

**VENTURA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
 BHAB PREVENTION COMMITTEE
 1911 WILLIAMS DRIVE, VCBH TRAINING ROOM, OXNARD, CA**

MINUTES □ January 9, 2018

<p>Present Janis Gardner, Chair BHAB Prevention Committee, BHAB Member Claudia Armann, BHAB Member Mary Haffner, BHAB Member Patricia Mowlavi, BHAB Member Sandra Wolfe, BHAB Member David Deutsch, NAMI Ventura Gabe Teran, Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) Javier Bautista, Pacific Clinics TAY Tunnel Katherine Kasmir, Reality Improv, Straight Up Melissa Hannah, United Parents Natalie Gabric, Aegis Treatment Centers Rachel McDuffee, Aegis Treatment Centers Theresa Plante, Casa Pacifica</p>	<p>VCBH Staff Present David Tovar, Alcohol & Drug Programs, Prevention Services Kathy Mulford, Alcohol & Drug Programs, DUI Administration Cari Kawell, Alcohol & Drug Programs, Prevention Services</p> <p>NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 3:15 – 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Ventura County Behavioral Health 1911 Williams Drive, Lake Cachuma Conference Room (2nd floor), Oxnard, CA</p>
<p>Note: The committee has not yet approved these minutes. There may be additions/deletions or corrections before the minutes are accepted in final form.</p>	

	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
I.	Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 3:20 PM by Chairperson, Janis Gardner.		
II.	Approval of the Agenda (Action) Agenda for January 9, 2018 was approved.	Approved as amended M/S/C	Motion: Claudia Armann 2 nd : Patricia Mowlavi
III.	Approval of the Minutes (Action) Minutes for December 11, 2017 were approved.	Approved as written M/S/C	Motion: Claudia Armann 2 nd : Sandra Wolfe
IV.	Welcome and Introductions The Chair welcomed all. Self-introductions were made around the table.		
V.	Chair Announcements Janis Gardner, Chair, BHAB Prevention Committee announced multiple items that included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ventura County Marijuana Interagency Workgroup event “<i>Scientific and Clinical Perspectives on Cannabis Use – Q & A with UCLA</i>” will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 from 3 pm to 5 pm at the Ventura County Office of Education in the Camarillo Room at 5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo. RSVPs for the event exceeded maximum capacity. A recent proposed change to the Ventura County BHAB By-Laws is currently before the Board of Supervisors, and, if approved, will affect future BHAB Prevention Committee Meetings. Regular attendees to the BHAB Prevention Committee will be allowed to vote and to be members of the BHAB Prevention Committee. Currently, only BHAB Members can vote be members of the Prevention Committee. On January 4, 2018, the <i>Ventura County Star</i> ran an article by Arlene Martinez entitled, “<i>MJ: What’s Allowed & What’s Not in Ventura County</i>,” that included a chart of what local cities are doing on the topic of marijuana. 		
VI.	Public Comments N/A		
VII.	Staff / Provider Updates A.) David Tovar, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant Coordinator, VCBH ADP Prevention Services, provided multiple Prevention Services updates which included a video clip of a recently aired Public Service Announcement. Beginning in January 2018, marijuana was legalized in the State of California. Through Prop 64, \$5 million dollars were allocated to the CA Department of Public Health at the state level which were then granted \$1 million of these funds to the CA Office of Traffic Safety.		

	<p>The OTS primary goal is DUI Prevention for traffic Safety as a whole. The new focus is drug impaired driving – mainly cannabis impaired driving. OTS created a new PSA on this topic which was recently pulled from the air by the State of CA because of a number of complaints regarding the tone and content of this media piece.</p> <p>Mr. Tovar distributed copies to the group of a memo dated January 4, 2018 from the Office of the Attorney General for all U.S. Attorneys re: Marijuana Enforcement which rescinds content of an earlier memo regarding recreational use of marijuana. Medicinal use of marijuana is still currently protected under Federal law and this new memo states that now prosecution is up to the local U.S. prosecutor. The new local interim U.S. attorney, Nicola Hanna, for the Central District of CA, was named 5 days ago and his stance on this topic is unknown.</p> <p>Also discussed was additional information on the topic of marijuana in 2018 in the State of CA and throughout the nation. The State of CA released their regulations for recreational and medicinal use of marijuana under Prop 64.</p> <p>Locally in Ventura County, the two communities currently selling medicinal marijuana are Port Hueneme and Ojai. We will see how the sales affect youth access and different mindsets towards accessibility and regular use.</p> <p>B.) Katherine Kasmir, Executive Director, Straight Up, announced the upcoming Spanish Reality Party for Adolescents which will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 2 pm to 6 pm in Oxnard. To register for this event, please visit: www.straightupvc.org/register For more information, please write to spanish@straightupvc.org or call: 805.612.2408</p> <p>C.) Gabe Teran, from Comprehensive Health and Prevention/Friday Night Live, Ventura County Office of Education, gave multiple updates that included mention of an op-ed that ran on Dec 17th which is co-authored by Superintendent of Schools Stan Mantooth and Ventura County Public Health Officer Dr. Robert Levin. This op-ed contained an outline for constituents, parents and the community to look at the January 1, 2018, recreational or medicinal use of marijuana becoming allowable in the State of CA, as relates to Education the op-ed outline describes that although marijuana is allowed, legalized and adults over the age of 21 can be in possession of it, it remains ILLEGAL to have it on any school campus that receives federal dollars – just as is the case with alcohol and tobacco. No adult, no visitor, no guest, no student is allowed to bring any of the aforementioned substances on a school campus.</p> <p>The op-ed also contains information contributed by Dr. Levin which discusses the developing adolescent brain, how it is affected by cannabis and how the brain develops all the way to age 25. This op-ed lays out concrete ideas regarding marijuana that the general public can consider to make informed decisions. For the school system, this op-ed was to remind people that even though these substances are not allowed on school campuses and that there can be punitive consequences for students who bring them on campus, there are also resources that will be provided in order to help a student evaluate behaviors. To view this op-ed, please visit: http://www.vcoe.org/news/ArticleID/1952/Protecting-Young-Minds-when-Marijuana-is-Legal</p> <p>D.) Javier Bautista, from Pacific Clinics TAY Tunnel announced that TAY Tunnel Staff are working with Interface to be trained on the topic of Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence. They are focusing efforts to gain more awareness of the individuals that they serve and to expand the resources that they link clients to. Statistics show that Human Trafficking is on the rise in Ventura County and TAY Tunnel is addressing this topic.</p>		
VIII.	<p>Prevention Committee Member Comments Sandra Wolfe, BHAB Member, announced her retirement, and that she will be moving to Northern California.</p>		
IX.	<p>Time Certain Presentation (moved from 3:45 to 3:30 pm) Rachel McDuffee, Regional Clinic Manager, Aegis Treatment Centers, presented a PowerPoint entitled, “<i>Aegis-Medication Assisted Treatment</i>,” and shared that recovery services are offered to their client population which include referrals to partners such as the VCBH DUI program (Indicated Prevention) as well as encouraging prevention practices to prevent opioid addiction relapse.</p> <p>Other items mentioned were the Aegis focus on Community Outreach and Reducing Stigma by changing the language surrounding Opioid Addiction.</p> <p>For more information about Aegis Treatment Centers, visit: https://aegistreatmentcenters.com/</p>		

X.	Old Business N/A		
XI.	<p>New Business</p> <p>Chair Gardner discussed the possibility of connecting with Interface to see if they would consider doing a Prevention-focused Time Certain Presentation on Human Trafficking for a future BHAB PC Meeting. Chair Gardner asked that Javier Bautista, from Pacific Clinics TAY Tunnel provide contact information for inviting a presenter from Interface.</p> <p>The February 13, 2018 BHAB Prevention Committee Meeting will be from 3:15 to 4:30 pm in the Lake Cachuma Conference Room. The March 13 BHAB PC meeting will return to its usual location in the Lake Tahoe Conference Room.</p>		
XIII.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.</p>		