

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Committee Meeting

HYBRID MEETING: In-Person & Via ZOOM

Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH)
1911 Williams Drive, Training Room (first floor) • Oxnard, CA 93036

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 – 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

In-Person Attendance

You now have the option of attending this meeting in person in the Training Room at the Williams Drive offices of VCBH. In-person attendees will be visible and audible to those attending by zoom (and vice versa) through recording equipment located in the Training Room. Simultaneous in-person and virtual Spanish/English interpretation will be provided.

Zoom Participation

The following information referenced below and continuing on page two of this Agenda is provided to you in support of your attending the upcoming BHAB TAY Services Committee Meeting via Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82573279436?pwd=SUUzU0VHUU1NUkdleGx3K3pXMXdYZz09>

Meeting ID: 825 7327 9436 ~ ~ Password: 525383 ~ ~ PHONE Dial-in: 669-900-9128

Under AB 2449 New Teleconferencing Rules:

The Ventura County Behavioral Health Advisory Board Transitional Age Youth (TAY) subcommittee may take action at the beginning of the meeting regarding requests for “Just Cause” or “Emergency” allowances provided that related Brown Act guidelines are met. (Guidelines are listed on the last page of this agenda.)

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call to Determine Physical Quorum
- III. Roll Call of Members with Just Cause
 - a. State others present in the room over the age of 18
- IV. Welcome and Introductions of ALL attendees, please
- V. Public Comments (aim for 3 minutes max per speaker, please)
- VI. Approval of Today's Agenda – **ACTION** (Roll Call)
- VII. Approval of the October 25, 2023 Minutes – **ACTION** (Roll Call)
- VIII. Presentation: *Safe Place* program at Interface - Andrew Huizar, Director of Youth Crisis & Homeless Services and Juliana Cervantes, Youth Outreach & Homeless Services Program Manager
- IX. MHS Community Planning Participation: Offer Feedback on the *California Early Psychosis Intervention Learning Health Care Network* (EPI-CAL) Innovation Project – Hilary Carson, Program Administrator - MHS; Nancy Springer, LCSW, Behavioral Health Manager – Conejo & Simi Valley, Adult Division; Wendi Amezcuita, LCSW, Clinic Administrator – VCPOP (Ventura County Power Over Psychosis) and MCOT (Mobile Crisis Outreach for TAY)
- X. Update on Continuum of Care Initiatives – Jennifer Harkey, Director, Continuum of Care – County Executive's Office
- XI. Updates from Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) Homeless Education Program – Cathy Nye, Coordinator

- XII. Discuss Changing Meeting Dates in 2024 Due to Conflict with scheduled CBHPC (Planning Council) meetings
- XIII. Continued Discussion of Potential Goals for TAY Committee to Forward to BHAB General Membership for Discussion at Upcoming Meetings
- XIV. VCBH Updates
 - A. Mental Health Services for TAY Persons and their Families
 - B. Substance Use Services
 - C. Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)
- XV. Information Sharing/Upcoming Events and News – Community & Committee Members
- XVI. Selected Review of Contracts (November 2023)
- XVII. Suggested Items for Agenda for Subsequent Meetings
- XVIII. Final Public Comments (aim for 3 minutes max per speaker, please)
- XIX. Adjourn (*THANK YOU for your time and interest!*)

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Zoom Participation Information – continued

Please note the following important information related to supporting your participation in the upcoming meeting:

1. The meeting will be recorded.
2. Participation is available in **Spanish** via simultaneous translation (use **globe icon**).
3. All participants are muted upon entry to minimize any unintended disruption from background sounds.
4. Zoom meetings will initially start with attendees being admitted to a “**waiting room**.” At the start of the meeting, attendees will be “admitted” by a host into the meeting.
5. During opportunities for offering comments about items on the agenda, participants will be unmuted and welcome to comment for up to 3 minutes. Comments can be offered in the following ways:
 - a. If you have joined the meeting via video/audio, your name can be added to the comment queue by clicking on the participant window at the bottom of the zoom screen and then clicking on the “**raise hand**” feature at the bottom of the participant window. Alternately, at the bottom of the main screen is an option labeled "Reactions." After clicking, a menu will open revealing a "raise hand" option to select.
 - b. If you are joining the meeting by telephone only, you can join the comment queue by pressing *9. When it is your turn to speak, please unmute yourself by pressing *6.
6. Comments will be taken in the order they are received, and each speaker is allotted up to 3 minutes at a time. After three minutes of sharing, the speaker will be notified that the time has ended, will be able

to make a closing comment, and then the mic will be passed to the next person in the queue. Speakers can comment again after others have had a chance to share their thoughts and perspectives.

7. Following changes in the policy at General BHAB meetings, there will no longer be a 5-minute maximum comment limitation on any participant.
8. Your active participation in this process is strongly encouraged and valued. Thank You!

Brown Act “Just Cause” or “Member Emergency” Allowance Guidelines for Board Members:

Requirements: A local board/commission member may participate remotely without posting their physical location on the agenda if all the following requirements are met:

1. Quorum at Physical Location - At least a quorum of the members of the board/commission participates in person from a singular physical location clearly identified in the agenda.
2. Public Access - (Both Remote and In-Person) The public may access the meeting through:
 - A two-way audiovisual platform or
 - A two-way telephonic service and a live webcasting of the meeting
 - In-Person Public Access to the physical location.

Circumstances: One of the following circumstances applies:

1. **“Just Cause”** - The member notifies the legislative body at the earliest opportunity possible, including at the start of a regular meeting, of their need to participate remotely for just cause, including a general description of the circumstances relating to their need to appear remotely at the given meeting. The provisions of this clause shall not be used by any member of the legislative body for more than two meetings per calendar year. **or**
2. **“Emergency Circumstances”** - The member requests to participate in the meeting remotely due to emergency circumstances and the board/commission takes action to approve the request. The board/commission shall request a general description of the circumstances relating to the member’s need to appear remotely at the given meeting. A general description of an item generally need not exceed 20 words and shall not require the member to disclose any medical diagnosis or disability, or any personal medical information.

Procedures:

1. Member Request - A member shall make a request to participate remotely at a meeting pursuant to this clause as soon as possible. The member shall make a separate request for each meeting in which they seek to participate remotely.
2. Board/Commission Response - The board/commission may take action on a request to participate remotely at the earliest opportunity. If the request does not allow sufficient time to place proposed action on such a request on the posted agenda for the meeting for which the request is made, the legislative body may take action at the beginning of the meeting.
3. Disclosure - The member shall publicly disclose at the meeting before any action is taken, whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room at the remote location with the member, and the general nature of the member’s relationship with any such individuals.

4. BOTH Audio & Visual Participation - The members shall participate through both audio and visual technology.
5. Limits to Remote Participation - The provisions of this subdivision [of the Brown Act] shall not serve as a means for any member of a legislative body to participate in meetings of the legislative body solely by teleconference from a remote location for a period of more than three consecutive months or 20 percent of the regular meetings for the local agency within a calendar year, or more than two meetings if the legislative body regularly meets fewer than 10 times per calendar year.

DEFINITIONS:

“Emergency circumstances”: A physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person.

“Just cause” means any of the following:

1. A childcare or caregiving need (for a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner) that requires the member to participate remotely.
2. A contagious illness prevents the member from attending the meeting in person.
3. A need related to defined physical or mental disability that is not otherwise accommodated for.
4. Traveling while on official business of the Brown Act Bode or another state or local agency.
5. Just Cause is limited to two instances per calendar year.

For additional information, see pages 4+ of the Brown Act Guide: calbhbc.org/brown-act

Early Psychosis Learning Health Care Network

Statewide Learning Collaborative
Innovation Project





Purpose



The proposed Innovation Project will make a change to an existing practice through a collaborative Learning Health Care Network (LHCN) to support quality improvements, consumer engagement and provider use of measurement-based care in early psychosis (EP) programs.



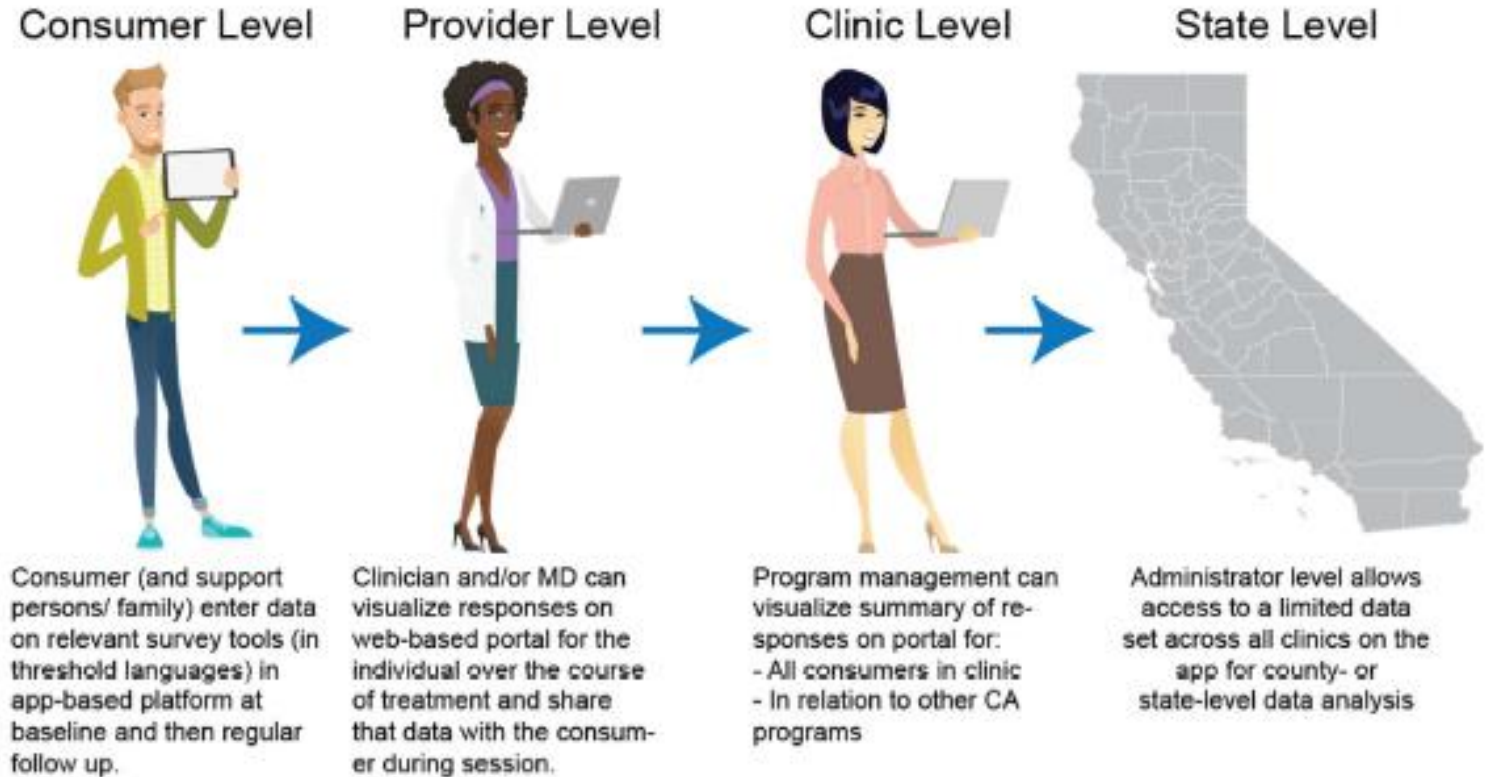
Visualize real-time data at the individual, clinic, county and state levels to inform consumer- and program-level decisions and develop learning opportunities for individuals, staff, programs and administrators, all to improve consumer outcomes.



Training and technical assistance to EP program providers to help them fully utilize the data in routine clinical care.

Data Collection and Evaluation

- The associated evaluation will examine the impact of the LHCN on the EP programs, and will quantify the cost of implementation and utilization, to support statewide efforts for early identification and treatment of psychosis.





Local Additions

- Ventra County Power over Psychosis program (VCPOP) will expand and join the LCHN project
- Increase the number of clients to be served
- Lower the age eligibility to 12
- Offer access to Therapy Animal?

Thoughts

- What are we missing?
- what would you like to see?



Ventura County Behavioral Health

Board Letter Summary of Contracts for November 2023

Board Date	Contract	Amount	Term	Description
11/7/2023	Amada Enterprises, Inc. (View Heights Convalescent Hospital)	\$15,526	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 23-24 Amada Enterprises, Inc. First Amendment for Skilled Nursing Facility Mental Health Services. Amada Enterprises, Inc., which operates under the name of View Heights Convalescent Hospital, is designated as an Institution for Mental Disease and provides Skilled Nursing Facility services for seriously mentally ill clients who require a high level of care due to the severity of their illnesses. Clients receive the following services at View Heights Convalescent Hospital: (1) medication management (2) care and supervision (3) daily activities, and (4) food services. Due to an increased need for services near the end of FY 2022-23, Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) authorized Amada Enterprises Inc. to provide additional services which resulted in the contractor exceeding the maximum agreement amount for that fiscal year. The one-time payment set forth in the proposed amendment will compensate the contractor for the additional services provided to VCBH clients.</p> <p>The First Amendment to the agreement with Amada Enterprises, Inc. increases the maximum contract amount to \$3,266,321 to compensate the contractor for the additional services provided to VCBH clients. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement; 2011 Realignment; 1991 Realignment; and County General Funding.</p>