committee (January 5) – Gane Brooking and Chris Tejeda, Co-Chairs – Chair Rodriguez approved to have the Adult Services Committee update in the February General meeting; more time to draft the minutes.

d) Prevention Committee (January 10) – Janis Gardner, Chair –
Secretary Gardner requested to have the Prevention committee update be a part of the General meeting in February; she would like to have more time to draft the minutes. Chair Rodriguez approved this request.

3. Presentation Requests

4. Recognition Award Recommendations

XIII. Public Comments – NONE.

XIV. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM by Chair Michael Rodriguez.

Next Meeting Date – February 13, 2023, from 1:00PM – 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	X	X					
Christopher Tejada, 1 st Vice Chair	e	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Nancy Borchard, 2 nd Vice Chair	X	X	e	X	e	X	X					
Janis Gardner, Secretary	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Elizabeth R. Stone, Member-At-Large	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					

Present = X

District 1: Supervisor LaVere

District 2: Supervisor Gorell

District 3: Supervisor Long

District 4: Supervisor Parvin

District 5: Supervisor Lopez

DeLeon, Jakeline

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SB-1338 Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program was signed in by the Governor September 14, 2022. The program established by this law will provide another point of contact for those with serious mental illnesses to receive the treatment and support they need to live successfully in the community. Importantly, virtually anyone know to the ill individual can petition the court to get him or her into Care Court Program.

Ventura County is required to develop and implement this program by October 1, 2023 and it will required coordination across county agencies to be effective. Who at VCBH is leading the agency's efforts? Who is the lead agency?

An influx of new clients will put an additional strain on VBCH's systems/programs. How is this being accounted for in the Needs Assessment?

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