

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
General Meeting
Monday, March 20, 2017, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Ventura County Behavioral Health
1911 Williams Drive, Training Room • Oxnard, CA 93036

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Agenda – **ACTION**
- III. Approval of the February 27, 2017 Minutes – **ACTION**
- IV. Welcome and Introductions
- V. Recognition Awards
 - A. Carol Thomas, former BHAB Member
 - B. Dan Hicks, Alcohol and Drug Program Prevention Manager
- VI. Chair Announcements (5 min.)
- VII. Public Comments (3 min. per speaker)
- VIII. Board Members Comments and Announcements (3 min. per speaker)
- IX. Presentation: Assist (Laura’s Law) – Dr. John Schipper, Adult Division Chief (20 min.)
- X. Chief Operations Officer’s Update – Patrick Zarate (10 min.)
- XI. Director’s Report – Patrick Zarate on behalf of Elaine Crandall (20 min.)
- XII. New Business
 - A. Form a Budget Strategies and Repositioning of Service Workgroup
 - B. Data Notebook Update – Karyn Bates
- XIII. Old Business
 - A. BHAB Bylaws Amendment – New Position on Executive Committee: Member Emeritus – **ACTION**
 - B. BHAB Objectives Workgroup – Cmdr. Nelson
 - C. BHAB Annual Report
- XIV. Contracts – **ACTION**
 - A. BOS Agenda – March 21, 2017
 - 1. Dissolution of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Leadership Committee (CLC)
 - B. BOS Agenda – April 11, 2017
 - 1. ADP – Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE)
 - 2. K&M Enterprises
 - 3. MHSA Housing Loan Program Fund Release Authorization for Existing Unencumbered Funds
- XV. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Monday, April 17, 2017

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 16, 2017

TO: Behavioral Health Advisory Board

FROM: Contracts Administration

SUBJECT: Board of Supervisors Agenda

Executive Summary

Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) will be requesting Board of Supervisors approval for the following:

Board Agenda – March 21, 2017

1. Dissolution of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Leadership Committee (CLC)

With the roll out of the MHSA in 2005, the Mental Health Board (MHB) was established and served as the approval committee to send mental health plans to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors. In 2008, at the request of the VCBH Director, the Board of Supervisors approved the creation of the CLC. The CLC is an advisory committee that was created to review developing programs and make recommendations to the MHB. In 2013, the MHB and Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board were combined to form the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB). Since that time, additional subcommittees, forums, and groups have been created utilizing members and organizations from the community to look at specific components of the MHSA. These subcommittees gather information on mental health services being provided in the community and advise the CLC on community projects. The CLC then uses this information to advise the BHAB. Because MHSA funding has been fully allocated, the creation of new programs has slowed significantly. As a result, the CLC review process has become redundant and inefficient. Some issues encountered include: (1) difficulty in coordinating recommendations because the CLC meets quarterly and the BHAB meets monthly, (2) duplicative membership as the CLC and the BHAB currently share several members (25% of the CLC's members represent service providers to the County), and (3) sporadic attendance at CLC meetings which prevents timely review and reporting to the BHAB.

The CLC has met on several occasions to discuss the usefulness and purpose of the committee. Based on these meetings, the CLC determined that: (1) the committee has outlived its purpose, (2) reorganization of the review

process is needed, (3) increased marketing is needed, (4) other population groups need to be reached, and (5) the committee is a redundant committee to the work of the BHAB.

At the January 20, 2017 CLC meeting, a presentation of a new community program planning process and local planning process was presented to the committee by VCBH. The new process proposed the use of small, specific, and one-time workgroups, forums, and community organizations to create ideas and recommendations. This new process is designed to encourage a higher level of participation from the community and facilitate the presentation/communication of ideas directly to the BHAB for their review and approval. The CLC members and community members in attendance at the meeting unanimously voiced their preference for the new planning process.

VCBH is proposing that the Board of Supervisor dissolve the CLC, effective March 21, 2017.

Board Agenda – April 11, 2017

1. ADP - Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE)

VCOE implements policies and training to support student assistance programs county-wide and the Friday Night Live programs which have chapters in various secondary school districts in Ventura County. The goal of these programs is to reduce underage drinking, drug use, and associated problems. The Friday Night Live and Club Live programs of VCOE serve more than 250 youth annually with high school chapters in Ventura, Thousand Oaks, and Simi Valley. In addition, approximately 80 Oxnard and Santa Paula middle school students participate annually. Students benefit from youth leadership activities which contribute to awareness of prescription drug risks associated with heroin uptake. The opioid and heroin crisis continues to be a big concern nationally and for our community, however, there are encouraging signs of progress. For example, the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) for fiscal year 2015-16 shows that lifetime heroin use among Ventura County students decreased from 2006-2016. Specifically, usage for 11th graders decreased from 5% to 3% and usage for 9th graders decreased from 6% to 3%. Critical to reversing the opioid crisis is increasing the perception of harm of heroin and prescription drug abuse, reducing experimental behaviors among students, and decreasing the percentage of high school students who report prescription drug abuse and heroin use, as measured by the CHKS.

The proposed amendment represents a \$6,000 increase to the contract which will be used to expand prevention services. Expanded services will include ongoing community and family outreach on opioid misuse and diversion and materials for a school-designed educational campaign for parents, students, and staff. The materials for the educational campaign will discuss the risks of prescription drug abuse and will target school assemblies, staff meetings, and parent meetings. The educational campaign materials will also equip faculty, staff, and coaches with informational materials for use at selected events. This agreement is funded with Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant funds.

The proposed sixth amendment for alcohol and drug program prevention services with VCOE increases the contract amount from \$174,000 to \$180,000 (an increase of \$6,000), effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

2. K&M Enterprises

K&M Enterprises provides grant development and writing services. K&M Enterprises has been instrumental in assisting VCBH in acquiring various grants over the past several years. Most recently, it assisted VCBH in obtaining a \$4,000,000 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA) Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) grant, a \$7,573,671 triage personnel grant, and a \$729,980 mental health nurse practitioner supervision grant. VCBH is in need of K&M Enterprises' services in order to apply for additional grant funding that is available through various state and federal agencies. The proposed amendment increases the maximum contract amount from \$12,000 to \$43,500 (an increase of \$31,500) to ensure sufficient funding through the fiscal year end. This contract will be funded with realignment funds.

The proposed Third Amendment for grant development and writing services with K&M Enterprises increases the contract amount from \$12,000 to \$43,500 (an increase of \$31,500), effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

3. MHSA Housing Loan Program Fund Release Authorization for Existing Unencumbered Funds

The MHSA Housing Program was developed in 2008 under the MHSA and offers permanent financing and capitalized operating subsidies for the development of permanent supportive housing to serve persons with serious mental illness and their families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. MHSA Housing Program funds are allocated for the development, acquisition, construction, and/or rehabilitation of permanent supportive housing. Using a one-time MHSA appropriation of \$400 million shared by 51 participating mental health agencies (MHA), the MHA's assigned their funds to the California Department of Mental Health (DMH). The DMH assigned the funds to the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) who was then responsible for administering the funds on behalf of the MHA's.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and CalHFA jointly administered the MHSA Housing Program through an interagency agreement that expired on May 31, 2016. After May 31, 2016, no further MHSA loans or capitalized operating subsidy reserves were eligible to be approved by the CalHFA under the MHSA Housing Program. Because the MHSA Housing Program has expired, the CalHFA must release any remaining MHSA funds back to the originating county. Ventura County has a total of \$1,284.50 in estimated unencumbered funds that will be returned. Once these funds are returned to the county, they must be used to provide housing assistance to the target populations identified in Welfare and Institutions Code section 5600.3. Housing assistance is defined as: rental assistance, security deposits, utility payments, or other move-in costs for the Housing Program's target population. In fiscal year 2008-09, the Board of Supervisors approved \$8,206,400 of MHSA funding to be directed to the CalHFA for housing projects in Ventura County. VCBH has, with Board of Supervisors and CalHFA approval, completed multiple housing projects in Ventura County that have benefited the mentally ill homeless population. Some examples of completed housing projects include: La Rahada (8 units for adults), Paseo de Luz (25 units for adults), Hillcrest Project (15 units for adults), D Street Apartments Project (7 units for Transitional Age Youth), and Peppertree Apartments (11 units for adults).

VCBH is proposing that the MHSA Housing Loan Program Release Authorization for Existing Unencumbered Funds form be completed and submitted to CALHFA.