

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH COMMITTEE
2017-2018 Annual Report**

Submitted by Cmdr. Ronald Nelson, Chair
Reviewed during the BHAB TAY Meeting of July 26, 2018

Transitional Age Youth Committee members

Cmdr. Ronald Nelson, Committee Chair
Kay Wilson-Bolton, BHAB
Anna Colangelo, Casa Pacifica
David Vahidi, Children and Family Services
Erin Locklear, Interface

Georgia Perry, NAMI
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Organizations that participate on occasion

Aegis Treatment Centers
Telecare
Ventura County Probation Agency
Ventura County Behavioral Health

Vista Real Charter High School
Crisis Intervention Team
Department of Rehabilitation

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The Transitional Aged Youth Committee (TAY) is a committee of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board. The BHAB TAY Committee is committed to promoting effective mental health and substance use disorder services, wellness and recovery of youth ages 16 through 25. The committee focuses on these youth in their efforts to launch and become healthy and productive adults.

The purpose of the Transitional Aged Youth Committee is to support the efforts of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board in its mission to promote and provide appropriate mental health and substance use disorder services for young adults ages 16 to 25, and to provide a forum for the TAY community to discuss the needs relevant to their health and wellness.

INTRODUCTION

The BHAB TAY Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Ventura County Behavioral Health Administration building in Oxnard. Attendance and participation are open to Transitional Age Youth and their families, service providers, Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) members, and anyone with an interest in the TAY community. The TAY Committee is responsible to look into the needs, programs and services for the TAY population and to report on these matters to the BHAB. The committee also receives direction from the BHAB to research issues that come to the attention of the BHAB on matters related to the TAY population.

2017-18 OBJECTIVES

1. Increase participation of community partners serving TAY in the BHAB TAY meetings.
2. Continue evaluation and updating availability of TAY services related to housing options, work and volunteer opportunities and justice system.
3. Identify strategies to address gaps in services for the TAY population related to mental health and substance abuse treatment, housing options, work and volunteer opportunities, and the justice system.

4. Increase community outreach, especially to underserved community, and improve communication among parents, clients, agencies and the Committee.
5. Keep the Behavioral Health Advisory Board members informed on matters pertaining to the needs of the TAY Community.
6. Provide committee level work for the TAY community at the direction of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

ACHIEVEMENTS

1. The TAY Committee increased its membership following changes in the BHAB Bylaws.

2017-18 PRESENTATIONS

July 2017: Casa Pacifica's Services to TAY – presented by Anna Colangelo, Psy.D.

September 2017: The Behavioral Health Advisory Board and Its Committees – presented by Jerry Harris, BHAB Chair

October 2017: The Oxnard Dream Center – presented by Richard Linares, Director

January 2018: The Insights Program – presented by Cheryl Fox, VCBH Youth & Family Division Manager

February 2018: America's Job Center – presented by Edward Sajor, Human Services Agency

March 2018: Wise Relationships with Youth TAY – presented by Jennifer Goble of Pacifica Clinics, Georgia Perry of NAMI, Pam Roach, VCBH Transformational Liaison

April 2018: Todd Road Jail Health and Programming Unit Update, presented by Cmdr. Ron Nelson

May 2018: Turning Point Foundation Dual Diagnosis Group – presented by Jason Meek, Executive Director

June 2018: HEART, Helping to Educate, Address & Respond to Trafficking – presented by Christan Perez, Program Manager, Interface Children and Family Services

CHALLENGES

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OPPORTUNITIES

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Carry over the 2017-18 objectives into the new year.
2. Promote the participation of county agencies: Probation and Human Services Agency's Children and Family Services. Encourage the participation of the Ventura County Behavioral Health Youth & Family Division.
3. Promote the participation of the various city ministerial association.

2018-19 OBJECTIVES

1. Continue to encourage increased participation of community partners serving TAY in the BHAB TAY meetings.
2. Advocate for increased housing options for TAY. Update the housing opportunity brochure.
3. Advocate and updating availability of TAY services related to work and volunteer opportunities and justice system. Identify strategies, including advocacy, to address gaps in services for the TAY population related to mental health and substance abuse treatment, work and volunteer opportunities, and the child welfare and justice systems.
4. Increase community outreach, especially to underserved community, and improve communication among parents, clients, agencies and the Committee.
5. Keep the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) members informed on matters pertaining to the needs of the TAY Community. Make recommendations to the BHAB as appropriate.
6. Provide committee level work for the TAY community at the direction of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

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Ventura County Behavioral Health Advisory Board

July 2018

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Dear Community Partner, TAY consumer and Families of TAY:

Greetings! We are the Behavioral Health Advisory Board Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Committee, serving the interests of **youth 16 through 25 years old** regarding mental health, primary health care and substance abuse services in Ventura County. The BHAB TAY Committee has identified a goal to *“Encourage participation of community partners serving TAY in the BHAB TAY meetings.”*

We would like to extend an invitation for you to join us so that we can collaborate on ways to better serve our TAY population. We are interested in input regarding perceived gaps in services, particularly in the areas of housing, employment, legal concerns and education.

Current attendees represent service providers, family members, and TAY throughout the county; however, we are looking to expand participation and are interested in your feedback regarding the needs of TAY that you have contact with.

We meet at Ventura County Behavioral Health offices in Oxnard on the 4th Thursday of each month from 10:30 to noon. You can provide feedback by replying to this email, or hopefully attending our meetings.

Further questions or concerns please contact our Community Liaison: Pam Roach at Pam.roach@ventura.org or call her at (805) 981-4227.

On behalf of the TAY Committee of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board, we thank you for your time and look forward to hearing from you. For more information, please visit the Behavioral Health Advisory Board website at: <http://vchca.org/bhab-transitional-age-youth-tay-committee>

Best regards,

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