

Vista Del Mar Hospital
presents a Countywide Initiative for
Suicide Prevention Month



A CALL FOR ACTION

Join community partners in
participating in a 1-hour
Suicide Prevention Training.

Potential Partners

- City Officials
- Employers
- Healthcare Providers
- Social Workers
- Teachers
- Counselors
- Service Clubs
- Parents
- Bartenders
- Individuals

VENTURA COUNTY #WONTBESILENT
"TAKE AN HOUR, SAVE A LIFE"

- Free Zoom and online training available
- Visit our Facebook page or Website
www.vistadelmarhospital.com for scheduled trainings
- Or call or email Vista del Mar Hospital to schedule a training or for more information: (805) 794-1009
maya.lazos@aurorabehavioral.com



Vista del Mar is an affiliate of The Jason Foundation, for the prevention of youth suicide through education and awareness.



From: Theresa Comstock <theresa.comstock@calhbhc.com>
Subject: Fwd: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein responding to your message
Date: September 2, 2020 at 9:05:26 AM PDT
To: undisclosed-recipients::

Hi GB Members - Sharing forward an email from Senator Dianne Feinstein. (As a reminder, the Governing Board approved supporting three [Federal budget items/legislation](#), including S. 3312).

Best Regards,

Theresa Comstock, Executive Director
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CALBHB/C supports the work of CA's 59 local Mental/Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions

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From: Senator Dianne Feinstein <senator@feinstein.senate.gov>
Date: Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 5:05 PM
Subject: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein responding to your message
To: <theresa.comstock@calhbhc.com>

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator for California

Dear Theresa:

Thank you for contacting me regarding criminal justice reform. I appreciate the time you took to write, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

I understand you support the "Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Act of 2020" (S. 3312), which was introduced by Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) on February 13, 2020. You may be pleased to know that I am a proud cosponsor of this bill, which would authorize grant money to be used for mental health services for incarcerated individuals and those reentering society. Currently, S. 3312 is awaiting consideration by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

I believe the purpose of incarceration is not solely to punish convicted criminals, but to rehabilitate their lives so they can contribute to the wellbeing of our communities rather than reoffending. That is why I supported legislation like the *First Step Act of 2018* (Public Law 115-391), which includes important provisions to address mental health concerns by providing those reentering society with supportive services.

As the Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which conducts oversight of the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Prisons, I will keep your views in mind as the Senate continues to look for ways to improve the criminal justice system.

Once again, thank you for writing. Should you have any other questions or comments, please call my Washington, D.C., office at (202) 224-3841 or visit my website at feinstein.senate.gov. You can also follow me online at YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter, and you can sign up for my email newsletter at feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter. Best regards.

Sincerely yours,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

You can put it in the correspondence attachment for the next meeting.

Jerry

From: Elizabeth <estoneworks57@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:45 PM

To: Poliquin, Victoria <Victoria.Poliquin@ventura.org>

Subject: Re: Family Involvement Article - from BHAB General Meeting of 8/17/20

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actually this is a NEWS RELEASE

of another study
(which I have read)
see below

it also defines "Family" as determined by the individual ...

so, again, does NOT make the case being cited

(sorry you are receiving the brunt of my frustration
about these continued distortions)

To wit:

QUOTE:

*In a new study published online this week in Psychiatric Services, Morgan Haselden and authors from New York State Psychiatric Institute and Columbia University analyzed Medicaid claims and closed medical records from two major urban community hospitals. The authors examined family involvement in inpatient hospitalization care from these records, where **"family" also includes any individual who has a close relationship with the patient** and provides support.*

UNQUOTE

you may share this as you see fit
ers

On Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 3:04 PM Poliquin, Victoria <Victoria.Poliquin@ventura.org> wrote:

Sent on behalf of Jerry Harris, Chair – Behavioral Health Advisory Board (from Mary Haffner – BHAB Member & Secretary)

Dear BHAB Members,

Below is the link to the family involvement article as discussed at the August 17, 2020, Behavioral Health Advisory Board General Meeting:

<https://www.treatmentadvocacycenter.org/fixing-the-system/features-and-news/4180-research-weekly-importance-of-family-involvement-in-inpatient-care>

Poliquin, Victoria

From: Walker, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 12:12 PM
To: Poliquin, Victoria
Subject: FW: DAFN/Multicultural Survey

In case Jerry and the BHAB is interested in this process...

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office – Office of Emergency Services is conducting this survey to better assess the community's needs as it pertains to responding to emergencies including evacuation orders.

From: Boyd, Bill
Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 9:08 AM
Subject: DAFN/Multicultural Survey

EOP Update Primary & DAFN/Multicultural Stakeholder Group,

Just a reminder that we are seeking survey input from the DAFN/Multicultural community. Please give the below survey links as wide a dissemination as possible and appropriate. We will leave the surveys open until Monday, September 21st, 5PM. Again, thank you all for your support and assistance!

VC EOP DAFN/Multicultural Stakeholder Survey

<https://vcoes.wufoo.com/forms/w1k8llq0lebcgw/>

Encuesta de partes interesadas multiculturales/VC

<https://vcoes.wufoo.com/forms/w1pgmm9e1sxebx1/>



Bill Boyd, Emergency Manager
Office of Emergency Services
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(805) 947-9021 Cell

Poliquin, Victoria

From: Jerry Harris <jmharris007@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 10:34 AM
To: Poliquin, Victoria
Subject: Fwd: Can this be forwarded to BHAB

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From: Mary Haffner <marymhaffner@gmail.com>
Subject: Can this be forwarded to BHAB
Date: August 4, 2020 at 7:55:51 AM PDT
To: JERRY HARRIS <jmharris007@roadrunner.com>

Hi Jerry,

The information contained in this PBS documentary is very relevant to our upcoming presentation regarding the JBCT program.

<https://www.pbs.org/video/the-definition-of-insanity-7egjih/>

Thank you,

Mary

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From: Jerry <jmharris007@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 5:52 PM
To: Poliquin, Victoria
Subject: Fwd: CALBHB/C E-Update - August 2020

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Hi Vickie,

Attached you will find a CALBHB/C Update for August 2020. Please include it in our next Correspondence attachment for our members.

Thank you,

Jerry

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To: Jerry <jmharris007@roadrunner.com>

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E-Update, August 2020

Thank you for serving on or supporting the work of your local mental/behavioral health board or commission! Please note that CALBHB/C's "[Best Practices](#)" Handbook is updated to include: [Conduct](#) and [Community Program Planning](#). We also call your attention to a new issue brief: [Performance Outcome Data](#).

We are here to provide resources, support, training, communication and coordinate advocacy for statewide issues. We invite you to evaluate us by taking a few minutes to complete: [Evaluate CALBHB/C](#).

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October 1, 2020*

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October 2, 12:30 - 3:30*

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National Research Study

[Mental Health Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic Study](#)

Researchers at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) are conducting an online research study to learn about how stressors related to the COVID-19 virus affect mental health over time.

Parents & Caregivers for Wellness Survey,
[Spanish](#), [English](#)

Recommended Reading

[Collaborative Care, Medication Assisted Therapy Key to Preventing Thousands of Deaths from COVID-Related Suicide and Overdose](#), Meadows MH Policy Institute
[FCC Designates 988 for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#)

[Reforming Mental Health Care](#), Little Hoover Commission August 4

[Six Guiding Principles to a Trauma-Informed Care Approach](#) (Infographic) SAMHSA

Grants/Funding

Digital Technology

- [Individuals \(Internet and Devices: digitalaccessproject.org\)](#)
- [Skilled Nursing Facilities](#)+ for tablets and accessories

Criminal Justice

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August 20, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, CCJBH and CBHDA

Housing

[Project HomeKey](#) - Funding to rapidly sustain and expand housing (may be used for the acquisition of board and care facilities).

Children & Youth

[Free Mental Health Services for Black Youth](#) - Initiative launched by Rapper G Herbo in partnership with NAMI and InnoPsych.

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[Youth Community Access](#) - To support youth substance use prevention and early intervention. Application Deadline is 9/15/20.

Resources for Boards & Commissions

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Legislative Advocacy

CALBHB/C's Governing Board supports legislation in response to issues reported from CA's 59 local mental/ behavioral health boards & commissions, providing written and in-person advocacy at the Capitol. Join with us by contacting your legislators after reviewing [Understanding your Role](#).

Understanding your Role

As Individuals: Individuals can and should contact their state legislators! Legislators especially appreciate hearing from residents within their districts.

As Advisory Bodies: Local mental/ behavioral health boards/commissions are in an advisory role. In most counties, legislative advocacy is handled through the Board of Supervisors / Executive Office.

Peer Provider Certification, SB 803 [Sample Letter](#)

Health Coverage Parity, MH & SUD, SB 855 [Sample Letter](#)

Board & Care (ARF & RCFE for individuals with SMI):

- **Data**, AB 1766, [Sample Letter](#)
- **Closures/Resident Transfers**, AB 2377. [Sample Letter](#)

Meetings/Webinars (All Virtual)

Meetings

[MHSOAC Youth Idea Lab](#), August 17 & 18, 3:30 - 6pm
each day.

[DHCS Behavioral Health Stakeholder Advisory
Committee](#), October 23, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

[United Parents](#) Policy and Legislation Committee, August
24, Call in Number: (267) 930-4000, Access code:
683238318#.

[Foster Model of Care Workgroup](#), DHCS,
Various Dates

[MHSOAC Commission Meeting](#), August 27, 2020, 9:00
am

[Local Mental/Behavioral Health Board &
Commission Meetings throughout CA](#) - Listing
is updated frequently

NAMI CA 2020 Conference October 12-13. [More
information and registration.](#)

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Investments (for Individuals with SMI)

[CalABLE Accounts and Special Needs
Trusts](#), August 19, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Children & Youth

[Impact of prolonged isolation during the pandemic on
children's long-term mental health](#), Panelists include:
CA Surgeon General Nadine Burke-Harris. August 20,
1:00 - 2:00 pm

Policy Considerations

[PolicyMatters: Crisis in CA Mental Health](#),
CA Health Care Foundation (Recording)

[Fundamentals of ACE Screening & Response in
Pediatrics](#), Panelists include CA Surgeon General
Nadine Burke Harris, MD, MPH, FFAP (Recording)

Substance Use

[Addiction, Recovery and Wellness in a Post-
COVID World](#), National Organization of Adult
Addictions and Recovery and Mental Health
America Dutchess (Recording)

Ethnic, Cultural, Racial Disparities

[A Call to Action: Ending Historical and Contemporary
Racial Inequities](#), The National Council for Behavioral
Health (Recording)

Peer Support

[Peer Advocacy and Peer Specialists](#),
CalVoices ACCESS CA Annual Conference,
August 21, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

[The Role of Resilience in Gender and Sexual Minority Communities](#), Mental Health America
Thursday, September 17, 11:15 am

[Getting the Story Straight on African-American Suicide](#), Ted Talk (Recording)

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Poliquin, Victoria

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Vickie,

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Jerry

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From: CAL BHBC <cal@calbhbc.com>
Subject: CALBHB/C September E-Update - Please Share!
Date: September 2, 2020 at 11:50:20 AM PDT
To: edith.pham@ventura.org, Victoria.Poliquin@ventura.org, Sevet.Johnson@ventura.org,
Jerry <jmharris007@roadrunner.com>

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E-Update, September 2020

National Suicide Prevention week begins September 6th.
For information on how to advise locally to reduce suicide, please see:

[CALBHB/C Suicide Prevention Issue Brief](#) (2 pages)
[MHSOAC Striving for Zero](#) (111 pages)

For printed copies, contact cal@calbhbc.com

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Recommended Reading / On-line Media

Criminal Justice

Mental Illness and the Criminal Justice System, [One Mind Docu-film Showcase](#)

Disasters

[Disasters Are Driving a Mental Health Crisis](#), California Health Report

Ethnic, Cultural, Racial Disparities

[Understanding the Role of Resilience in Gender and Sexual Minority Communities](#), Mental Health America, September 17

[Eliminating Inequities in Behavioral Health Care](#), CIBHS Webinar Series

Medication

[Nasal Spray Is a New Antidepressant Option for People at High Risk of Suicide](#), National Public Radio

Substance Use

[Opioid deaths are surging in the pandemic. Here's how treatment is adapting](#), PBS

Telehealth

[Clinicians Call for Making COVID-19 Emergency Telehealth Benefits Permanent](#), CA Health Care Foundation

Trauma-Informed Practices

[Creating a Trauma-Informed System of Care: Addressing Individuals, Professionals, and Organizations](#), Relias E-Book

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[COVID-19, Mental Health and the Need for Equity](#), including 20th Surgeon General of the U.S., Vice Admiral Jerome M. Adams, M.D., M.P.H., September 3 - 4.

[CA BH Planning Council Performance Outcomes Committee Meeting](#), September 11, 1:30 - 2:30 pm
[Agenda to be posted](#)

[Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission \(MHSOAC\)](#), September 24

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