

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD  
**YOUTH & FAMILY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES ■ Wednesday, March 12, 2014**

<p><b>Present</b>  Denise Nielsen, Chair  René Beauchesne, BHAB  Martie Miles, Aspiranet  Josdy Kussin, Casa Pacifica  Erick Elhard, Casa Pacifica  Lisa Connolly, CFS  Joelle Vessels, Interface  Ellen Linder, United Parents  John Ryan, TCRC  Raul Maldonado, Probation</p>	<p><b>VCBH Managers/Staff Present</b>  Susan Kelly, Youth &amp; Family Division Manager  Ramila Sloane, Family Liaison  Edith Pham, Recording Secretary</p> <p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b>  <b>Wednesday, April 9, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm</b></p> <p>Ventura County Behavioral Health  1911 Williams Dr., Suite 200, Oxnard</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 called the meeting to order at 10:05.		
II.	<b>Approval of the Agenda</b> The Chair asked the Committee to review and approve today's agenda. A motion was made to add Yellow Ribbon under Old Business.	The agenda was approved as amended. <b>M/S/C</b>	
III.	<b>Approval of the Minutes</b> The Chair asked the committee to review and approve the minutes of the February 13 meeting. The Chair shared changes requested by Fran Arner-Costello under IX. B.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet: SELPA is halfway through the transition fairs; 41 agencies are participating.</li> <li>- 4<sup>th</sup> bullet: Carpe Diem will be on March 7. Over 200 professionals and parents will be in attendance.</li> </ul>	The minutes were approved as amended. <b>M/S/C</b>	
IV.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> The Chair welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.		
V.	<b>Chair Announcements</b> A. The NAMI Walk luncheon kickoff will take place this Friday in Camarillo. B. The Chair visited United Parents. She encourages everyone to visit the organization.		
VI.	<b>Public Comments</b> None.		
VII.	<b>New Business</b> A. Packet to be sent to local doctors – Chair Nielsen The Chair asked for the creation of a workgroup to help consolidate the handouts that will be sent to local doctors.  B. Children & Family Services pamphlets – Lisa Connolly Lisa Connolly distributed documents about Human Services Agency (HSA) Children & Family Services (CFS). CFS works with families to defuse crises, reunify families when appropriate, provide services to prevent the need for children to enter the system, provide support to foster families, provide independent living skills to youth 15 ½ and up, and work toward permanency placement when needed.	Organize a workgroup	Chair Nielsen

	<p>C. Katie A update – Susan Kelly Katie A refers to a new state mandate that ensures that foster children receive the mental health services they need. It calls for cooperation between human services agencies and mental health agencies (locally, CFS and VCBH). All children who come into contact with CFS must receive a mental health assessment. On March 25 VCBH will present to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and request funding for new positions. René Beauchesne proposed that the BHAB submit a letter to the BOS in support of extending funding.</p>		
<b>VIII.</b>	<p><b>Old Business</b></p> <p>A. Yellow Ribbon – Ramila Sloane A discussion took place regarding the phone numbers that need to be on the cards and pamphlets. The committee agreed that the numbers should include the national hotline (800-273-TALK) and the local phone number.</p> <p>B. Suicide Prevention workgroup – Jody Kussin, Erick Elhard The California Suicide Prevention Network will meet in Bakersfield this month; Jody Kussin and Erick Elhard will attend. The National Conference on Suicidology will take place in Los Angeles in April; Jody Kussin feels Ventura County should present on its unique approach. On April 7 the American Association on Suicidology will visit Casa Pacifica; Sheriff Geoff Dean, Susan Kelly and Dr. Thurber will attend. Casa Pacifica is waiting to hear about funding for an R.V. (recreational vehicle), which would be used during crises at home or school. The workgroup met on 2/28. It will meet with the California Highway Patrol (CHP), which is planning to provide CIT-like training to its deputies. Presentation will be given to Oxnard School District psychologists and administrators in early April. Historically, March and April see an increase in crisis calls.</p> <p>C. Community Outreach and Parent Participation workgroups – Ellen Linder The two workgroups have combined. A 7-week leadership training for parents will start on 3/29. It is open to all parents. First 5 will accept applications up to 3/22.</p>		
<b>IX.</b>	<p><b>Committee Members' Comments, Activities, updates, items of interest</b></p> <p>A. Ramila Sloane stated that the Safety Plan is being translated into Spanish.</p> <p>B. Raul Maldonado of Probation stated he supervises the three specialty courts. Suicide is a big issue with Probation clients. He requested that CIRT schedule a presentation to probation officers.</p> <p>C. The Chair stated that a group of women from her church is looking for projects to support through their volunteer work.</p>	Give presentation to Probation Officers	CIRT
<b>X.</b>	<p><b>Items for the Next Meeting Agenda</b></p> <p>The Chair will reach out to Telecare/EDIPP program to request a presentation to this committee. Also on the agenda will be a Katie A update and a presentation by Aspiranet.</p>	Invite Telecare	Chair Nielsen
<b>XI.</b>	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 11:55.</p>		