

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, June 12th, 2023, 1:00 – 2:30 PM
Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH)
1911 Williams Drive, Training Room (first floor) • Oxnard, CA 93036

IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Zoom Participation

The following information referenced below is provided to you in support of your attending the upcoming BHAB Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom:

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Under AB 2449 New Teleconferencing Rules:

The Ventura County Behavioral Health Advisory Board Executive committee may take action at the beginning of the meeting regarding requests for “Just Cause” or “Emergency” allowances provided that related Brown Act guidelines are met. (Guidelines are listed on the last page of this agenda.)

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call to Determine Physical Quorum
- III. Roll Call of Members with Just Cause
 - a. State others present in the room over the age of 18
- IV. Approval of the Agenda – **ACTION** (Roll Call)
- V. Approval of the May 8, 2023 Minutes – **ACTION** (Roll Call)
- VI. Welcome and Introductions
- VII. Public Comments (3 minutes per speaker)
- VIII. Director’s Updates – Scott Gilman (10 min.)
- IX. Executive Committee Member Comments and Announcements (10 min.)
- X. Secretary’s Report / Announcements – Janis Gardner (5 min.)
- XI. New Business
 - A. Presentation Requests
 - B. Recognition Award Recommendations
- XII. Develop Agenda for Hybrid General Meeting scheduled on June 26, 2023, at 1:00 PM
 - 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. *Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2023-24 – Nominating Committee – **ACTION** (Roll Call) (15 min.)*
2. *Confirm New Member-At-Large to a Six-Month Term – Michael Rodriguez, Chair – **ACTION** (Roll Call) (5 min.)*
3. *BHAB Committee Reports (follows Secretary’s Report/Announcements as separate agenda items)*
 - a) *Prevention Committee (May 9) – Janis Parvin, Chair*
 - b) *Youth & Family Committee (June 14) (Canceled) – Kevin Clerici, Chair*
 - c) *Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Committee (June 21) – Elizabeth R. Stone*
4. *Annual Report Workgroup*
5. *Presentation Requests*
6. *Recognition Award Recommendations*

XIII. Public Comments (3 minutes per speaker)

XIV. Adjourn

Next Meeting: July 10th, 2023

All agenda reports and supporting data, including those filed in accordance with Government Code Section 54957.5 (b) (1) and (2) are available from the Behavioral Health Advisory Board Assistant at bhabadmin@ventura.org or in person at Ventura County Behavioral Health, 2nd Floor, 1911 Williams Drive, Oxnard, California. The same materials will be available and attached with each associated agenda item, when received, at the following website: www.vcbh.org/en/behavioral-health-advisory-board-meetings.

Welcome to the meeting of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board of the County of Ventura. The following information is provided to help you understand, follow, and participate in the Board meeting:

Join the Zoom meeting by clicking the link provided on the agenda at the scheduled time and date. Zoom will initially start with a **waiting room** — you will be admitted into the meeting room when the meeting starts. All participants are muted upon entry to minimize any unintended disruption of background sounds. Please keep yourself on mute unless you are speaking.

Note: The meeting is recorded.

Public Comments

- The Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) welcomes comments from the community, consumers, and family members.
- The BHAB operates under the Brown Act. This requires that all meetings be open meetings, with the agenda and minutes posted. A public comment period will be provided on all meeting agendas.
- Due to confidentiality laws, the Board is unable to respond directly to a public comment or to discuss client-specific issues without proper releases from the individuals concerned.

- At all BHAB meetings, the BHAB Assistant provides a Grievance Form for individuals who have concerns. The form is reviewed promptly by VCBH Quality Management. Individuals can also contact the BHAB Assistant to request a VCBH Grievance Form outside a BHAB meeting or call 1-888-567-2122.
- Individuals who have further concerns are welcome to return to the BHAB for assistance.

Public comments may be provided using one of the following options:

b. Email or Mail Public Comment in Advance of the Meeting

To make a written public comment, you must send an email to bhabadmin@ventura.org, with the specific agenda item or topic, if a general comment, by no later than 10:00 AM on the day of the BHAB meeting. Your written public comment may also be mailed to the following address and must be received by the BHAB Assistant no later than 10 AM on the day of the meeting: *BHAB Assistant, 1911 Williams Drive, Suite 200, Oxnard, CA 93036*

Please indicate in the subject line the agenda item number (e.g., Item No. 9) on which you are commenting. Your written public comment sent via email or regular mail will be distributed to the BHAB Members and placed into the item's record of the meeting.

Or

c. Video Public Comment using Zoom

You may use the raise hand feature when the Chair invites public comments in the following ways:

If you are running an older version of Zoom, you can raise your hand by clicking on the Participant button at the bottom of the Zoom screen and then click on the raise hand feature in that participant window.

If you are running the most current version of Zoom (5.4.9 and above) you can raise your hand by clicking on the Reactions button and then clicking on raise hand feature. Your hand will appear in the upper left-hand corner of your individual Zoom window as well as the participant window.

Call-In Public Comment using Zoom If you are joining the meeting by telephone only, you can join the comment queue by pressing *9. When it is your turn to make your comment, press *6 to unmute and then again to mute yourself after speaking.

Note: Your raised hand will appear TO THE HOST in the order it was received.

Comments are taken in the order they are received in the queue/participant window. When it is your turn to make a comment, you will be asked to unmute yourself. **Public comments on agenda items can be made prior to or during consideration of agenda items and are limited to 3 minutes per speaker.** Public comment periods are limited to no more than (20) minutes total for all speakers. The assigned timekeeper will track each public comment time. When your time is up, the timekeeper will interrupt to let you know that you have reached the 3-minute maximum. At the end of the three minutes, the next person in the comment queue will be invited to speak.

REMINDER: In order to minimize distractions during public meetings, all personal communication devices should be turned off or put in a non-audible mode.

Brown Act “Just Cause” or “Member Emergency” Allowance Guidelines for Board Members:

Requirements: A local board/commission member may participate remotely without posting their physical location on the agenda if all the following requirements are met:

1. **Quorum at Physical Location** - At least a quorum of the members of the board/commission participates in person from a singular physical location clearly identified in the agenda.
2. **Public Access** - (Both Remote and In-Person) The public may access the meeting through:
 - A two-way audiovisual platform or
 - A two-way telephonic service and a live webcasting of the meeting
 - In-Person Public Access to the physical location.

Circumstances: One of the following circumstances applies:

1. **“Just Cause”** - The member notifies the legislative body at the earliest opportunity possible, including at the start of a regular meeting, of their need to participate remotely for just cause, including a general description of the circumstances relating to their need to appear remotely at the given meeting. The provisions of this clause shall not be used by any member of the legislative body for more than two meetings per calendar year. **or**
2. **“Emergency Circumstances”** - The member requests to participate in the meeting remotely due to emergency circumstances and the board/commission takes action to approve the request. The board/commission shall request a general description of the circumstances relating to the member’s need to appear remotely at the given meeting. A general description of an item generally need not exceed 20 words and shall not require the member to disclose any medical diagnosis or disability, or any personal medical information.

Procedures:

1. Member Request - A member shall make a request to participate remotely at a meeting pursuant to this clause as soon as possible. The member shall make a separate request for each meeting in which they seek to participate remotely.
2. Board/Commission Response - The board/commission may take action on a request to participate remotely at the earliest opportunity. If the request does not allow sufficient time to place proposed action on such a request on the posted agenda for the meeting for which the request is made, the legislative body may take action at the beginning of the meeting.
3. Disclosure - The member shall publicly disclose at the meeting before any action is taken, whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room at the remote location with the member, and the general nature of the member’s relationship with any such individuals.
4. BOTH Audio & Visual Participation - The member shall participate through both audio and visual technology.
5. Limits to Remote Participation - The provisions of this subdivision [of the Brown Act] shall not serve as a means for any member of a legislative body to participate in meetings of the legislative body solely by teleconference from a remote location for a period of more than three consecutive months or 20 percent of the regular meetings for the local agency within a calendar year, or more than two meetings if the legislative body regularly meets fewer than 10 times per calendar year.

DEFINITIONS:

“Emergency circumstances”: A physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person.

“Just cause” means any of the following:

1. A childcare or caregiving need (for a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner) that requires the member to participate remotely.
2. A contagious illness prevents the member from attending the meeting in person.
3. A need related to defined physical or mental disability that is not otherwise accommodated for.
4. Traveling while on official business of the Brown Act Bode or another state or local agency.
5. Just Cause is limited to two instances per calendar year.

For additional information, see pages 4+ of the Brown Act Guide: calbhbc.org/brown-act

Ventura County Behavioral Health Advisory Board

June 2023

Secretary's Report-

There is one opening for a new BHAB member in Supervisor Gorell's office.

Secretary's Announcements-

June is National Pride Month

The national holiday, "Juneteenth" was recently approved by the Ventura County Board Of Supervisors as a county holiday. All county offices will be closed each year for this holiday.

BHAB Prevention Committee Meetings have permanently been changed to the **fourth Tuesday of every other month.**

The next Prevention Committee meeting will be held on July 25th at 3:15 p.m. Please note, due to the new Brown Act rules, all BHAB and committee members are required to attend in- person.

In order to establish quorums, we are asking each member of the committees to attend every other month.

Mental Health related information-

Interface Family and Children's Services will hold a 50th Anniversary celebration On July 15th from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at the Ventura County Credit Union. There will be live music, games and other activities. Admission is free. Interface Children & Family Services, are focused on making sure every child, teen, parent, and adult in the community has every opportunity to thrive. Founded in 1973, Interface is Ventura County's most comprehensive nonprofit provider of social services, including **mental health & trauma treatment, youth crisis & homeless services, domestic violence & child abuse prevention, human trafficking prevention & intervention, and justice services.**

Mental Health Senate Bill SB 43-

Has passed the Senate Floor and will now go to the Assembly

SB 43 modernizes the definition of “gravely disabled” within the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act to better meet the needs of individuals experiencing severe mental illness.

The current definition and interpretation of gravely disabled does not accurately reflect the realities of what we are seeing in our communities.

SB 43 would update the definition of “gravely disabled” to add:

- “Substantial risk of serious harm to their physical or mental health” as a third criterion of “gravely disabled” and further defines “serious harm” to mean “significant deterioration, debilitation, or illness” due to the person’s failure to meet their need for medical care, nourishment, adequate clothing and shelter, and personal safety.^[L]_[SEP]

In May, VCBH held a countywide “Empower Up” event for

youth to gather information for improving their mental wellness. The day included arts, stories, performances, community connections involving support, resources and inspiration and much more.

Family Justice Centers-

A proposal to develop a family justice center in Thousand Oaks stalled in late May during a Board Of Supervisors meeting.

A proposal to consider adding a family justice center in Thousand Oaks stalled when it failed to get to a vote from the Ventura County Board of Supervisors.

"There is no east Ventura County family justice center at this time," said Supervisor Gorell, who represents a district that includes Thousand Oaks. Survivors of family violence in those communities may have to drive up to two hours round trip to go to the Ventura center, he said.

County Supervisors said more work was needed before setting a location and taking those steps. They expressed widespread support for an east county center but said more planning and discussions had to happen and we need to focus on completing the center already underway in Oxnard, they said.

The Carmen Ramirez Family Justice Center in Oxnard takes priority.

District Attorney Erik Nasarenko said he supports efforts to create a center in the east county. Having one would help those from Moorpark, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks and nearby unincorporated areas who now have to travel to the Ventura center, he said. Successful centers require multi-agency collaborations and careful planning and deliberation that can take years. For the next 18 months, the Carmen Ramirez Family Justice Center would be the priority for his office, he said.

Next month, supervisors will be asked to consider purchasing a \$4.1 million building. Staff then will work on developing programs and making renovations to open the center.

New Housing Complex-

Construction on a 50 unit pre fabricated modular apartment complex on Lewis Road in Camarillo will provide affordable housing to the area's homeless and extremely low income seniors. Thousand Oaks based Many Mansions, the county and additional partners broke ground on the 50 unit project dubbed, "Rancho Sierra Senior Apartments". The \$38 million dollar project is expected to be completed by March. Although applications are not yet available, you can visit the housing authority's website at ahacv.org or call 805 480-9991.

Substance Use related information-

In May, VCBH's Substance Use Services Division held multiple Prescriber's Care events during their 'Prescriber's Care Discussion Series'. Several events were held for county medical and related staff, as well as sessions held for providers around the county to hear and discuss, 'Preventing Overdose and Misuse' and the 'Fentanyl Crisis'.

Topics during the series included, 'What you need to know now', 'Turning risk assessment upside down', 'Illicit Fentanyl: How did we get here, where are we going, where are we headed' and 'Treatment Of Opioid Use Disorders in the Primary Care Setting', amongst others.

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) —

As part of California's \$1 billion plan to tackle the opioid epidemic, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) today awarded more than \$12 million in grants to strengthen the state's opioid response. Today's awards include \$7.9 million to 20 DHCS-licensed residential substance use disorder (SUD) treatment facilities throughout the state as part of the Medication Assisted Treatment ([MAT](#)) Expansion Project, \$3.5 million to 23 organizations through the Tribal Urban Indian Defined Best Practice program, and \$1.05 million to seven organizations through the California Native MAT Network for Healing and Recovery.

“The opioid addiction crisis continues to have devastating impacts on the mental and physical well-being of those

directly impacted, and also on our families, communities, and state. These awards provide vital tools to strengthen the ability of people to sustain recovery,” said **DHCS Director Michelle Bass**.