

**++-BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD  
TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH (TAY) COMMITTEE  
MINUTES ■ Thursday, October 26, 2017**

<p><b><u>Board Members Present</u></b>          Cmdr. Ron Nelson, Committee Chair          Ratan Bhavnani, BHAB 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair          Anna Colangelo, Casa Pacifica          Mark Stadler, CIT          Erin Locklear, Interface          Catherine Sander, NAMI          Georgia Perry, NAMI          Vanessa Cortez, TAY Tunnel          Sheri Long, Vista Real Charter High Schools          Richard Linares, Oxnard Dream Center, Inc.</p>	<p><b><u>VCBH Staff Present</u></b>          Sevet Johnson, Adult Division Sr. Manager          Edith Pham, BHAB Assistant</p> <p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b>  <b>Thursday, January 25, 2018, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b></p> <p>Ventura County Behavioral Health          1911 Williams Drive, Lake Tahoe Room (second floor), 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> Chair Cmdr. Ron Nelson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.		
II.	<b>Approval of the Agenda</b> Cmdr. Nelson asked the Committee to review and approve today's agenda. Vanessa Cortez moved to approve, Anna Colangelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.	The agenda was approved as written. <b>M/S/C</b>	
III.	<b>Approval of the Minutes</b> Cmdr. Nelson asked the committee to review and approve the minutes of the September 28, 2017 meeting. Catherine Sander moved to approve, Anna Colangelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.	The minutes were approved as written. <b>M/S/C</b>	
IV.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Cmdr. Nelson welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.		
V.	<b>Chair Announcements</b> A. Cmdr. Nelson reminded all that during the July 27 meeting the committee agreed to go dark in November and December. The next meeting will be on January 25, 2018 B. Researchers from New York University's Patient Centered Outcome Research Institute (PCORI) will hold a stakeholder meeting on November 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m. at Barrelhouse in Ventura. The goal is to identify needs, gaps and resources and to raise awareness of the broad spectrum of mental health issues in the county. This stakeholder meeting is open to the public, and all are invited to participate. C. The Todd Rd jail is continuing the Rehabilitation Utilizing Furry Friends (RUFF Road) program. Inmates are currently getting the second group of four shelter dogs ready for adoption. The program has exceeded expectations as it is reducing behavior issues and tension. For this group, the Sheriff's Office has partnered with the non-profit VIP Dog.	Go dark in November and December 2017	
VI.	<b>Public Comments</b> Georgia Perry commented on the recent TAY Tunnel 10 Year Anniversary event, which was well attended and was very positive.		
VII.	<b>Presentation: Oxnard Dream Center – Richard Linares, Director</b> The Oxnard Dream Center does outreach to the homeless, including providing laundry service once a month, and clothing giveaway. It shelters people in two properties in El Rio. These houses welcome various populations: homeless TAY and adults, people with a mental illness, people on probation, etc. The rent is \$600, and residents can earn discounts for staying clean and sober.	Information	

	<p>The program partners with various agencies to provide support to the residents, who stay between two days and six months.</p> <p>Most residents qualify for CalFresh. They are provided a gift basket when they first arrive. They prepare their own meals and do their own laundry.</p> <p>Due to funding challenges, one of the two homes may have to close in the near future.</p> <p>The program collaborates with People Ready, which provides immediate temporary jobs. Currently, all residents are employed.</p> <p>Three months ago the program opened a small shop, Good Hustlers, in downtown Oxnard. It provides entry-level employment for the homeless and re-entry populations.</p> <p>Mr. Linares thanked all who help the TAY population. Erin Locklear noted that because it is difficult to shelter TAY clients, earlier this year Interface reached out to Mr. Linares so they could cooperate on their common goal.</p>		
<p><b>VIII.</b></p>	<p><b>Discussion: Strategies to Achieve the Committee’s Objectives</b></p> <p>Cmdr. Nelson reminded all that the committee assists the BHAB in identifying the needs of the TAY population and gaps in services. A discussion highlighted two types of needs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The TAY cannot become self-sufficient without holding a job. The County’s American Job Center in Oxnard and the Department of Rehabilitation are valuable resources.</li> <li>2. Substance use services are needed. They should be integrated with mental health services.</li> </ol>		
<p><b>IX.</b></p>	<p><b>VCBH Transitions Update – Sevet Johnson</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. On November 1<sup>st</sup> Transitions will hold a forum to discuss the program and brainstorm ideas for new groups, activities and outings for the next year.</li> <li>B. On November 8<sup>th</sup> a Dia de Los Muertos Celebration will take place in the training room.</li> <li>C. Ms. Johnson distributed the TAY Group Calendar for Fall 2017.</li> <li>D. Two staff attended an LGBTQ+ training. They will soon start offering an LGBTQ+ support group every Thursday at 2:00 p.m. for any Transitions clients who would like to attend.</li> <li>E. Two staff attended a peers training. They will start a social skills group for any TAY who may have issues relating to or interacting with peers.</li> </ol>		
<p><b>X.</b></p>	<p><b>VCBH Alcohol &amp; Drug Program Update – Anna Flores</b></p> <p>Ms. Flores was not in attendance.</p>		
<p><b>XI.</b></p>	<p><b>Providers Update</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Anna Colangelo noted that Casa Pacifica’s recent Road to Independence event had about 55 to 60 participants ages 14 to 21, who learned some independent living skills. Casa Pacifica will donate turkeys or Thanksgiving baskets to their alumni. An annual alumni party is being planned; alumni and their families will receive gifts.</li> <li>B. Mark Stadler noted that 82% of parole officers are now CIT trained. The next Crisis Intervention Training will be in early December.</li> <li>C. Erin Locklear noted that Interface is opening a human trafficking shelter for females 18 years old and over. Male victims of human trafficking can receive community-based case management. The human trafficking hotline is available for anyone to call. Interface has a joint program with Human Services Agency’s Children and Families Services and VCBH. Called Home Builders, this is an intensive four weeks of services for families who would otherwise have their children removed. This is new to the state of California.</li> </ol>		

	<p>The Continuum of Care Youth Collaborative continues to meet monthly. The next meeting will be on November 13<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is open to all and will be an opportunity to collect information from various providers to get a better understanding of gaps in services.</p> <p>D. Vanessa Cortez thanked all who attended the recent TAY Tunnel 10 Year Anniversary celebration. Upcoming events include Monday night football, a Halloween party, and the TAY marijuana project focus group on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks to the work of Javier Bautista, recovery specialist, Ventura College will send out TAY Tunnel pocket cards to all their students.</p> <p>E. Sheri Long reminded all that Vista Real Charter High School takes students up to age 24 who have dropped out or cannot attend regular high school. The campus is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and provides a flexible schedule.</p> <p>F. Catherine Sander noted that NAMI's 1<sup>st</sup> Evening at the Theater fundraising gala on October 21<sup>st</sup> was successful. NAMI is providing peer-to-peer and family-to-family classes. A basic class will start on November 4<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>G. Ratan Bhavnani noted that the BHAB is currently looking into the possibility of amending its Bylaws and committee membership. He encouraged all to continue to attend and participate in the BHAB committee meetings.</p>		
<b>XII.</b>	<p><b>Committee Members' and Participants' Comments, Activities</b></p> <p>A. Vanessa Cortez noted that on November 2<sup>nd</sup> the TAY Tunnel will hold a discussion and survey on marijuana.</p>		
	<p><b>Items for Next Meeting Agenda</b></p> <p>Cmdr. Nelson proposed to hold the next meeting, in January, at the America's Job Center, 2901 N. Ventura Rd in Oxnard's Riverpark. The committee agreed. Cmdr. Nelson will contact staff there.</p>		
<b>XIII.</b>	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.</p>		