

## 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, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 1:00 – 2:30PM

#### BHAB Executive Members Present:

Michael Rodriguez, Chair

Chris Tejada, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair

Nancy Borchard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair

Janis Gardner, Secretary

Elizabeth R. Stone, Member-At-Large

#### Guests:

Aaron Kitzman, CIT

Joanna Mackie, First 5 Ventura County

Mark Stadler, CIT

Lorena Suarez, Spanish Interpreter

Scott Walker, VC COSSUP

#### Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Staff Present:

Scott Gilman, Director

Dr. John Schipper, Adult Services Division Chief

Andrea Wallace, Assistant to the Director and Assistant Director

Jakeline De Leon, Management Assistant / Zoom Engineer

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 1:03PM 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. Approval of the Agenda –** The Behavioral Health Advisory Board Executive Committee Agenda for May 8, 2023, was approved (Stone/Borchard/Passed). It was motioned to approve as written carried by majority vote through roll call.
- V. Approval of the April 10, 2023, Minutes –** The Behavioral Health Advisory Board Executive Committee Minutes for April 10, 2023, were approved (Gardner/Tejeda/Passed). Ms. Stone requested clarification for item 12.a., it is to be rewritten as “Only at the May General meeting...”. The motion was approved as amended.
- VI. Welcome and Introductions –** All members of the BHAB Executive Committee introduced themselves.
- VII. Public Comments – NONE.**
- VIII. Director’s Updates –** Director Scott Gilman provided Ventura County Behavioral Health updates. VCBH is awaiting the Governor’s budget; many ongoing projects are connected to the budget. The MHSA reform money will be shifted to housing, and it will also be shifted to pay for the services to keep individuals in housing. On June 6<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Supervisors will provide a presentation from their Opioid Task Force regarding agencies’ efforts to bring attention to the fentanyl epidemic. Ongoing, Director Gilman asked for the Executive committee’s input on how they would like leadership to move forward with MHSA. Secretary Gardner suggested an MHSA meeting to look at programs, costs, and including several stakeholders to provide ideas. Director Gilman indicated he can conduct a presentation to provide more clarification and information as well. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Tejeda suggested having recurring meetings for MHSA. Dr. Schipper suggested having a focused discussion, using the MHSA 3-year plan to reference and/or prioritize items.
- IX. Executive Committee Members Comments & Announcements –** Ms. Stone proposed they have a workgroup on data and outcomes, to prepare diverse stakeholders to act as informed participants in this historical process. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Borchard commented they should, as a committee, look into how VCBH and the county is serving their older adults.

**X. Secretary's Report / Announcements** – Secretary Gardner provided her report. She will begin to provide a written report for the BHAB General meetings, that will be distributed with meeting materials. She welcomed new BHAB member Dalia Robkin (who was not present), appointed by Supervisor Janis Parvin. This leaves one opening remaining, from Supervisor Gorell's district. May is Mental Health Awareness month, Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup>, is National Fentanyl Awareness Day. Director Gilman, Dr. Morales, and the Opioid workgroup detailed all efforts occurring in the county for Fentanyl Awareness Day. The article will be attached to her report.

**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](mailto:bhabadmin@ventura.org) and cc [Michael.Rodriguez@ventura.org](mailto: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](mailto:bhabadmin@ventura.org) and cc [Michael.Rodriguez@ventura.org](mailto:Michael.Rodriguez@ventura.org) with a brief description of why the person is worthy of recommendation.

**XII. Develop Agenda for Hybrid General Meeting scheduled for May 15, 2023, at 1:00PM**

**A. Old Business**

- 1. Site Visits Resumption – Announcement/Request for Site Visits – Michael Rodriguez, Chair (10 min.)**
- 2. Ombudsman Workgroup Recommendation – Liz Warren (15 min.)**

**B. New Business**

- 1. Nominating Committee Report and Recommendations**
  - a) Presentation of Slate of Officers for Fiscal Year 2023-24**
  - b) Accept Nominations from the Floor**
- 2. Public Hearing to End 30-day Public Comment Period on the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual Update for Fiscal Year 2022-23 (April 17 – May 15) – Michael Rodriguez, Chair – ACTION (Roll Call) (10 min.)**
- 3. BHAB Committee Reports (follow's Secretary's Report/Announcements as separate agenda items)**

- a) **Disparities Reduction Committee (May 2) – Marlen Torres, Chair – This meeting has been cancelled.**
- b) **Adult Services Committee (May 4) – Chris Tejeda, Chair**
- c) **Youth & Family Committee (April 12) – Kevin Clerici, Chair**
- 4. **Annual Report Workgroup**
- 5. **Presentation Requests**
- 6. **Recognition Award Recommendations**

**XIII. Public Comments – NONE.**

**XIV. Adjournment –** The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 PM by Chair Michael Rodriguez.

**Next Meeting Date – June 12<sup>th</sup>, 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, District 5	X	X	X	e	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Christopher Tejeda, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, District 4	e	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	e	X	X	
Nancy Borchard, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, District 3	X	X	e	X	e	X	X	X	X		X	
Janis Gardner, Secretary, District 3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Elizabeth R. Stone, Member-At-Large, District 2	X	X	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