

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, March 13, 2023, 1:00 – 2:30PM

BHAB Executive Members Present:

Michael Rodriguez, Chair

Nancy Borchard, 2nd Vice Chair

Janis Gardner, Secretary

Elizabeth R. Stone, Member-At-Large

Guests:

Roberta Griego, NAMI

Lorena Suarez, Spanish Interpreter

Mark Stadler, CIT

Scott Walker, COSSAP

Vanessa Cortez, Pacific Clinics

Sylvia C. Garcia, Community Member

Stacy Dalgleish, LMFT – LA County Mental Health Commission

Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Staff Present:

Scott Gilman, 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 1:02PM by Chair Michael Rodriguez. Lorena Suarez, Spanish Interpreter, introduced herself and provided instruction on the interpretation services available for the meeting.
- II. **Roll Call to Determine Physical Quorum** – Secretary Janis Gardner confirmed a quorum through roll call.

- III. Roll Call of Members with Just Cause – NONE.**
a. State others present in the room over the age of 18.
- IV. Requests for Emergency Circumstances –** No action necessary due to no requests.
- V. Approval of the Agenda –** The Behavioral Health Advisory Board Executive Committee Agenda for March 13, 2023, was approved (Stone/Borchard/Passed). It was motioned to approve as written carried by majority vote through roll call.
- VI. Approval of the February 13, 2023, Minutes –** The Behavioral Health Advisory Board Executive Committee Minutes for February 13, 2023, were approved as amended (Gardner/Borchard/Passed). Ms. Stone requested a correction on agenda item number 7 to delete the word “dollars” to read \$300,000 for Prevention and Early Intervention grants for organizations with two options up to \$10,000 per event and up to \$30,000 per project. Amendment was accepted (Gardner/Borchard/Passed). Minutes were motioned to approve as amended by majority vote through roll call.
- VII. Welcome and Introductions –** All members of the BHAB Executive Committee introduced themselves.
- VIII. Public Comments – NONE.**
- IX. Director’s Updates –** Director Scott Gilman provided Ventura County Behavioral Health updates. Earlier that morning he attended a meeting with the director of the Health Care Agency, Barry Zimmerman regarding the Needs Assessment. Evalcorp can provide its first quarterly update to the BHAB in April. They mentioned they are thankful for BHAB members for meeting with them. Chair Rodriguez stated they will tentatively add it as an agenda item for the April General meeting. Director Gillman said he was blown away by the new Todd Road facility; there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in April and he will include a flyer with his general meeting director’s report. He was also very impressed by the local jail-based competency restoration program for individuals charged with felonies. Additionally, they received up to an \$8.9-million allocation for building community-based competency restoration services. They have a building identified for the \$4.86-million infrastructure grant received for the Children’s

Wellness Center in Port Hueneme. The Prevention Committee will also be having a presentation for *BE NICE*, a school-based prevention initiative.

- X. **Executive Committee Members Comments & Announcements – NONE.**

- XI. **Secretary’s Report / Announcements** – Secretary Gardner provided a report. There are currently 3 openings for BHAB board members, one in Supervisor Gorell’s office and 2 in Supervisor Parvin’s office. There are openings for a psychiatrist and a veteran’s appointee as well. Lastly, MICOP is hosting their yearly fundraiser which will take place on March 17th at 5:30PM at the Consulate of Mexico, 5151 W 5th St in Oxnard, CA.

- XII. **Old Business**
 - A. **Needs Assessment: Status Update** – Chair Rodriguez provided an update. EvalCorp has conducted meetings with the Executive committee and NAMI, and will soon conduct quarterly reports. Ms. Stone has requested the Statement of Work Contract from EvalCorp.

- XIII. **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. Ms. Stone requested a CalAim presentation and Director Gilman will follow up.
 - 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.

- XIV. **Develop Agenda for Hybrid General Meeting scheduled on March 20, 2023, at 1:00PM –**
 - A. **Old Business**
 - 1. **Needs Assessment – Status Update – Michael Rodriguez, Chair (5 min.)**

 - B. **New Business**
 - 1. **BHAB Committee Reports**
 - a) **Adult Services Committee (March 2) – Gane Brooking & Chris Tejada, Co-Chairs**

b) Disparities Reduction Committee (March 7) – Marlen Torres, Chair

- 2. Ombudsman Workgroup Report – Liz Warren (20 minutes) – Chair**
Rodriguez mentioned this item will be moved higher in the General meeting agenda.
- 3. Presentation: Full-Service Partnerships – John Schipper and Hilary Carson (20 minutes)**
- 4. Presentation Requests**
- 5. Recognition Award Recommendations**

XV. Public Comments – Ms. Garcia commented she believes a barrier to accessing services is fear of family members being in the system. She provided an example of a mother who did not want to send her son to the RISE team due to him being in “the system,” instead he was taken to jail for assault on a minor. The public may believe that once their children are taken in by the county that it could put their children on the radar. She believes outreach can be better conveyed since there is a disconnect of what could happen once receiving help from Behavioral Health.

XVI. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 PM by Chair Michael Rodriguez.

Next Meeting Date – April 10th, 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	X	X			
Christopher Tejada, 1 st Vice Chair	e	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	e			
Nancy Borchard, 2 nd Vice Chair	X	X	e	X	e	X	X	X	X			
Janis Gardner, Secretary	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Elizabeth R. Stone, Member-At-Large	X	X	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