

VENTURA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES

July 27, 2015

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, August 17, 2015
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Ventura County Behavioral Health Administration
1911 Williams Drive, Suite 200 ♦ 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.

July 27, 2015 BHAB General Meeting Attendance Roster

Members Present:

Janis Gardner, Chair
 Karyn Bates
 René Beauchesne
 Jerry Harris, Secretary
 McKian Nielsen
 Beverly Wisotsky
 Sandra Wolfe
 Daniel Jordan

Larry Hicks
 Mary Haffner
 Sidney White
 Carol Thomas, 1st Vice-Chair
 John Zaragoza, Supervisor
 Kay Wilson-Bolton
 Anita Ranade

Members Absent:

Irene Mellick
 Monique Garcia
 Nancy Borchard
 Denise Nielsen
 Irene Pickard

A list of staff members present is available by request.

| | DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS | RECOMMENDATIONS /ACTION | RESPONSIBLE |
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| I. | BHAB Call to Order | | |
| | Ms. Gardner called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM. | Information. | |
| II. | Approval of the June 20 (27), 2015 Agenda (Action) | | |
| | The agenda was approved as written. | The agenda was approved. <i>M/S/C.</i> | |
| III. | Approval of the June 15, 2015 Minutes (Action) | | |
| | The minutes of the June 15, 2015 BHAB General Meeting were approved pending an amendment to the Laura's Law Motion as follows: The motion was made to approve the implementation of Laura's Law with an 18 month review following the collection of data and outcome measures, to ensure the program is achieving the results expected. | The minutes were approved pending amended Motion. <i>M/S/C.</i> | |
| IV. | Welcome and Introductions | | |
| | Introductions were dispensed with for this meeting. | Information. | |
| V. | Chair Announcements | | |
| | Ms. Gardner introduced Gloria Vega as the temporary BHAB Administrative Assistant. It was also announced that July is Multicultural Mental Health Month and that there is a "Mixteco Night in Oaxaca" at the Oxnard Community Center on August 15 - all are invited. Future improvements for BHAB include more transparency, than what has been given in the past several years. A quarterly Budget Report by Fiscal will be given to the Executive BHAB Committee and an announcement will be sent out to all members when that occurs. In June, BHAB General Meeting added ADP/DUI Programs Update on the BHAB General Meeting agenda. A first draft of Laura's Law has been given to Behavioral Health Department. After their input is provided as directed by BOS; it will be presented to BHAB; it probably won't happen until September. A draft of the Bylaws is also on the BHAB General Agenda for discussion/approval. It was announced that Director Crandall will be presenting a longer and more thorough Director's report monthly at the | Information. | |

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| | BHAB General Meeting. | | |
| VI. | Board Member Comments & Announcements | | |
| | Supervisor Zaragoza apologized for missed meetings due to his hectic schedule on the Board of Supervisors. Super Zaragoza's office is always represented at this meeting. Jerry Harris requested an update on the Equity and Access Workgroup. Director Crandall announced that when all members of this group are available, they will meet, develop an agenda and send out a notification again to the Workgroup now known as Access to Latinos. Jerry Harris suggested the need for improved communication. | Information. | |
| VII. | Public Comments | | |
| | Ms. Kay Wilson-Bolton, BHAB Committee Member, expressed her concern about the elevated crime from the homeless population in Santa Paula. Ms. Bolton discussed the need for housing and help with drug addiction for this population and the need to treat the entire person, not just one aspect of the problem. Sandy Wolfe volunteered at Stand Down for homeless vets and reported how inspiring it was. Supervisor Zaragoza announced that he had also attended Channel Island Yacht Club Sailing Event for handicapped vets and how very moving and uplifting it was. | Information | |
| VIII. | Director's Report | | |
| | Director Crandall presented her expanded and more comprehensive Director's Report. This Report encompasses State/Federal Legislative updates, Clinic updates and local changes. Her report is attached for your convenience. Feedback was requested by Director Crandall from members of BHAB on this report. | Information. | |
| IX. | Alcohol and Drug Program Update | | |
| | Patrick Zarate, Manager for ADP/DUI Departments presented the following handouts: Capital Alert from 7/21/15, "Is Marijuana the Next California Gold Rush?", a BHAB memo to the Blue Ribbon Commission on marijuana "Effective Prevention Strategies", a CBHDA "Talking Points on Marijuana and Youth Safety" and finally, a chart on the Rescue Project Update 7/1/15. There have been approximately. 9-11 overdose reversals (lives saved) since the program has been implemented. Patrick reminded the group that driving under the influence either from alcohol, prescription drugs or marijuana, is a risk and an ongoing issue to be dealt with. Supervisor Zaragoza asked about the marijuana legalization data from other states that have implemented the legalization of marijuana from emergency overdoses in young children from ingesting food made with marijuana, accidents from driving under influence of marijuana - in CO - Additional increase of teen use of marijuana in schools. The Chair mentioned the Attorney General and Department of Justice reported there are 8 marijuana proposals from proponents - with little/no guidelines or regulation. The Chair stated it is unclear at this time, what marijuana initiatives will be on the California Ballot in 2016. The Chair also stated that she hopes Ventura County policy makers will be able to get ahead of the issue concerning youth access before marijuana is legalized. | Information. | |

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| X. | BHD Contract Review | | |
| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ANKA Behavioral Health (CRT) FY15-16 2. ASC Treatment Group FY15-16 3. Telecare Corporation 4. Turning Point Foundation 5. Recovery Innovations Inc. and Evalcorp Agreements 6. Physician Agreements <p>Director Elaine Crandall reported via the Executive Summary that she will be going before the BOS Tuesday on several residential contracts. The Committee discussed the contracts presented and a motion was made to approve the contracts as presented to the Board.</p> | The BHAB General approved the MH contracts as written. M/S/C. | |
| XI. | Patient Advocate Report | | |
| | The Board requested that Tina Coates return to the BHAB General Meeting August 17, when her handouts will be available for Committee members to review. | Information | |
| XII. | Old Business | | |
| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bylaws (Action) <p>Chair Janis Gardner explained that the current Bylaws are a combination of the former Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board Bylaws and the Mental Health Board Bylaws. A Workgroup had been convened for updating the Bylaws and will red-line the changes prior to proposing them to the Board of Supervisors. There was discussion regarding definition of quorums, how many people are on a committee, how appointments are made, etc.</p> | No action was taken on this item at this time. | |
| XIII. | Budget Committee (Action) | | |
| | Ms. Gardner discussed the options for a Budget Committee with Director Crandall and Fiscal Manager Kim Graves. It was determined to be a hardship on VCBH and staff to have a separate Budget Committee due to the intense workload of the fiscal department and the turnover they have experienced recently. The motion was made to reverse the previously approved motion and cancel the creation of the Budget Committee. Another motion was made to have Fiscal bring the Budget Report to BHAB Executive Committee once per quarter. Motion passes with one opposition. Advance notice to all BHAB Members will be sent. | Motion was M/S/C. Motion was M/S/C. | |
| XIV. | New Business – 5 mins. | | |
| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Children’s Crisis Stabilization Unit - An update is in the Director’s Report previously addressed. B. Data Notebook and Workgroup - Karyn Bates provided a document on “What is a Data Notebook?”. This is in response to a survey asking counties “What do we have for alternatives to locked facilities” and “What are our substance abuse Programs?” The blank survey was handed out and Karyn Bates requested a date for the first meeting. She also requested member staff, the Contract Administrator and Director be in attendance for this meeting. Director Crandall stated the data for this survey has already been collected by VCBH staff and is available now. Our goal is to have this completed by end of this year. Ms. Gardner mentioned that a variety of staff are needed for this Workgroup. Supervisor Zaragoza recommended his assistant, Lourdes be included in this Committee on his behalf. It was stated that this workgroup will consist of one | Information | |

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| | <p>meeting to fill in the data and one more to review the results. A date of 8/31 (Monday) from 1-3pm was suggested and agreed to. Volunteers for this Data Notebook Workgroup are: Karyn Bates, Beverly Wisotsky, Larry Hicks, Lourdes Solorzano, Carol Thomas, Rene Beauchesne and Janis Garner - location to be Lake Cachuma Room at Williams Dr. 8/31/15 from 1-3pm. - Gloria to send out announcement...to all</p> <p>C. Recognition Awards for August - The Board discussed and decided Irene Mellick and Anna Ware for August. For September, two clinicians, for October, Dave Holmboe and BHAB Member Carol Thomas suggested Tracy Cogbill.</p> | | |
| XV. | Adjourn | | |
| | Meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm | Next Meeting: 8/17/15 | |

Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Attendance 2015

| District | Member | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July |
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| District 1 Sup. Bennett | Karyn Bates | X | | X | X | X | X | X |
| | Daniel Jordan, PhD, ABPP | | | X | X | | | X |
| | Sidney L. White, AICP | | | | X | | X | X |
| | Mary Haffner | | | | | | | X |
| District 2 Sup. Parks | Janis Gardner | X | | X | X | X | X | X |
| | VACANT | | | X | | | | |
| | Carol Thomas | X | | | | | | X |
| | Beverly Wisotsky, LMFT | X | | X | X | X | X | X |
| District 3 Sup. Long | Nancy Borchard | X | | X | X | | | |
| | VACANT | X | | X | X | | | |
| | Kay Wilson-Bolton | | | | X | X | X | X |
| | Larry Hicks | | | | X | X | X | X |
| District 4 Sup. Foy | Jerry Harris | X | | X | X | X | X | X |
| | Denise Nielsen | X | | X | X | X | X | |
| | McKian Nielsen | X | | X | X | | | X |
| | Anita Ranade | | | X | X | X | X | X |
| District 5 | René Beauchesne, LCSW | X | | X | X | X | X | X |
| Sup. Zaragoza | Monique Garcia | X | | | X | X | X | |
| | Dr. Irene Pinkard | X | | X | | X | X | |
| | Sandra Wolfe | X | | X | X | X | X | X |
| Gov. Body | John Zaragoza, Supervisor | X | | | X | | | X |

Present = X