

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD  
YOUTH & FAMILY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES ■ Wednesday, October 13, 2021**

<p><b>Members Present</b> Kevin Clerici, Committee Chair Carole Shelton, Rainbow Connection Michael Rodriguez, BHAB Regina Reed, VCOE Martie Miles, Aspiranet Steven Graff, TCRC Dr. Danielle Shaw, Casa Pacifica</p> <p><b>Others Present</b> Melissa Hannah, United Parents Crystal Cummings, California Lutheran University, Education Joelle Vessels, ICFS Laurie Jordan, Tri-Counties Lorena Carrasco-Reyes, Shaaban Ghaus, Christopher Martinez, Probation Lorena Guereca, Vista Real Charter Clarissa Cajiau, Interpreter</p>	<p><b>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Managers/Staff Present</b> Dina Olivas, Youth &amp; Family Division Chief Gracie Lopez, VCBH Minute Taker Hilary Carson, MHSA Joanna Peterson, BHAB Assistant</p> <p><b>NEXT MEETING: December 8, 2021</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> Chair Clerici called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.		
II.	<b>Approval of the Agenda</b> Mr. Clerici asked the Committee to review and approve today's agenda. Michael Rodriguez moved to approve; Carole Shelton seconded. The motion carried unanimously through roll call.	Agenda approved as written. <b>M/S/C</b>	
III.	<b>Approval of the June 9, 2021 Minutes</b> Mr. Clerici asked the Committee to review and approve the minutes of the June 9, 2021 and June 9, 2021 meeting. Michael Rodriguez moved to approve; Carole Shelton seconded. The motion carried unanimously through roll call.	Meeting minutes approved as written. <b>M/S/C</b>	
IV.	<b>Approval of the August 11, 2021 minutes</b> Mr. Clerici asked the Committee to review and approve the minutes of the August 11, 2021 meeting. Michael Rodriguez moved to approve; Carole Shelton seconded. The motion carried unanimously through roll call.	Meeting minutes approved as written. <b>M/S/C</b>	
V.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Mr. Clerici welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.		
VI.	<b>Chair Announcements</b> Kevin announced Dina Olivas' retirement, thanked her for many years of service and expressed that she will be greatly missed.		
VII.	<b>Presentations</b> None.		
VIII.	<b>Public Comments</b> ❖ Carole Shelton spoke about her two children that have intellectual and developmental disabilities or IDD and behavioral health disorders noting that she has spoken before this Committee, at the Executive Committee and at the General BHAB meeting several times regarding her concerns about the system of care in Ventura County for youth and adults with a dual diagnosis. She provided information about a mental health symposium she attended in northern California and the services that are provided that target the most vulnerable populations. She urged the Behavioral Health Advisory Board and the Tri-Counties Regional Center to listen to the lived experience of families.		

IX.	<p><b>Contract Review</b> No comments were discussed.</p>		
X.	<p><b>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Youth &amp; Family Division Updates</b></p> <p>A. Youth &amp; Family Division – Dina Olivas, Division Chief</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Dina announced her retirement after 36 years as a social worker. She worked 20 years for VCBH in different roles. She thanked and expressed appreciate to everyone.</li> <li>❖ In the Youth &amp; Family Division, there are over 20 service contracts and approximately 4 MOUs for both services provided by VCBH and serviced provided for VCHB in addition to an array of contracts with VCBH’s community partners.</li> <li>❖ As many of you know, CalAim is the reform in medical services and is the largest reform in the last 20 to 30 years. Some of the key elements are integrated care and financial analysis so that families are not experiencing the push and the pull around services that need to be delivered. We have our major agencies that will be working together physically to ensure that services are paid for our medical population recipients. In addition, there is a huge push to have integrated care which means we all need to be communicating, which is inclusive with of our probation partners, ambulatory care partners, CBO partners, Tri-Counties, Public Health and Behavioral Health. Another part of it is having the integration both of individuals with disabilities and those struggling with substance use issues so that we have a department that covers everybody’s needs.</li> <li>❖ The concept of medical necessity and diagnosing. We finally gotten it that you do not have to have a label and don’t need to be highly impaired to receive services. It’s a huge shift towards looking through a trauma lens at prevention early intervention if there a suspicion of a need or identified need we open the doors.</li> <li>❖ There is a huge push in recognizing there needs to be better coordination with schools. We have been fortunate in having a 36 yrs. relationship with our SELPA partners and with our schools. There is a huge push in the recognition we have youth, and we have families that are at school and let’s continue to expand services into the schools.</li> <li>❖ Our Youth and Family division continues to enhance our services in our Juvenile facility with some recent legislation. We now have individuals who are older who are TAY age who are in our facility. We are looking to continue to expand those services to ensure that they not only get services in that facility but that critical point outside in the community.</li> <li>❖ We have established in coordination with our educational partners 8 wellness centers on High School campuses with the funding which is a grant for 5year one-time grant. Several legislators are working on trying to get that funding permanent. Each of those centers have a coordinator hired by the schools. Each of those 8 centers were able to hire 10 peers.</li> <li>❖ We are continuing having our ongoing treatment and collaboration meetings with Tri-Counties where we can meet and look at the needs of shared clients.</li> <li>❖ We are continuing to have our La Clave a USC based program for outreach engagement of the seriously mentally ill in the community or individuals who are suffering from mental health challenges. We have our staff that are trained up that are doing presentations in the community that are both in English and in Spanish.</li> <li>❖ We are continuing to work closely in working with our VCOE partners, SELPA partners in delivering school-based services as per the IEP.</li> <li>❖ We have some staff that will be presenting at Walking the Path conference.</li> <li>❖ In Dina’s place Jennifer Dougherty will be interim for the time being.</li> </ul> <p>B. <b>Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)</b> – Hilary Carson, Program Administrator, Innovations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ We have 3 Innovation programs end this past June. First of those final reports are set to be posted on our wellness everyday website. The bartenders gate keepers’ program. The other 2 programs push tech and healing with soul should be in the subsequent months.</li> <li>❖ The third sector innovation program is our multi county FSP project we are moving into the evaluation phase. Which means our contractor third sector who’s been supporting us in revamping and looking into all things FSP their role is set to end in November. We realized that we had done allot of work in our eligibility our graduation and our service guidelines that we are really focused on the adult population and adult services. We are going to be coming back next month to the General BHAB with the request to extend</li> </ul>		

	<p>third sector contract for this project. We hope to have service guidelines by the end of next fiscal year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Suicide Prevention Forum took place last month on the 23rd. We receive allot of positive feedback. We had various community members from Ventura County speak about their personal experiences with suicide. That will be posted in our wellness everyday website.</li> <li>❖ We are going to be doing some community updates for MHSA on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30p.m. and November 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00a.m. both via zoom. That is where we lay out what the plan is for this next year with MHSA money. We take your feedback on what the current plan is.</li> </ul>		
<b>XI.</b>	<p><b>Committee Members' Comments, Activities, Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Steve Graff- The assistant director of services for Ventura County Dr. Shah Azedi retired. They are in the process of selecting a new assistant director. In the middle of November, we will have someone in that seat.</li> <li>❖ There is a new program that took effect in the State of California with Regional Center eligibility as of July 16<sup>th</sup> called provisional eligibility which only affect 3 and 4yr old. These are kids that traditionally were looking as coming out early start highly problematic. If a kid is 5yrs older there is no probational eligibility.</li> <li>❖ Lorena Guereca- Reminder Vista Real Charter high school supports school youth ages 14 to 24yrs. For training, life skills also offer one on one teaching flexibility and free training. We enroll students all year long do not close for the summer. We have been partnering with several community organization to host COVID vaccination clinics out in Santa Pula community. We are hosting one this Saturday October 16th.</li> <li>❖ Michael Rodriguez- State long term Juvenile facilities are transition to the local county facilities. That transition continues to occur. The juvenile hall presuming programming that they had seized at the beginning of the outbreak including equine therapy where they bring miniature horses to assist in therapy in treatment for juveniles that are detained.</li> <li>❖ Laurie Jordan- Tri-Counties Regional Center is one of 7 regional centers in the State chosen to have a START Program (Systemic Therapeutic Assessment Resource Treatment) it's a comprehensive model of services and support that optimizes independence treatment and community living for individuals with intellectual and developmental and behavioral health needs. They will be having open houses to come by and looking what the model looks like. Laurie to email flyer to Gracie.</li> <li>❖ Dr. Shaw-Attended a National American of Pediatrics over the weekend. Attended a session for foster care adoption care youth. The speaker was recommending all the kids who are adopted be assessed for fetal substance alcohol spectrum disorders. Dr. Shaw asked if maybe she is not aware in the community that can start assessing. Per Steve Graff this was tried getting this going many years ago and it did not work out. Dr. Shaw feels there should be more resources for this.</li> <li>❖ Marie Miles- Thanked Dina and looking forward to collaboration in other ways.</li> <li>❖ Peer support- Parent partner support opening in our COEDS program. If you know of parents who have advocated for a child, their own or caregiver for a child specifically with an IEP would be great. We would be happy to hear from them.</li> <li>❖ We are looking for a clinic director to partner with Martie. She would like to meet with those individuals as well.</li> </ul>		
<b>XII.</b>	<p><b>Items for the Next Meeting Agenda</b> No discussion.</p>		
<b>XIII.</b>	<p><b>Adjourn</b> The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.</p>		

## Registration is Open CA START Open House

**What is an Open House?** A live, online forum (via Zoom) to provide an overview of the START model, CA START implementation, and information about the RFP process. There will be time for Q&A with the Center for START Services and CA START at the end of the forum.

**Intended Audience:** Potential providers of new START programs. While this forum is hosted by the CA START expansion, other interested providers are welcome to attend.

### 2 Open House Session Dates Available

#### Option 1

Monday, October 18  
1:00-2:30 pm PST/  
4:00-5:30pm EST

#### Option 2

Monday, November 1  
1:00-2:30 pm PST/  
4:00-5:30pm EST

**REGISTER NOW**

START, which stands for Systemic, Therapeutic, Assessment, Resources & Treatment, is a comprehensive model of services and supports that optimizes independence, treatment, and community living for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities (IDD) and behavioral health needs.



*Now We Have Hope: The Strength of the START Community* is a documentary film about START programs and the people and families they support in North Carolina, Texas, and New York City.

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