

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD  
**ADULT SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES ■Thursday, May 5, 2016**

<b>Present:</b> Karyn Bates, Co-Chair Larry Hicks, BHAB Sid White, BHAB Gane Brooking, BHAB Anne Calica, Aegis Maria Meza, Aegis Eileen Tracy, Family Engagement in Re-Entry David Deutsch, NAMI Jen Gomez, Pacific Clinics Asencion Romero, TAY Tunnel Batya Zimmerman, Telecare Katlin Phillips, Telecare Mark Schumacher, Turning Point Foundation Denise Noguera, VCAA	<b>VCBH staff:</b> Robert Mendoza, Region Manager, Adult Division Anna Flores, ADP Manager Pam Roach, Transformational Liaison Irma Victorino, Management Assistant  <b>Guest:</b> Christina Marroquin, Director, Ventura County Rescue Mission's Lighthouse for Women's Shelter  <b>Next meeting: Thursday June 2, 2016</b> <b>Lake Tahoe Conf. Room, Oxnard</b>
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Note: The Committee has not yet approved these minutes. There may be corrections before they are accepted in their final form.

	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
<b>I.</b>	<b>Call to Order</b> Co-chair Karyn Bates called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.		
<b>II.</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Co-chair Bates welcomed everyone and requested introductions.		
<b>III.</b>	<b>Approval of the Agenda</b> 1. Co-chair Bates asked the Committee for any discussion or changes to the agenda. 2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented.	The agenda was approved as presented. M/S/C	
<b>IV.</b>	<b>Approval of the Minutes</b> 1. Co-chair Bates asked the Committee for any discussion or changes to the April 7, 2016 minutes of meeting. 2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written.	The minutes were approved as written. M/S/C	
<b>V.</b>	<b>Chair Announcements</b>		
	1. Co-chair Bates shared the following articles: a. Ventura Breeze, April 27-May 10, 2016 issue. i) <i>"Homeless Workshop Draws Interested parties"</i> regarding the City Council's Community Homeless Workshop held at the Derby Club last April 18. Discussions were focused on lack of affordable housing, addiction, mental health, and impact of homelessness in the community. ii) <i>"12<sup>th</sup> Annual NAMI Ventura County Walk"</i> noted that the NAMI walk is an annual event providing opportunity to raise awareness about the facts of mental illness, erase stigma associated with mental illness and raise funds for the various NAMI projects and services. b. Ventura County STAR, Tuesday, April 26 <i>"State Ok's Mental Health Unit Funds."</i> The article mentioned the \$61 million mental health facility to be built at the Todd Road Jail. The California Board of State and Community Corrections has authorized the remaining fund to build this facility intended for inmates with psychiatric and medical conditions. Ventura County Sheriff's Cmdr. Ron Nelson is overseeing the jail. 2. The 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Indigenous Knowledge Conference was held last April 29 in Oxnard College. Luz Maria de la Torre Amaguana		

	<p>was one of the keynote speakers of the whole day conference. Prof. del la Torre currently teaches in UCLA. She is developing Quechua/Kichwa language as a method of teaching. Conference attendees had the chance to participate in workshops based on their interests ranging from labor issues, politics, mental health, languages, and medicine.</p>		
<b>VI.</b>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Eileen Tracey distributed a flyer on “Family Engagement in Re-Entry.” She mentioned that this program assists clients and family members in transitioning from jail to the outside environment. She noted that there have been positive responses from individuals who have heard her inspirational talks.</li> <li>2. Gane Brooking announced a meeting scheduled on Wednesday, May 18 at 2:00 pm regarding Restorative Justice to be located at HSA offices on Partridge Dr., Ventura. Co-Chair Bates briefly mentioned about the mission and purpose of the National Association of Community and Restorative Justice (NACRJ).</li> </ol>	Flyer distributed	
<b>VII.</b>	<p><b>Time Certain: Presentation, Christina Marroquin, Director, Ventura County Rescue Mission’s Lighthouse for Women’s Shelter</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ms. Marroquin gave an overview on the nature and business structure of the Lighthouse for Women &amp; Children. It is an outreach program which partners with the Ventura County Rescue Mission for men. Both programs belong to the biblically-based Association of Gospel Rescue Missions. Her presentation covered the purpose, mission, and vision of the Lighthouse which offers a complete continuum of care specifically tailored to the needs of homeless women and families. This include refuge, recovery, and restoration.</li> <li>2. Lighthouse clients are single or married women, mothers with or without children and older adult women. Christina discussed various challenges their clients face as well as the services offered. The Lighthouse provides life-changing treatment/ recovery programs free-of-charge.</li> <li>3. The Lighthouse has currently a capacity of 112 beds which include a 22-bed emergency shelter. Life recovery programs and classes are conducted Monday to Friday. The Angel Hotel will soon have an additional 44 beds to provide emergency shelter.</li> <li>4. They advocate the Edging God Out or Exalting God Only (EGO) as the Lighthouse leadership model. Being a faith-based organization, the Lighthouse and VC Rescue Mission are centered on Christian principles. Ms. Marroquin explained that this does not impede their organization from accepting individuals who have other religious preferences.</li> <li>5. Funding of these programs is through monetary donations from private individuals, community partners, family foundations, online donations, and Ventura County Thrift Stores.</li> <li>6. Ms. Marroquin related a couple of success stories of clients who have completed their program. Most of their clients are given work opportunities at the VC Thrift Stores. Various volunteer opportunities are available to help in their outreach projects.</li> <li>7. As part of the BHAB site visit planning, Ms. Bates suggested that a visit be scheduled for the Lighthouse and Rescue Mission facilities. The Committee agreed. This will be discussed further at the BHAB General Meeting when site visits are prioritized.</li> </ol>	Flyer distributed	

VIII.	<p><b>Members Comments</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Telecare</b>, Batya Zimmerman – The MHRC locked facility is scheduled to open in August at 333 Skyway Drive, Camarillo Airport. Recruitment for positions in MHRC is now open. Residents of the four Casas (located on Lewis Road, Camarillo) attended the NAMI walk last Saturday, April 30.</li> <li>2. <b>Pacific Clinics</b>, Jennifer Gomez – Pacific Clinics just received notice today from VCBH Contracts Dept. that they were awarded the Peer Services contract starting this fiscal year. Sevet Johnson will be the oversight VCBH manager. During the transition, recovery coaches and wrap classes will still continue in all clinics. More details will be provided.</li> <li>3. <b>TAY Tunnel</b>, Asencion Romero – They have recently started the Career Club. Karin Findeis is the new Employment Specialist. The program is for individuals from 18 to 24 years old. It is geared towards job readiness and job retention. The program is 12 weeks and scheduled twice a week.</li> <li>4. <b>NAMI</b>, David Deutsch – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Mr. Deutsch thanked everyone who participated in the recently concluded NAMI walk last Saturday, April 30. He noted that this is the largest turnout with about 1,500 participants.</li> <li>b. NAMI General Meeting is on Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 to 9:00 pm, Vineyard Community Church, Flynn Road, Camarillo. Rigoberto Vargas, Director of Ventura County Public Health will give a presentation on the health status of Ventura County. He will discuss smoking cessation and the key initiatives in Ventura County.</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Gane Brooking – The Cultural &amp; Equity Committee is meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 10:00 am at Williams Drive, Oxnard.</li> <li>6. <b>Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (VCAAA)</b>, Denise Noguera – Encore, a partnership between Ventura Adult and Continuing Education (VACE) and VCAAA, is sponsoring a computer and technology training for senior job seekers. Anyone who is 50 years or older are welcome. Registration fee is \$10. Register by calling VACE (805) 289-7925 or visit <a href="http://www.adultedventura.edu">www.adultedventura.edu</a>.</li> <li>7. <b>Turning Point Foundation</b>, Mark Schumacher <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Quality of Life program is extended for another year.</li> <li>b. Champions of Mental Health Fundraising Brunch last Sunday, April 24 was well attended.</li> <li>c. There are plans of making improvements to Our Place Safe Haven on Thompson, Ventura.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <b>Aegis, Anne Calica</b> – Since the official opening of Ventura Clinic on April 12, they are now providing services to 30 clients and 520 clients in Oxnard. Clients are Medi-Cal funded however they still provide services to clients that have no coverage and work with them in a sliding scale. Oxnard clinic contact is (805) 483-2253; Ventura clinic (805) 765-6495</li> </ol>		
IX.	<p><b>Mental Health Update – Robert Mendoza, Region Manager STAR/RISE/Crisis</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Children’s Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU)</b> – a major reorganization transition plan is in place.</li> <li>2. <b>Staffing</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Erik Elhard is the new Clinic Administrator joining the Crisis Team.</li> <li>b) Recruitment for Adult Division Manager is ongoing. A replacement will be announced later.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) Robert Mendoza is leaving the department. Meanwhile, Julie Glantz, Clinic Administrator of EPICS/ARS, will oversee the STAR/Crisis/RISE program until the new region manager is appointed.</li> <li>d) Amanda Pyper, Manager of Oxnard Region, left the department last week. Recruitment for this vacancy is ongoing.</li> <li>e) Sal Manzo, BHC Manager, will temporarily cover Oxnard Adult program until a new manager is named.</li> <li>f) Briana Crikelair, Clinic Administrator of Ventura Clinic, will oversee North Oxnard Adult Clinic until the new CA is appointed.</li> <li>g) Interviews are ongoing for the CA position for North Oxnard clinic and Region Manager position.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. South Oxnard Clinic conducted a Spanish meet and greet last month introducing Tele-psychiatry and services available to the Latino community.</li> <li>4. May is Mental Health Month conference completed yesterday. The theme of the conference highlighted on anxiety disorders.</li> <li>5. Simi Valley ambulatory Care Clinic is expanding and require the space that our VCBH Adult Outpatient Clinic is operating; a new space must be found for our Simi Adult Outpatient Clinic. HSA is currently working on this.</li> <li>6. The Committee expressed its gratitude to Mr. Mendoza for his leadership and hard work.</li> </ul>		
<b>X.</b>	<p><b>Alcohol and Drug Update – Anna Flores, ADP Manager</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recruitment for a Clinic Administrator for Fillmore Program is ongoing. For many years clinics, including Fillmore site, have started as satellite clinics to DUI Programs. The expansion of Fillmore Clinic to a free-standing ADP clinic is due to the growing number of ADP clients requesting services in Fillmore.</li> <li>2. ADP is still working on the Priority Access to Services and Support (PASS) Pilot Project.</li> <li>3. Bi-weekly phone calls with state and other counties are ongoing to discuss Drug Medical Organized Delivery System. Three counties have already been approved and they are sharing their methodology with the department. Draft plan is still under revision and will be submitted to the state once finalized. 30% of clients are self-referred.</li> </ul>		
<b>XI.</b>	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 11:55 am. Next meeting is on Thursday, June 2, 2016.</p>		