

**VENTURA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

September 15, 2014

NEXT MEETING:

**Monday October 20, 2014
1:00 PM- 3:30 PM**

Ventura County Behavioral Health Administration
1911 Williams Drive ♦ Oxnard, CA 93036
Training Room

Note: The Behavioral Health Advisory Board has not yet approved these minutes. There may be additions/deletions or corrections before the minutes are accepted in final form.

September 15, 2014 Meeting Attendance Roster

Members Present:

Janis Gardner, First Vice-Chair
Karyn Bates
René Beauchesne, LCSW
Nancy Borchard
Jerry Harris
Irene Mellick, LCSW
Denise Nielsen
Linda Parks, Supervisor
Dr. Irene Pinkard
Anita Ranade
Kiran Sahota
Beverly Wisotsky, LMFT
Sandra Wolfe

Members Absent:

David Holmboe
Patrick Kelley
Kate Mills
McKian Nielsen
Carol Thomas

VCBH Administration Staff Present:

Meloney Roy, LCSW
Elaine Augustine
Kim Graves
Susan Kelly, LMFT
Deborah Thurber, MD
Celia Woods, MD
Anna Ware

Deputy Director HCA, Director VCBH
Chief Operating Officer
Behavioral Health Administrator
Division Manager Youth & Family
Youth & Family Medical Director
Adult Medical Director
MA, BHAB

VCMC Staff Present:

Beverly Weatherford, R.N.

A & R

Others Present:

Randy Brown
Diane Bustillos
Lucrecia Campos-Juarez
Anna Flores
Dan Hicks
Salvador Manzo
Robert Mendoza
Scott Miller
Regina Poynter
Omari Pryor
Lucianne Ranni
Elizabeth Taylor

VCBH
NAMI
Clinicas de Camino Real
VCBH
ADP
VCBH
VCBH
Orotate Foundation
Client Network
Aurora Behavioral Health
DUI
ADP

	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
I.	BHAB Call to Order		
	Ms. Gardner called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM.		
II.	Approval of the Agenda (Action)		
	The September 15, 2014 agenda was approved as written.	The agenda was approved. M/S/C.	
III.	Approval of the July 21, 2014 Minutes (Action)		
	The minutes of July 21, 2014 were approved.	The minutes were approved. M/S/C.	
IV.	Welcome and Introductions		
	Ms. Gardner welcomed the board; introductions were completed around the table.	Information.	
V.	Recognition Awards		
	<p>A) Dr. Genine Hanine, Ed D., Senior Psychologist Ms. Gardner presented a Certificate of Commendation to Dr. Genine Hanin to recognize her for twenty years of outstanding and dedicated service to the residents of Ventura County as a clinician adding that Dr. Hanin utilized advocacy and excellent therapeutic services to ensure that the needs of her clients were met with care and compassion. Colleagues and clients reported that Dr. Hanine's consideration for the wellbeing of clients has been an asset appreciated by all who know her.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Woods praised Dr. Hanine for her compassion, respect, empathy and professionalism in her treatment of BHD clients. <p>B) Traci Khan, Licensed Clinical Social Worker Ms. Gardner presented a Certificate of Commendation to Ms. Traci Khan, LCSW in recognition of twenty years of service as a VCBH clinician, commenting that Ms. Khan has provided both excellent clinical services and administrative oversight as a Clinic Administrator to ensure that the needs of her clients and those of the entire Conejo Adult clinic are met with the highest quality service. Her supervisor shared that Ms. Khan's clinical and administrative skills are matched by her pronounced enthusiasm and approachability.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Fisher praised Ms. Khan for her kindness, caring and the provision of highly professional services throughout twenty years of service to clients in Youth & Family and the Adult Division. 2. Mr. Beauchesne and Ms. Sahota echoed Ms. Fisher's praise of Ms. Khan's care for clients and efforts throughout her career. 		
VI.	Chair Announcements		
	<p>A) Ms. Gardner announced that a New Member Training has been scheduled on October 20th from 10:30-12:00 at BHD Administration. If you were unable to participate in the February Board Training or would enjoy a refresher, please make plans to attend.</p> <p>B) Ms. Gardner announced that Patrick Kelley has submitted his resignation from the board with regret for personal reasons. A new candidate will be appointed soon.</p> <p>C) The IPU will present a quarterly report at the October General Meeting.</p> <p>D) The Recovery month Conference, Choosing Recovery Every Day was held on September 10th at the Residence Inn by Marriott in Oxnard. Nationally recognized speakers provided energetic presentations focused on addiction and community supports for recovery. Hollywood actor and producer: Danny Trejo of the Machete film series and Dr. Reef Karim, UCLA Assistant Professor and Director of the Accelerate Medical Center in Beverly Hills provided an intimate look at the daily effort made by millions to achieve and maintain sobriety. Conference attendees learned more about brain science, the effects of substance use and behavioral addictions on relationships. Both presentations were informative and infused with humor.</p> <p>E) Ms. Gardner reminded board members to participate in the meetings and tasks delegated for completion in at least one of the board committees. The Adult/Older Adult & Housing Committee, TAY Committee, Youth & Family Committee or the Prevention Committee would all benefit from your participation and support. Please refer to your binder for a schedule of committee meetings or contact Anna for help to select a committee to join.</p>		
VII.	Public Comments		
	A) Ms. Poynter complemented the Recovery Month Conference, Choosing Recovery Every Day for highlighting the importance of social support networks as a means to promote	Information	

	<p>individual recovery. Ms. Poynter announced that the Client Network has coordinated a free workshop on Friday, October 10, 2014 in the Training Room from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM titled <i>“How to Re-Shape Your Obsessive Compulsive Thoughts.”</i> Contact the Client Network at 805-981-4228 to RSVP by October 6, 2014 or for additional information.</p> <p>B) Mr. Miller presented a comment to the board on the benefits of nutritional supplements as a means to effectively treat mental health conditions.</p>		
VIII.	Time Certain Presentations—45 mins.		
	<p>A) Financial Management System Update—1:30 PM VCBH Fiscal Staff</p> <p>Ms. Graves provided an update on the planned adoption of the Geneva fiscal software selected by the HCA reporting that the implementation was deferred while an upgrade to the county system was coordinated. HCA and BHD staff supported this upgrade across all agencies under the direction of the CEO’s office. HCA and BHD management and fiscal staff will review the accounting and reporting functions of the upgraded county system prior to finalizing an additional software upgrade.</p> <p>B) RISE Grant –1:40 PM Robert Mendoza, BH Manager STAR, Crisis Team, RISE & PATH</p> <p>Mr. Mendoza described the purpose and funding sought to establish the Rapid Integrated Support & Engagement (RISE) Team. Senate Bill 82, titled the “Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013” provided funds distributed to counties and cities through grants to increase the presence of mental health triage personnel to support crisis treatment services including residential treatment and mobile crisis treatment.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ventura County (VC) received the highest score within its region and a grant award of \$7.6 million dollars to support an expansion of BHD staff dedicated to provide crisis services. 2. The California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA) distributed grants for capital improvement, expansion and limited start-up costs. VCBH received \$247,000 in start-up funds. VCMC received \$2.4 million to support the provision of Psychiatric ER services. 3. Outreach and engagement strategies will be conducted by the Regional Engager Teams and the Rapid Response Assessment Teams located throughout the county to provide a timely mental health response within the field. 4. BH clinicians will collaborate with A & R and IPU staff to provide a warm linkage to community based treatment for individuals offered crisis support. 5. Teams will collaborate with community partners and other agencies to coordinate mental health services at multiple points throughout the county including ERs, jails, shelters and clinics. 6. The board discussed services and resources for enrolled clients and for individuals that do not meet criteria to be served by BHD. 		
IX.	Directors Report		
	<p>Ms. Roy presented the Directors Report.</p> <p>A) Ms. Roy announced upcoming events and trainings.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nurse Practitioner Loan Assistance program is being implemented this year. Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners that complete a year of employment with VCBH will receive \$12,000 towards their educational loans. <p>B) Ms. Roy announced department collaborations.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PATH (Federal Projects for Assistance in the Transition from Homelessness) Although the process can extend over long periods of time, we celebrate the progress made by the people who accept and benefit from PATH’s assistance. One example of the progress to serve these individuals occurred in late August, when Ken Porter discharged an older adult lady from PATH after he and Jose Robles had worked with her since January 2014. When they first made contact; she had no benefits or resources, had lived on the streets for many years, we could only confirm her first name. <p>Over time and through collaboration with our community partners, she was successfully: (1) linked to temporary, then permanent housing; (2) enrolled in medical services; (3) assessed through STAR & enrolled with the Ventura Adult clinic. Her VCBH psychiatrist collaborated with her PCP, together they concluded that her difficulties were based in dementia, and not a psychotic disorder. She is</p>	Information	

	<p>currently enrolled in medical services which target her cognitive impairment.</p> <p>2. The Oxnard Adult Clinic received a presentation from the Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP) on August 27th. A special thank you to the MICOP staff for their continued service to the community. Clinic Staff will continue to collaborate with MICOP to support clients and plan to provide presentations on mental health and related topics at an upcoming community meeting.</p> <p>C) Ms. Roy announced the following initiatives. Outreach and marketing strategies are under development to increase the census at the ADP sites. We discovered through data analysis that many of our referrals have come from past graduates of the program and from the recovery community. This data has informed our formal outreach plan in that we are exploring the benefits of an alumni outreach.</p>		
X.	BH Contracts Review		
	<p>A) ADP Contracts Review Ms. Roy provided a summary of the ADP contracts submitted to the Board of Supervisors for their approval.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Agenda—September 9, 2014 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Recovery Month Proclamation 2. Board Agenda- October 7, 2014 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) ADP Prevention Office of Traffic Safety Grant <p>B) MH Contracts Review (<i>Action</i>) Ms. Roy provided a summary of the MH contracts submitted to the Board of Supervisors for their approval.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Agenda—September 9, 2014 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) FY 2014-15 DHCS Performance Agreement b) Physician, Elms & Sylmar Agreements 2. Board Agenda – September 23, 2014 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Many Mansions & Peppertree Simi Valley (SV) MOU b) Physician Agreement 3. Board Agenda –October 7, 2014 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Meditech & Maxim Amendments <p>A motion was made and seconded to approve the mental health contracts as submitted in September and October.</p>	Information.	The board approved the MH contracts for September and October as submitted. <i>M/S/C.</i>
XI.	New Business		
	<p>A) BHAB Member Comments For Outreach Materials—Discussion Board members discussed how to increase outreach to recruit new members and to increase participation at committee meetings. Comments that convey the value of serving on the board were solicited. Board members agreed to submit comments to the secretary for future discussion.</p>	Information	
XII.	Board Member Comments & Announcements		
	<p>A) Supervisor Parks thanked the members of the BHAB, the BHD staff and the community for their compassion and friendship as the board has provided public input on county programs and services. Supervisor Parks announced that she was giving up her seat on the board to provide Supervisor Zaragoza an opportunity to participate in the BHAB and to learn more about the services provided by the BHD to address the needs of the community.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Roy recognized Supervisor Parks as a knowledgeable advocate and dedicated advocate who represented the needs of individuals who live with mental health and substance use disorders. 2. Ms. Borchard and Ms. Gardner thanked Supervisor Parks for her sympathetic ear, care and interest in the population served by the board and the department. 3. Mr. Holmboe and Ms. Nielsen thanked the Supervisor for her advocacy and support of the board and the people served. 4. Ms. Bates thanked Supervisor Parks for her attention and support commenting that her genuine interest and concern was appreciated and would be missed. 	Information.	
XIII.	Adjourn		
	The meeting adjourned at 3:01 PM.	Next meeting: October 20, 2014	

Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Attendance 2014

District	Member	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
District 1 Sup. Bennett	Karyn Bates	X		X			
	VACANT						
	Kate Mills						
	Kirin Sahota	X		X			
District 2 Sup. Parks	Janis Gardner			X			
	Irene Mellick, LCSW	X		X			
	Carol Thomas	X					
	VACANT						
District 3 Sup. Long	Nancy Borchard	X		X			
	David Holmboe	X					
	VACANT						
	VACANT						
District 4 Sup. Foy	Jerry Harris	X		X			
	Denise Nielsen			X			
	McKian Nielsen	X					
	Anita Ranade			X			
District 5 Sup. Zaragoza	René Beauchesne, LCSW	X		X			
	VACANT						
	Dr. Irene Pinkard	X		X			
	Sandra Wolfe			X			
Gov. Body	Linda Parks, Supervisor	X		X			

Present = **X**