

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, July 10, 2023, 1:00 – 2:30PM

BHAB Executive Members Present:

Janis Gardner, Chair

Liz Warren, 1st Vice Chair

Elizabeth R. Stone, 2nd Vice Chair

Guests:

Karyn Bates, Client Network

Ratan Bhavnani, NAMI

Nancy Borchard, BHAB Member

Cece Casey, Family Member

James Espinoza, BHAB Member

Aaron Kitzman, CIT

Priscila Hazrun, Spanish Interpreter

Asencion “Cici” Romero

Lorena Suarez, Spanish Interpreter

Maria Torres, Community

Scott Walker, VC COSSUP

Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Staff Present:

Dr. Loretta Denering, Assistant Director

Dr. John Schipper, Adult Services Division Chief

Monica Neece, Suicide Prevention Coordinator

Andrea Wallace, Assistant to the Director and Assistant Director of VCBH

Jakeline De Leon, Management Assistant / Zoom Engineer

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 1:01PM by Chair Janis Gardner. Lorena Suarez and Priscila Hazrun, Spanish Interpreters, introduced themselves and provided instruction on the interpretation services available for the meeting.
- II. **Quorum Roll Call & Introductions** – Ms. De Leon confirmed a physical quorum through roll call and all members introduced themselves. Chair Gardner informed BHAB members and participants they will be making a few changes to the agenda such as only one roll call in order to streamline the agenda and allow everyone’s voice to be heard.
- 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** – NONE.
- V. **Approval of the Agenda** – The Behavioral Health Advisory Board Executive Committee Agenda for July 10, 2023, was approved (Warren/Stone/Passed). It was motioned to approve as written carried by majority vote through roll call.
- VI. **Approval of the June 12, 2023, Minutes** – The Behavioral Health Advisory Board Executive Committee Minutes for June 12, 2023, were approved (Warren/Stone/Passed). Vice Chair Stone commented on Item number 8 under the Director’s update, the 3rd to 4th line should say “bill” and in the 9th line, “assessment redesign”. She also commented the 9th line should say, “Intentional Peer Support” and at the top of page 3, “approved to be a referral agency for individuals who are homeless wishing to work off fines through homeless courts”. It was motioned to approve as amended carried by majority vote through roll call.
- VII. **Public Comments** – Ms. Neece announced the Ventura County Suicide Prevention Council meeting will take place Wednesday, August 2nd at 2PM. She shared her screen with the committee and presented the VC Suicide Prevention Council meeting agenda/flyer. The flyer will be attached to these minutes.
- VIII. **Director’s Updates** – Dr. Denering provided the Ventura County Behavioral Health updates on behalf of Director Gilman. She announced the new Electronic Health Record (EHR) system launched on July 1st and all has been going well with the new system.

- IX. **Executive Committee Members Comments & Announcements** – Chair Gardner announced there will be some changes made to the agenda such as the quorum roll call and introductions. She also thanked the committee for appointing her as the BHAB Chair once again. Vice Chair Stone commented she encourages the committee to meet in the evening time.
- X. **Secretary’s Report / Announcements** – No report was provided.
- XI. **New Business**
- A. **Presentation Requests** – Chair Gardner informed members that if anyone has any presentation requests to please send them to bhabadmin@ventura.org and cc the chair, janis@panacea-ent.com with a brief description of the proposed presentation. Upcoming presentations will be at the July General meeting from the DA, Erik Nasarenko and at the August General meeting from EvalCorp. Chief Raena West will also be presenting on Substance Use Services every other month. 1st Vice Chair Warren requested a town hall on what is being done locally and 2nd Vice Chair Stone requested a presentation from Gold Coast.
- B. **Recognition Award Recommendations** – Chair Gardner informed members that if anyone has recognition award recommendations to please send them to bhabadmin@ventura.org and cc the chair, janis@panacea-ent.com with a brief description of why the person is worthy of recommendation. Vice Chair Warren requested recognizing Carmen Ramirez for the month of August, Vice Chair Warren will be taking the lead on this request.
- XII. **Develop Agenda for Hybrid General Meeting scheduled for July 17, 2023, at 1:00PM**
- A. **Old Business**
1. **Site Visits Resumption – Announcement/Request for Site Visits – Janis Gardner, Chair (10 min.)**
 2. **Ombudsman Workgroup Recommendation – Liz Warren ACTION (Roll Call) (15 min.) – Instead of 15 minutes it will be 10 minutes.**
- B. **New Business**
1. **Confirm New Member-At-Large to a Six-Month Term – Janis Gardner, Chair – ACTION (Roll Call) (5 min.)**

2. **Time Certain Presentation – “District Attorney Mental Health Update”, Ventura County District Attorney, Erik Nasarenko (20 min.)**
3. **BHAB Committee Reports (follow’s Secretary’s Report/Announcements as separate agenda items)**
 - a) **Adult Services Committee (July 6) – Chris Tejada, Chair**
4. **Annual Report Workgroup – This item will be deferred until the August meeting.**
5. **Presentation Requests**
6. **Recognition Award Recommendations**

XIII. Public Comments – Ms. Borchard commented on discussing the streamlining of meetings.

XIV. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 PM by Chair Janis Gardner.

Next Meeting Date – August 14th, 2023, from 1:00PM – 2:30PM

Behavioral Health Advisory Board EXECUTIVE Meeting Attendance

Members 2023-2024	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Janis Gardner, Chair, District 3	X											
Liz Warren, 1 st Vice Chair, District 5	X											
Elizabeth R. Stone, 2 nd Vice Chair, District 2	X											
Jennifer Morrison, Secretary, District 4	e											
Soledad Barragan, Member-At-Large, District 5												
Michael Rodriguez, Chair Emeritus, District 5	e											

Present = X

- District 1: Supervisor LaVere
- District 2: Supervisor Gorell
- District 3: Supervisor Long
- District 4: Supervisor Parvin
- District 5: Supervisor Lopez

VENTURA COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA • WEDNESDAY, August 2, 2023

ZOOM LINK

Meeting ID: 961 7046 1357

Passcode: 765584

Dial-in: 669 900 6833

[Click to join Zoom meeting](#)

IN-PERSON MEETING SITE

VCBH 1911 Williams Drive Oxnard, CA 93036

Large Training Room, 1st floor

- Parking is available behind the building
- Enter through the "F" Door Entrance, 3rd door to the left

2:00 PM MEETING STARTS Welcome, introductions, housekeeping items

2:10 PM ANNOUNCEMENTS

- State your name, and if applicable, agency/organization. Share information re: upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, workshops, concerns, suggestions, etc.
 - Feel free to pass out flyers, brochures, etc. or place on the resource table
 - 2-3 minutes per person allowing equitable & inclusive opportunities for all speakers
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2:30 PM STRATEGIC PLAN WORKGROUP

Please join us to participate in the development of the Ventura County Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan!

Your Social Marketer Striving for Zero Technical Assistance Team Members:

-Carly Memoli, Striving for Zero Learning Collaborative Consultant

-Nicolle Perras, LMFT, MPH, Striving for Zero Learning Collaborative Consultant

-Noah J. Whitaker, MBA, Striving for Zero Learning Collaborative Consultant

The evidence for effective suicide prevention practices is growing every day. Guided by data and community input, the Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) developed a statewide strategic plan for suicide prevention that incorporates the latest information and evidence to guide state and local actions for saving lives.

Striving for Zero: California's Strategic Plan for Suicide Prevention follows the public health model, which is characterized by four repeating steps:

1. Defining the problem
 2. Identifying the factors that increase or lower risk
 3. Developing and evaluating prevention interventions, and
 4. Implementing interventions and disseminating results to spread knowledge of effective interventions
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4:00 PM ADJOURN Informal networking may continue until 4:30 pm

VENTURA COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION COUNCIL

Together We Can Make A Difference

VISION

Ventura County Suicide Prevention Council is comprised of countywide stakeholders who are dedicated to reducing suicides by offering help and hope to people of every culture, gender, and socioeconomic group throughout their lifespans.

MISSION

Our purpose is to promote help and hope to everyone at risk or affected by suicide. We engage in collaborative dialogue to raise public awareness, identify resources, and provide education, and we strive to support innovative suicide prevention and intervention initiatives.

JOIN US

If you are interested in joining the Ventura County Suicide Prevention Council, to request a presentation, training, and/or for more information, please email:

MHSA@ventura.org

UPCOMING 2023 BIMONTHLY MEETINGS

- Wednesdays from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
 - October 4th, December 13th
- **All Meetings Held In-Person & Virtually**

