

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
ADULT SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES ■ Thursday, April 6, 2017

<p>Present Nancy Borchard, Co-Chair Gane Brooking, BHAB David Deutsch, NAMI Jennifer Goble, Pacific Clinics Dana Secor, Turning Point Foundation Mark Schumacher, Turning Point Foundation Denise Noguera, VCAAA</p>	<p>VCBH Managers/Staff Present Dr. John Schipper, Adult Division Chief Kathy Mulford, DUI Manager Luis Tovar, Ethnic Services Manager Pam Roach, Transformational Liaison Edith Pham, BHAB Assistant</p> <p>NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 4, 2017, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm</p> <p>Ventura County Behavioral Health 1911 Williams Drive, Training Room, 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.	Call to Order Co-Chair Nancy Borchard called the meeting to order at 10:05.		
II.	Approval of the Agenda Ms. Borchard asked the Committee to review and approve today's agenda.	The agenda was approved as written. M/S/C	
III.	Approval of the Minutes Ms. Borchard asked the committee to review and approve the minutes of the March 2, 2017 meeting.	The minutes were approved as written. M/S/C	
IV.	Welcome and Introductions Ms. Borchard welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.		
V.	Chair Announcements A few BHAB members have met once in a Budget Strategies workgroup to evaluate the mental health budget. This workgroup is limited to a few BHAB members and providers due to time constraints. No decisions have been made. Evaluation and planning workgroups are meeting to evaluate MHSA programs. A brief discussion took place regarding the lack of public input.		
VI.	Public Comments None.		
VII.	Members Comments A. Gane Brooking shared that on March 16 she attended the Continuum of Care meeting, which focuses on homelessness. She joined its housing workgroup. She stated that the business community in Ventura has not shown much interest in the housing problem, and relationships with business leaders need to be developed. The city of Ventura is working to open a homeless shelter that will provide supported services. B. David Deutsch reminded everyone that the NAMI Walk will take place on May 6. About 1,500 participants are expected. Donations generated by the walk help fund services such as Family-to-Family classes, In Our Own Voice, and other programs, groups and community presentations. Mr. Deutsch stated that NAMI's Friends in the Lobby is present at Vista del Mar Hospital and Hillmont Psychiatric Center (HPC). This program provides resources from people who have been hospitalized or have loved ones who have been hospitalized.		

C. Dr. John Schipper noted that since the recent closure of A&R (Assessment & Referral), emergency rooms (ER) seem to send clients out of county rather than contacting Hillmont Psychiatric Center (HPC), which uses one of its wings for Outpatient Observation Services (OPOS). VCBH is not directly involved in finding placement for clients once they are medically cleared at the ER.

Dr. Schipper noted that VCBH does not receive information on clients who are sent out of county from ERs. A discussion took place regarding the handling of clients by ERs.

Gane Brooking requested a presentation on OPOS.

D. Pam Roach noted that a new recovery coach is working in Ventura. Ms. Roach continues to present an orientation class twice a month at the Ventura clinic, once a month at the Older Adult clinic, and once a month in Spanish at the South Oxnard clinic for both North and South Oxnard clients.

E. Mark Schumacher noted that:

- a. Kalie Matisek is on maternity leave.
- b. The Wellness Center is impacted by clients and staff who are concerned about new immigration policies.
- c. Turning Point tries to participate in all community fairs. In partnership with MICOP, it is also participating weekly on a radio show called Viviendo Con Amor/Living with Love.
- d. Turning Point has hired a bilingual WRAP facilitator, who will bring WRAP to the Program Latino Indigeno (PLI) in the evening.
- e. Turning Point has been serving Castillo del Sol since January and has started its first WRAP class there.
- f. On Saturdays, Cottonwood residents attend the Wellness Center. Services are also provided at Sunrise, The Elms, and Villa Callegas.
- g. Turning Point is in the process of renovating the Safe Haven.

F. Dana Secor noted that Turning Point has hired two part-time bilingual staff. In May, the Club House and New Vision will start an LGBTQ group.

G. Jennifer Goble stated that Pacific Clinics has put in place at the Ventura and South Oxnard clinics a process where recovery coaches do outreach as soon as STAR refers clients to these home clinic; they invite clients to WRAP classes and help them attend orientations.

H. Denise Noguera stated that Area Agency on Aging is struggling to provide housing to veterans.

VIII. Presentation: Update from Cultural Equity Advisory Committee – Luis Tovar, Ethnic Services Manager

Luis Tovar works across the VCBH Divisions to ensure that the services that VCBH provides are accessible and appropriate to the community and reflect its cultural makeup.

In January, the Culture, Equity Advisory Committee, on which Gane Brooking serves, had a discussion about changes that would be made to federal policies on immigration. The local community is concerned about this. VCBH and the BHAB have sent the message out that culture is important and valued, regardless of people's legal status. VCBH wants the community to know that clients' legal status, if known, is not shared. VCBH focuses on providing mental health services.

	<p>VCBH is embedded in the Mexican Consulate in Oxnard and gives presentations to those seeking services there.</p> <p>Recently, the Mexican Consulate contacted Mr. Tovar with the idea of hosting a meeting with other Southern California consulates at VCBH and of continuing the dialogue with VCBH leadership.</p> <p>Mr. Tovar noted that VCBH's Office of Health and Equity and Training provides community outreach that raises awareness of services available. In Fiscal Year 2015-16, it participated in 136 events, resulting in over 19,000 individual contacts. Seventy one percent of presentations at outreach events were done in Spanish.</p>		
IX.	<p>Update: Behavioral Health Adult Division – Dr. John Schipper</p> <p>A. The Medi-Cal audit took place the previous week. Preliminary results indicate good outcomes for the system overview (95% compliance) and for chart review (91% compliance).</p> <p>B. Since implementation on January 30th, AOT has received 40 referrals, and 20 resulted in face-to-face contacts.</p>		
X.	<p>Update: Behavioral Health Substance Use Disorders – Kathy Mulford, DUI Manager</p> <p>A. Staff are attending various trainings.</p> <p>B. The division is preparing for the DMC-ODS (Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Waiver). The focus is on services that will be paid by Medi-Cal. Staff and providers are undergoing training provided by UCLA. ADP has not yet submitted its rates to the state for approval. ADP is anticipating an influx of new clients as they will be able to receive some services for which they were not eligible in the past.</p>		
XI.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at noon.</p>		