

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD  
**YOUTH & FAMILY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES ■ Wednesday, April 8, 2015**

<p><b>Present</b>  Denise Nielsen, Chair  Martie Miles, Aspiranet  Jody Kussin, Casa Pacifica  Erick Elhard, Casa Pacifica  Marissa Espinosa, Casa Pacifica  Laura Gutierrez Woodridge, Interface  Erica Perez Cervantes, Rainbow Connection  Laurie Jordan, Rainbow Connection  Lori Litel, United Parents  Jordan Waverek, Vista del Mar</p>	<p><b>VCBH Managers/Staff Present</b>  Susan Kelly, Youth &amp; Family Division Manager  Dina Olivas, CWS Manager  Pam Roach, Transformational Liaison  Salvador Manzo, Office of Health Equity and Training Manager  Edith Pham, Recording Secretary</p> <p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b>  <b>Wednesday, May 20, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm</b></p> <p>Ventura County Behavioral Health  1911 Williams Drive, Suite 200, Oxnard</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.	<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.	The agenda was approved as written. <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 March 11 meeting.	The minutes were approved as written. <b>M/S/C</b>	
IV.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> The Chair welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.		
V.	<b>Chair Announcements</b> None.		
VI.	<b>Public Comments</b> None.		
VII.	<b>New Business</b> A. Katie A and the Child Welfare Subsystem – Dina Olivas The term “Katie A” refers to a lawsuit filed on behalf of a youth who in ten years had been in 37 placements. The settlement affects all counties in California. It seeks to improve the provision of mental health and supportive services for children and youth in or at imminent risk of foster care placement. In Ventura County, the Human Services Agency (HSA) and Behavioral Health (VCBH) have increased their 20+ year collaboration. All children coming into the foster care system are screened for mental health needs and are reassessed at least every six months. Services are provided by VCBH’s Child Welfare Subsystem and by several Community-Based Organizations.		
VIII.	<b>Old Business</b> A. Packets to local doctors – Chair Nielsen The Chair and René Beauchesne have not met. Pam Roach volunteered to help.		

	<p>B. Katie A/VCBH update – Susan Kelly</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The 2014-15 Budget Projections were submitted to the CEO’s Office last month. A decrease of 3 million dollars was included in the submission. VCBH is focused on providing services to the moderate to severe population, as mandated. Youth with mild to moderate mental health needs have access to mental health services through Beacon Behavioral Health Services as part of the Gold Coast Health Care Plan. The Committee agreed to invite staff from Beacon to present at a future meeting.</li> <li>2. Susan Kelly had been preparing an application for a CHFFA (California Health Facilities Financing Authority) grant. The application had to be withdrawn due to the lack of available licensing options for children residential facilities. Ventura County continues to look at possible options for a Crisis Stabilization Unit.</li> </ol> <p>C. Suicide Prevention workgroup – Jody Kussin</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Community Commission for Ventura County (CCVC) will meet on 4/10.</li> <li>2. Jody Kussin will give presentations in Atlanta at the the Suicidology conference and in Sacramento regarding the needs of children in crisis.</li> <li>3. Calls to the CIRT hotline are up 12% compared to last year. There is a much higher number of calls from middle and high school students with homicidal ideations.</li> <li>4. Plans are underway for the Out of Darkness Walk in September, in association with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.</li> </ol> <p>D. Parent workgroup – Lori Litel</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lori Litel submitted a \$5,000 request for funding a website/blog to support parents; however, VCBH currently does not have the capacity to extend the funds.</li> </ol>	<p>Invite Beacon staff to present at a future meeting</p>	<p>Chair Nielsen</p>
<p><b>IX.</b></p>	<p><b>Committee Members’ Comments, Activities, updates, items of interest</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Pam Roach brought up a recent court ruling which stated that a child who is out of control can be removed from the family, even if the family is not to blame.</li> <li>B. Susan Kelly stated that VCBH will hold its May is Mental Health Month conference on Wednesday, May 6 in Oxnard.</li> </ol>		
<p><b>X.</b></p>	<p><b>Items for the Next Meeting Agenda</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Report on CMHACY Conference.</li> <li>B. Summer schedule for this Committee.</li> </ol>		
<p><b>XI.</b></p>	<p><b>Adjourn</b> The meeting adjourned at 11:45.</p>		