BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

ADULT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES • Thursday, May 7, 2015

Present:

Karyn Bates, Co-Chair Beverly Wisotsky, BHAB Debora Schreiber, VSSTF/NAMI Liz Warren, Client Network Mark Schumacher, Turning Point Foundation Denise Noguera, VCAAA Jennifer Gomez, Pacific Clinics Gane Booking Cheryl Malinowski, Telecare Cary Davis, Family Member VCBH staff:

Pam Fisher, Adult Division Manager Pam Roach, Transformational Liaison Officer Amanda Pyper, BH Manager, Oxnard Adults Kathy Mulford, BH Manager, DUI Irma Victorino, Management Assistant

Next meeting: Thursday, June 4, 2015

Lake Tahoe Conf. Room, Oxnard

Note: The Committee has not yet approved these minutes. There may be corrections before they are accepted in their final form.

	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS	RECOMMENDATIO NS/ ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
I.	Call to Order Co-chair Karyn Bates called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.		
II.	Welcome and Introductions Co-chair Bates welcomed everyone and requested introductions. She mentioned that Co-chair Nancy Borchard is unable to attend meeting today.		
III.	 Approval of the Agenda 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	
IV.	 Approval of the Minutes Co-Chair Bates asked the Committee for any discussion or changes to the April 2, 2015 minutes of meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended. 	The minutes were approved as presented. M/S/C	
V.	Chair Announcements		### **********************************
	 Co-Chair Bates shared the article Homeless count continues decline featured in Ventura County STAR, April 22, 2015. The article talks about number of homeless men, women, and children in Ventura County. Reference to the article, Ms. Bates mentioned that the city has recently launched the "park ambassador" program with downtown business improvement district. Co-Chair Bates distributed some current proposed legislation in the form of the NAMI California Bill List 2015 and referred to last page of document with the contact names as to "Where to Write." To share stories related to the list of legislation or for guidance writing a letter for support, contact kiran@namica.org. May is Mental Health Month Conference was held yesterday. 		
VI.	Public Comments		
v I.	Cary Davis expressed her concern about the housing needs of individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and talked about the current situation of her son.		
VII.	Report on Site Visit – Quality of Life 1. Co-chair Bates mentioned that the Behavioral Health Advisory Board has mandated all Committees to conduct site visits. The BHAB Adult Services Committee is represented by Karyn Bates, Nancy Borchard, and Beverly Wisotsky. The group was unable to conduct another site visit since their last visit to Sunrise and Elms in February 2015.		

VII. **Provider's Comments** 1. Transformational Liaison, Pam Roach a. Tour at Elms is scheduled tomorrow with Mark Schumacher; b. Weekly orientation classes for consumers and family members are ongoing. Resource packets with various resource materials such as Adult Safety Plan, welcome letter, benefits information sheet, list of websites to get discounted prescriptions, patient rites, and more are provided during orientation. A Recovery Coach is present to discuss roles of psychiatrists, nurses, etc. and describe classes/groups being offered in the outpatient clinic. 2. Turning Point Foundation, Mark Schumacher a. Quality of Life Program is in progress. Mark has recently made presentations about this program to clients and staff at the Ventura Outpatient Clinic and the Older Adults Program. b. A new mobility van is now available to transport members. 3. Pacific Clinics, Jennifer Gomez a. Health Navigation Certification was postponed until end of the month. b. Basic life skills will be offered to Phoenix Youth and Family Program in coordination with Steve Sherry, Clinic Administrator. c. Successful completion of the Psycho Education series for family members. Eight of the fifteen families are core families; 4 parents are now ready to act as co-facilitators. Ms. Gomez mentioned that Bilal Housan, one of TAY members was honored during the Rose Bowl Fundraiser. Ms. Gomez shared success story of Mr. Housan who started connections with the TAY/Pacific Clinic at the age of 19. At present, he is partnering with Peter Brown advocating housing needs in the City of Ventura. e. Average of 12-18 contacts a month and approximately 30-40 quarterly membership at TAY Tunnel. 4. VCAAA, Denise Noguera a. "Homeshare" is a VCAA housing program for disabled individuals 18 years of age and older operated by two employees and several volunteers. They perform background checks to assess home providers and assist disabled individuals in filling out applications. Community resources for this program include church groups and book groups. b. The VCAAA office is located at 646 County Square Drive, Suite 100, Ventura, CA 93003. 5. Client Network, Liz Warren a. Client Network sponsored the Bowling Event last month in celebration of its 15th Anniversary. Seventy people came; 56 participated in the bowling event. The event was a huge success facilitated by the participation of several providers. IX. Mental Health Update - Pam Fisher, Adult Division Manager 1. Request for Proposals (RFPs) for the 15-bed MHRC located at Camarillo Airport are now complete. Additional questions will be sent out and decision will be finalized within two weeks. 2. Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) started a multi-family group for clients experiencing early psychosis. There are currently four families participating in the program. 3. The department is sending staff from Older Adults Program this month to the Hoarding Conference and Dementia Training. 4. STAR assessors were trained by the Sheriff's office last month on engaging and differentiating clients who have substance abuse problems. Alcohol and Drug Update - Kathy Mulford, BH Manager, DUI IX. 1. Kathy Mulford made the report on behalf of Anna Flores, BH Manager, ADP. The department recently launched the Overdose Prevention Project. Preliminary data will be available next meeting. 3. The department recently received a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety.

	Prevention Awareness Campaign is coming soon. A save-the-date will be posted soon.	
X.	Members' Comments None	
XI.	Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am. Next meeting is scheduled on June 4, 2015.	