

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD  
**TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH (TAY) COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES ■ Thursday February 25, 2021**

<p><b>Members Present</b>  Elizabeth R. Stone, Committee Chair  Ratan Bhavnani, BHAB  Lorena Guereca, Vista Real Charter High School  Mary Haffner, BHAB  Soledad Barragan, BHAB  Anthony Marron, TAY Tunnel  Francisco Perez, TAY Tunnel  Cathi Nye, VC Office of Education Homeless Education  Carole Shelton</p> <p><b>Others Present</b>  Scott Walker, VC Law Enforcement CIT  Herman Corteza, Pacific Clinics TAY Tunnel  Juliana Cervantes, Interface Children Family Services  CJ Keavney, BHAB</p>	<p><b>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Managers/Staff Present</b>  Wendi Amezquita, VCBH Transitions Clinic Administrator  John Schipper, VCBH Adult Division Chief  Greg Bergan, VCBH MHSA  Sara Sanchez, VCBH Adult Behavioral Health Manager  Joanna Peterson, VCBH Management Assistant</p> <p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b>   <b>Thursday, April 22, 2021</b></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.	<p><b>Call to Order</b>  The meeting was called to order at 10:33am and a quorum was met.  CJ Keavney expressed interest in becoming a member when eligible.</p>		
II.	<p><b>Approval of the Agenda</b>  Mr. Bhavnani moved to approve the agenda. Carole Shelton seconded. The motion carried unanimously through roll call.</p>	The agenda was approved as written. <b>M/S/C</b>	
III.	<p><b>Approval of the December 17, 2020 Minutes</b>  Ms. Shelton moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Nye seconded. The motion carried unanimously through roll call.  Ms. Guereca abstained since she had been absent.</p>	The 12/17/2020 minutes were approved. <b>M/S/C</b>	
IV.	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b>  Ms. Stone welcomed members of the Committee and other attendees to the meeting. It was noted technical difficulties related to the high winds prevented the Spanish-language translator from being present.</p>		
V.	<p><b>Chair Announcements</b>  Ms. Stone announced this was her first time facilitating on Zoom and as the newly appointed chair.</p>		
VI.	<p><b>Public Comments</b>  None.</p>		
VII.	<p><b>A. Presentation about VCBH’s Early Detection and Intervention for the Prevention of Psychosis (EDIPP)</b>  Sara Sanchez noted this was the third meeting in which the EDIPP (Early Detection and Intervention to Prevent Psychosis) program was being discussed/presented. The program is based on the 2007 research of the Portland Identification and Early Referral (PIER) Institute which developed evidenced-based methods for outreach, engagement and treatment of transitional-aged youth (TAY). The name of Ventura County Behavioral Health’s EDIPP program is Ventura County Power over Prodromal Psychosis (VCPOP), and it is in its second year.  Current VCPop staff and their backgrounds were described. The program has begun to be distinguished from the broader Transitions Team and PIER Institute training remains ongoing. The focus is on identifying young people experiencing changes suspected of being related to first episode psychosis. Services are county-wide, designed/intended to “meet people where they are at,” and are two years in duration. The nature of discharge varies across individuals. The goals of VCPop include community education to increase the chances for early intervention</p>		

	<p>with individuals and their family and/or support systems. Stigma reduction is a key component. Enrollment numbers were reviewed and indicate marked increases in the second year. Several sample slides from the PowerPoint presentation used in the community meeting were reviewed (e.g., "Information About Psychosis," "Prodromal Symptoms," "Early Detection Makes a Difference," "Projection of Illness, Functioning and Intervention," "The Stress-Vulnerability Model," etc.). VCPOP eligibility criteria were explained as: (1) age 16-25 years; (2) experiencing first episode psychosis; or (3) prodromal symptoms. The Structured Interview for Psychosis Risk Syndromes (SIPS), a semi-structured assessment tool, is employed in accordance with the PIER model. The referral process can be initiated by the individual, family members, or other professionals. The range of services/treatment provided by VCPOP were discussed, including multi-family groups (conducted using Zoom) and rapid initiation of treatment. The wide range of past and pending outreach presentations were described (i.e., VCBH's Youth and Family Clinics, schools, Juvenile Justice Center, etc.)</p> <p>Ms. Stone asked (1) if there were peers and/or parent partners working in the program and (2) about whole person care and best practices related to cultural traditions. It was noted peer and parent partner involvement is a goal of the program. Additionally, cultural context and individualized treatment were described as a focus of the VCPOP team.</p> <p>Ms. Haffner expressed her concerned about the "real world" difficulties of preventing psychosis and cited some research finding to that effect. She also spoke to concerns about fidelity.</p> <p>Ms. Shelton asked about (1) outreach to the community at large, (2) kids below 16 years of age, (3) long term outcomes, and (4) how it actually works? Reaching parents is a goal (noted to be more difficult than connecting with agencies) and suggestions/invitations to give a presentation were sought. VCPOP makes itself available to provide consultation to the Youth and Family clinics treating those under age 18 and changes to the age criteria is a consideration going forward. Measuring "long term" outcomes were hampered by early struggles of the program while in the hands of the prior contracted provider, but the intent is to measure outcomes using guidance from the PIER Institute. The actual program was described in terms of individual therapy, weekly contact with a case manager, access to the psychiatrist and nurse, and multi-family groups.</p> <p>Mr. Perez queried and was advised the presentation is available in Spanish.</p> <p>Ms. Barragan raised concerns about individuals under age 16, a safe/welcoming clinic environment, and stigma in the broader community. La Clave was described as one tool intended to address concerns along these lines.</p> <p>Questions about program funding and fidelity to admission criteria were addressed.</p>		
VIII.	<p><b>Committee Members' and Participants Comments, Activities</b></p> <p>A. Ms. Guereca, Vista Real Charter High School, informed the group that distance learning and continuous enrollment remains ongoing for students ages 14-24.</p> <p>B. Mr. Perez, Pacific Clinics' TAY Tunnel, informed the group that a Ring doorbell (smart device) allows communication and messaging ability at the TAY Tunnel.</p>		
IX.	<p><b>Items for the Next Meeting Agenda</b></p> <p>A. Ms. Stone expressed her vision for the committee that it be largely directed by the individuals for whom the services are intended. Going forward, she hopes to encourage a model that include cofacilitation, thereby allowing TAY individuals to participate more and to develop their leadership skills. Fliers, food and/or other incentives, change of venue, hours of the meeting were discussed.</p> <p>B. Ms. Stone announced that MHSA has been devoting a significant amount of funding to various programs for TAY, along with an implementation project for the way those funds will be rolled out. She noted the California Reducing Disparities Project and the involvement of the California Youth Empowerment Network as a possible area for future discussion.</p>		
X.	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.</p>		



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# Early Detection and Intervention to Prevent Psychosis

## EDIPP

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# Ventura County Power over Prodromal Psychosis

## VCPOP



# VCPOP Staff

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- Sara Sanchez, LMFT - Behavioral Health Manager
- Wendi Amezquita, LCSW Clinic Administrator
- Amy Lopez, LCSW - Behavioral Health Clinician
- Yezet Lopez, ASW - Behavioral Health Clinician
- Noah Amerault - Mental Health Associate
- Jessica Reyes - Mental Health Associate
- Amanda Robles - Senior Registered Nurse
- Dr. Herron - Psychiatrist



# PIER Institute Supervision

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- Dr. Alex Kopelowicz, Psychiatrist
  - West-Coast Regional PIER Program Supervisor
- Dr. Barbara Walsh, PhD
  - Clinical Supervisor of SIPS Assessments
- Lizeth Ma, LMFT
  - Multi-Family Group
- Rebecca Jaines, LCPC
  - Outreach Supervision
- Donna Downing, MS, OT
  - Employment and Education



# VCPOP

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- Prevention Early Intervention program designed to assist in the recovery of individuals experiencing prodromal symptoms or the onset of psychosis
  - We utilize the word “Recovery” not to mean cure, but rather to suggest the opportunity for individuals to limit the morbidity of their illness and improve their health and wellness  
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4266306/#CIT0002>
- Services are available countywide
- Program lasts up to two years focusing upon increasing coping skills and decreasing/managing stress for the client and the whole family
- VCPOP provides services for individuals experiencing prodromal symptoms and those that have experienced their first episode of psychosis within the last 6 months



# VCPOP Goals

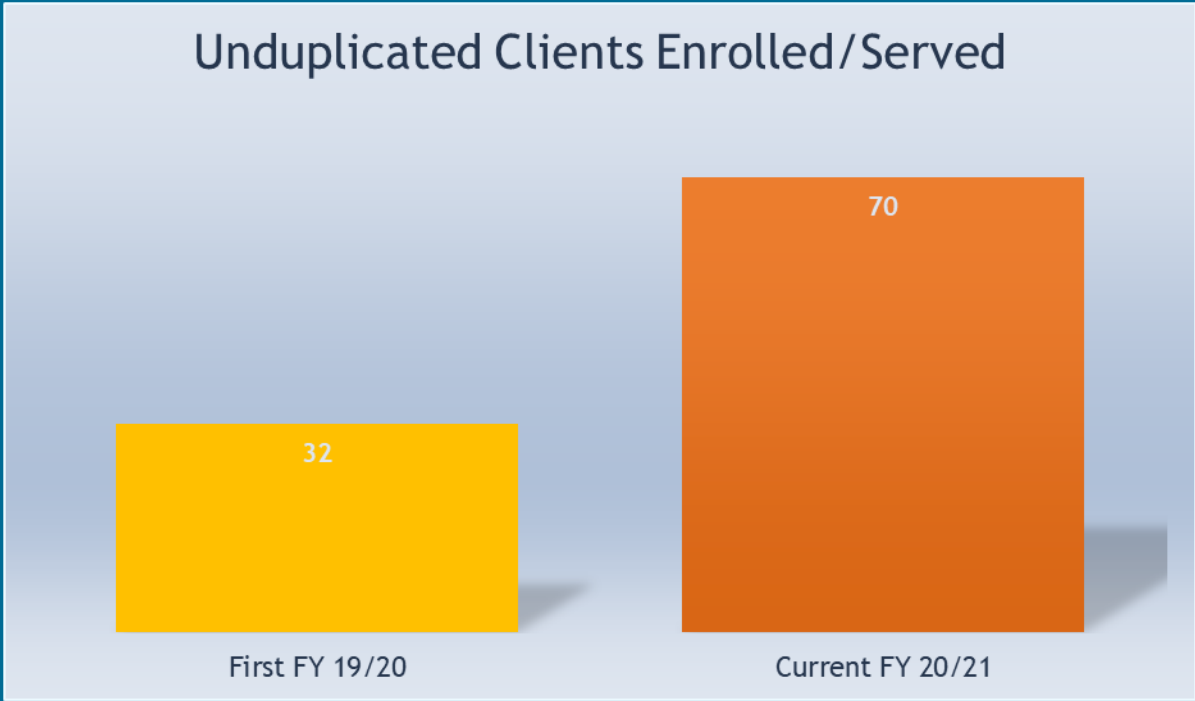
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- Work alongside the community to provide education and early intervention
  - Research has shown that educating the public and community leaders will significantly increase the changes that a young person will receive early
- Work with young people, their families and/or their social networks to support in young peoples' success in relationships, education, and employment



# VCPOP Clients Enrolled/Served

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# Information About Psychosis

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- Psychotic experiences can be part of the normal human experience and do not necessarily imply diagnosis
- 1 in 10 people report they have “heard voices”
- These are as common as being left-handed
- Mental health symptoms are like other medical problems in that early signs and symptoms usually occur before serious illness develops



# Prodromal Symptoms

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- Feeling “something’s not quite right”
- Having trouble thinking clearly, focusing or concentrating
- Worrisome drop in school or work performance
- Unusual thoughts and confusion
- Suspiciousness, fears or uneasiness with others
- Mood instability
- Declining interest in people, activities and self-care
- Pervasive anxiety
- Disrupted sleep patterns
- Fearful for no good reason
- Difficulty communicating and understanding



# Early Detection Makes a Difference

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- Ways early intervention can make a difference:
  - Quicker and more complete recovery
  - Preservation of brain functioning
  - Preservation of psychosocial skills
  - Decreased need for intensive treatments
  - Preservation and supports, especially family/friends
  - Less stigma and perception of rejection



# Projection of Illness, Functioning and Intervention

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# The Stress-Vulnerability Model

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Genetic predisposition (genetic risk of psychosis) will require less water to overflow the bucket

Positive Events

Negative Events



Acute Stress

Chronic Stress

All can cause an overflow...



# Reducing changes of overflow (think of a sponge absorbing water)

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Exercise

Social  
Support

Healthy Eating

Spirituality

Self-Care



Community resources

Medication

Family support

Avoiding  
Substance

Abuse

Developing coping skills



# VCPOP Criteria

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- Transition aged youth (16-25)
- Experiencing First Episode Psychosis
  - Onset is within the last 6 months
- Experiencing Prodromal Symptoms
  - No set time frame of onset or duration



# Structured Interview for Psychosis Risk Syndromes (SIPS)

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- Semi-structured Assessment Tool
- Translated & validated into 15 different languages
- Rules out past and/or current psychosis
- Rule in lifetime history of one or more of the three types of psychosis-risk syndromes
- Rate the current severity of psychosis-risk symptoms
- The three prodromal states are not mutually exclusive.



# Referral Process

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- Community members, individual, family, and professionals may make the referral
- You may contact: VCPOP directly at: 805-981-8865
  - Request to speak with a VCPOP staff to discuss a referral
- You may also contact STAR at: 805-981-4233
- VCPOP works in collaboration with STAR/RISE to ensure smooth transition to VCPOP services



# VCPOP - Clinical and Functional Intervention

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- Community Outreach and Education
- Psychoeducational Multi Family Groups
- Rapid Initiation of Treatment
- Community Based Services
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Psychosis
- Medication Management
- Case Management
- Supported Employment and Education
- Integrated Services on Multidisciplinary Team
- 24 hour Availability with Crisis Team



# Multiple Family Groups

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- Multi Family Groups are designed to:
  - Reduce stigma and shame and promote connection
  - Help families and consumers better understand mental illness while working together toward recovery
  - Recognize the family's important role in recovery
  - Understand symptoms are different from personality
  - Prevent relapse
  - Help manage stressful situations as they arise
  - Support healthy living
  - Recovery of ability to work and relate to others



# VCPOP Presentations

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- VCPPOP team has presented to:
  - VCBH Youth and Family Clinics
  - VCBH School-Based Clinicians
  - VCBH Youth and Family Psychiatrists
  - VCBH Child Welfare Sub-System
  - Academic Family Medicine Pediatric Clinics
  - Juvenile Justice Center
  - Vista Real Charter School
  - TAY Tunnel
- Ventura County of Education - Counselors
  - 11 Districts
    - Conejo, Hueneme, Moorpark, Oak Park, Ojai, Oxnard, Oxnard Union, Rio, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, and Ventura



# Upcoming VCPOP Presentations

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- Hospitals
- Law Enforcement
- Mental Health Professionals in the Community
- Colleges
- Outpatient Medical Clinics



VCPOP

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Any questions  
or  
comments?

Thank You!



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MINUTES ■ Thursday April 22, 2021**

<p><b>Members Present</b> Elizabeth R. Stone, Committee Chair Anthony Marron, TAY Tunnel Francisco Perez, TAY Tunnel Cathi Nye, VC Office of Education Homeless Education Lorena Guereca, Vista Real Charter High School Scott Walker, VC Law Enforcement CIT Carol Shelton, Parent Family Member</p> <p><b>Others Present</b> Carole “CJ” Keavney, BHAB Nancy Luna, Casa Pacifica Kyle Thompson, Mesa Dan Parziale, Mesa Maya Zumaya Lazos, Vista Del Mar/NAMI Board Member Herman Corteza, Pacific Clinics Vanessa Cortez, Pacific Clinics Lorena Suarez, Homeland Language Services (Interpreter)</p>	<p><b>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Managers/Staff Present</b> John Schipper, VCBH Adult Division Chief Sara Sanchez, VCBH Adult Manager Greg Bergan, VCBH MHSA Eileen Corona, VCBH SUS Joanna Peterson, Management Assistant</p> <p><b>NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 24, 2021</b></p>
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	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
I.	<p><b>Call to Order</b> The meeting was called to order at 10:30am. Ms. Stone encouraged anyone who may not feel respected, heard, nor understood to speak to her about having a fair opportunity to participate in the meeting.</p> <p>After taking attendance it was determined with only 7 of 14 members present there was not a quorum.</p>		
II.	<p><b>Approval of the Agenda</b> None due to lack of quorum.</p>		
III.	<p><b>Approval of the February 25, 2021 Minutes</b> None due to lack of quorum.</p>		
IV.	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Ms. Stone welcomed members of the Committee and other attendees for joining the meeting.</p>		
V.	<p><b>Appointment of New Members to TAY Committee (by Chair)</b> In the final minutes of the meeting Ms. Keavney was made a member of the committee.</p>		
VI.	<p><b>Public Comments (3 min. per speaker)</b> None</p>		
VII.	<p><b>Discuss Efforts for Greater Involvement and Attendance of Transition-Aged Young People</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Discuss Potential for “Listening Session” and/or Workgroup</li> <li>B. Change Meeting Time to after school hours (3:30pm – 5pm)</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Shelton, Mr. Marron, Ms. Guereca support changing meeting to after school hours to help accommodate scheduling conflicts. Ms. Shelton also expressed the importance of BHAB meetings being available remotely as travel can hinder attendance. Mr. Marron suggested incentives for TAY people attending meetings as well connecting with agencies that serve transition-aged youth to supply a questionnaire to their clients asking for input regarding BHAB meeting attendance.</p>		
VIII.	<p><b>Chair Presentation</b> Ms. Stone summarized that a consensus exists for TAY persons to be more meaningfully involved in the committee and a desire to provide a welcoming and supportive environment. Consideration to be shown to a “hybrid virtual” model and the use of different meeting locations. Use of possible tangible incentives such as food, gift cards, and transportation.</p>		

IX.	<p><b>Updates from Community &amp; Committee Members</b> Mr. Corteza introduced himself as one of the corporate directors of Pacific Clinics and the clinical supervisor of the TAY Tunnel for over a year.</p>		
X.	<p><b>VCBH Update and Announcements</b> Dr. Schipper raised the issue of some member’s poor attendance and the difficulty establishing a quorum. It was noted there are members from organizations with representatives currently in attendance, along with county employees from other departments, who had missed several consecutive meetings. Ms. Stone expressed her intent to speak to absent members outside of the meeting prior to their removal.</p>	Elf	
XI.	<p><b>Suggested Items for Agenda for Subsequent Meetings</b> Mr. Marron suggested a brief, simple survey to solicit input from transition-aged youth as to how to increase their participation.</p>		
XII.	<p><b>Final Public Comments</b> None</p>		
XIII.	<p><b>Adjourn</b> The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.</p>		

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD  
TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH (TAY) COMMITTEE  
MINUTES ■ Thursday June 24, 2021**

<p><b>Members Present</b>          Joe S. Ramirez, BHAB member and Committee Chair          Cathi Nye, VC Office of Education Homeless Education          Scott Walker, VC Law Enforcement CIT          Carol Shelton, Parent Family Member          Elizabeth R. Stone, Peer advocate          Laura Estrada, Children &amp; Family Services</p> <p><b>Others Present</b>          Maya Zumaya Lazos, Vista del Mar Hospital and NAMI          Cynthia Munoz, Children &amp; Family Services          Ana Rosa Rizo-Centino, One Step ala Vez          Gina Petrus, Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention              Commission and psychologist in private practice          Joshuaun Damu, Transitions          Clarisa Cajiau, Homeland Language Services (Interpreter)</p>	<p><b>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Managers/Staff Present</b>          John Schipper, VCBH Adult Division Chief          Sara Sanchez, VCBH Adult Behavioral Health Manager          Joanna Peterson, Management Assistant          Kayla Labrum, Management Assistant          Greg Bergan, MHSA</p> <p><b>NEXT MEETING: Thursday, August 26, 2021</b></p>
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	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
I.	<p><b>Call to Order</b>            The meeting was called to order at 10:31am and Joe Ramirez opened by introducing himself as the new chair of the committee.            After taking attendance it was determined with only 6 of 16 members present there was not a quorum.</p> <p>Elizabeth R. Stone, based having not received notification of the meeting, raised a concern about the distribution.</p>	VCBH staff to follow-up and review	
II.	<p><b>Address Issues of Membership</b>            No issues addressed.</p>		
III.	<p><b>Approval of the Agenda – ACTION</b> (Roll Call)            None due to lack of quorum.</p> <p>Ms. Stone reported not having received meeting notification via email.</p> <p>Mr. Ramirez clarified correct date for next meeting.</p>	No action taken due to lack of quorum.	
IV.	<p><b>Approval Minutes:</b>            A. February 25, 2021 Minutes – <b>ACTION</b> (Roll Call)            B. April 22, 2021 Minutes – <b>ACTION</b> (Roll Call)</p> <p>No action taken due to lack of quorum.</p>	No action taken due to lack of quorum.	
V.	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b>            Mr. Ramirez welcomed members of the Committee and other attendees joining the meeting and invited Ms. Stone to address her transition from having been the BHAB TAY Committee Chair.</p> <p>Ms. Stone noted had been appointed the BHAB as an interim member and with the change of the elected supervisor for her district she would no longer be an BHAB member. Rather she reported she would be acting as a consult on peer perspectives to some of the elected supervisors. Ms. Stone reported the uncertain status of these changes prevented her from saying anything at the time of the last TAY Services Committee meeting. She apologized for any</p>		

	<p>impression of abandoning members or TAY clients, but she asserted she will remain involved and committed and encouraged others to do the same.</p> <p>In her introduction, Laura Estrada (representing Children &amp; Family Services) noted she will be leaving at the next meeting and anticipates one of her colleagues (Cynthia Munoz) will be joining the committee in her place.</p>		
<b>VI.</b>	<p><b>Public Comments</b> (3min. per speaker)</p> <p>Carole Shelton stated, as a family member, that she thought people with intellectual and developmental disabilities deserve to have programming that will meeting their needs. She asserted Ventura County is lacking services and treatment.</p>		
<b>VII.</b>	<p><b>Discuss Efforts for Greater Involvement and Attendance of Transition-Aged Young People</b></p> <p>The change of meeting time to after school hours (3:30pm – 5pm) was raised. Scott Walker noted in the future virtual versus in-person meetings would be a factor to consider in relation to the time. “Sampling’ different time and locations for the meeting were discussed.</p> <p>Ms. Rizo-Centino speaking on behalf of One Step ala Vez offered to possibly host meeting and Mr. Ramirez expressed his support for Fillmore as a potential location for meetings. Ms. Shelton characterized in-person meetings being held in Fillmore and/or Oxnard as a barrier that present challenges. She endorsed sampling different times and preserve the option of remote attendance. Mr. Ramirez describe the prospect of a survey around preferred times.</p>	No action taken due to lack of quorum.	
<b>VIII.</b>	<p><b>Chair Comments</b></p> <p>Mr. Ramirez shared he chose to chair this committee as an educator who worked with the age group for several years and wants to listen to those in need, provide better services, and be more precise in meeting needs. Mr. Ramirez wants to improve resources and participation, get more interactive with committee participants, and review goals and accountability for the committee to better serve the TAY age group.</p>		
<b>IX.</b>	<p><b>Updates from Community &amp; Committee Members</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p>Mr. Ramirez set the expectation there be updates from the community members at the next meeting.</p>		
<b>X.</b>	<p><b>VCBH Update and Announcements</b></p> <p>Ms. Sanchez informed Transitions/VCPOP (Ventura County Power over Prodromal Psychosis) are operating via telehealth and in-person. The clinic continues to have group sessions, including multi-family groups and Creative Expressions group being lead in-person. All services provided in office are sure to be following safety guidelines. Stress Management group and Coping Skills group are managed via Zoom and telehealth. Census of VCPOP is 107 and Transition is 305.</p>		
<b>XI.</b>	<p><b>Suggested Items for Agenda for Subsequent Meetings</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p>Mr. Ramirez encouraged for anyone to reach out should they think of any suggested agenda items, specifically for people to return to their organizations and brainstorm any ideas that could be presented in the next meeting.</p>		
<b>XII.</b>	<p><b>Final Public Comments</b></p> <p>None.</p>		
<b>XIII.</b>	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 11:19am.</p>		

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<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.	<p><b>Call to Order</b>            Mr. Ramirez called the meeting to order at 10:32am.</p>		
II.	<p><b>Address Issues of Membership</b>            Mr. Ramirez stated the attendance and participation issue needs to be tackled and that he plans to follow up with members regarding if they would like to continue being members as well as if the meeting time is a challenge.</p> <p>Mr. Perez informed today's meeting would be his last representing Pacific Clinics but would like to continue being a member of BHAB TAY Committee if allowed. Mr. Ramirez confirmed Mr. Perez may continue being a member of this committee if he wishes, regardless of his affiliation with Pacific Clinics. Dr. Schipper followed up with his understanding from previous in-person meetings that membership resides with the individual, not the agency they represent.</p> <p>Ms. Sanchez suggested reducing the current members to active participants and also reaching out to agencies and organizations to invite them to the meetings.</p> <p>Mr. Damu suggested having different blocks of time to meet and send out a letter indicating what action items have and have not been addressed.</p>		
III.	<p><b>Committee Member Roll Call</b>            Dr. Schipper completed a roll call of all committee members informing only two members were initially present (two others joined later) and a quorum was not established. Dr. Schipper stated a quorum was not established for the April meeting as well however there was a quorum for February's meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Bergan followed up his recollection of meetings pre-COVID were problematic in having a quorum.</p>		
IV.	<p><b>Approval of the Agenda – ACTION (Roll Call)</b>            None due to lack of quorum.</p>	None due to lack of quorum.	
V.	<p><b>Approval of April 22, 2021 Minutes – ACTION (Roll Call)</b>            None due to lack of quorum.</p>	None due to lack of quorum.	
VI.	<p><b>Approval of June 24, 2021 Minutes – ACTION (Roll Call)</b>            None due to lack of quorum.</p>	None due to lack of quorum.	
VII.	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b>            Mr. Ramirez asked for everyone present to introduce themselves. First-time attendee, Christian Guzman, noted he recently began working for Interface at their teen shelter.</p>		

VIII.	<b>Public Comments</b> (3min. per speaker) None.		
IX.	<b>Discuss Efforts for Greater Involvement and Attendance of Transition-Aged Young People</b> A. Discuss Potential for Listening Session and/or Workgroup B. Change Meeting Time to After School Hours (3:30pm – 5pm?) – <b>ACTION</b> (Roll Call)		
X.	<b>Chair Comments</b> Mr. Ramirez echoed his previous statements regarding more participation, anxiety around not being able to address issues with the committee, and suggested more aggressive communication with potential participants leading up to the next meeting.		
XI.	<b>Updates from Community &amp; Committee Members</b> Ms. Guereca shared staff and students are on site at Vista Real Charter High School. She also stated Vista Real located in Santa Paula is hosting two vaccination clinics: September 25 <sup>th</sup> 11am – 1pm and October 16 <sup>th</sup> 11am – 1pm.  Mr. Perez stated TAY Tunnel is open Monday through Friday 8- 5pm and expected to stay his way through September. He also stated they are hiring for three positions.		
XII.	<b>VCBH Update and Announcements</b> Ms. Sanchez spoke about Transitions currently serving 289 clients and VCPOP continuing to grow with 100 participants.  Mr. Bergan stated MHSA is holding their 6 <sup>th</sup> annual suicide prevention forum September 23 <sup>rd</sup> 4 – 6pm and anyone who would like to register can visit <a href="http://wellness.everyday.org">wellness.everyday.org</a> .  Dr. Schipper announced Ms. Sanchez will be taking over as manager of the “front door” programs in VCBH but will continue to be working with TAY for the time being.		
XIII.	<b>Contracts Review</b> CSU Channel Islands MOU – to provide mental health services to students and provide training for VCBH staff. Mr. Ramirez stated mental health issues increase at most college campuses.  Interface Children & Family Services MOA – to serve the county’s AB109 population. The County of Ventura Probation Agency contracted Interface to manage community based organizations (CBO) providing services to the AB109 population. The mission of the CBO is to remove barriers, increase awareness, and provide community support to individuals who have been incarcerated in order to promote successful community reintegration. The MOA between Interface and VCBH is for the provision of VCBH’s Substance Use Services.  Ms. Shelton inquired about access to MOU and suggested contract be provided for review as it is being brought up as an agenda item. Mr. Ramirez stated he would follow up regarding how contracts are shared and reviewed.		
XIV.	<b>Suggested Items for Agenda for Subsequent Meetings</b> Mr. Ramirez encouraged participants make suggestions for future agenda items and if anything is thought of after the meeting to email committee staff to have those suggestions included.		
XV.	<b>Final Public Comments</b> None.		
XVI.	<b>Adjourn</b> Meeting adjourned at 11:30am		

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**TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH (TAY) COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES ■ Thursday November 18, 2021**

<p><b>Members Present</b>          Scott Walker, VC Law Enforcement CIT          Carol Shelton, Parent Family Member          Elizabeth R. Stone, Peer advocate</p> <p><b>Others Present</b>          Cristian Telles, Pacific Clinics          Javier Bautista, Pacific Clinics</p>	<p><b>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Managers/Staff Present</b>          John Schipper, VCBH Adult Division Chief          Jessica Davis, Substance Use Services (SUS) Joanna Peterson,          Management Assistant</p> <p><b>NEXT MEETING: TBD</b></p>
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Note: The committee has not yet approved these minutes. There may be additions/deletions or corrections before the minutes are accepted in final form.

	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
I.	<b>Call to Order</b> The Chair was not present, and the meeting could not be called to order.		
II.	<b>Address Issues of Membership</b> Agenda item not discussed.		
III.	<b>Approval of the Agenda – ACTION</b> (Roll Call) No action taken due to lack of a quorum.		
IV.	<b>Approval of Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. <b>February 25, 2021 Minutes – ACTION</b> (Roll Call) No action taken due to lack of a quorum.</li> <li>B. <b>April 22, 2021 Minutes – ACTION</b> (Roll Call) No action taken due to lack of a quorum.</li> <li>C. <b>June 24, 2021 Minutes – ACTION</b> (Roll Call) No action taken due to lack of a quorum.</li> <li>D. <b>August 26, 2021 Minutes – ACTION</b> (Roll Call) No action taken due to lack of a quorum.</li> </ul>		
V.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> All in attendance introduced themselves.		
VI.	<b>Public Comments</b> (3min. per speaker) None.		
VII.	<b>Chair Comments</b> None. Chair was not present at the meeting.		
VIII.	<b>Updates from Community &amp; Committee Members</b> Ms. Shelton noted November is 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome Awareness Month, cited the likelihood of it co-occurring with a mental illness, and challenges associated with obtaining an accurate diagnosis. She also spoke to her personal experience which is suggestive of a problem with the crisis response, the need for additional hospital beds within Ventura County, and more staff/services to be made available for enrolled clients.  Mr. Bautista endorsed the need for more crisis staff and clinicians and put it in the broader context of the state and country, but also spoke to his experience of positive trends.  Ms. Stone inquired as to how to address the issues/challenges associated with the poor attendance of the committee.		
IX.	<b>VCBH Update and Announcements</b> None.		
X.	<b>Contracts Review</b> Contracts were not reviewed or discussed.		

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X.	<b>Suggested Items for Agenda for Subsequent Meetings</b> None.		
XI.	<b>Final Public Comments</b> None.		
XII.	<b>Adjourn</b> Meeting adjourned at 11:09 am.		