BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES • Monday, February 8, 2016

Board Members Present

Janis Gardner, Chair
Carol Thomas, 1st Vice Chair
Jerry Harris, 2nd Vice Chair
Nancy Borchard, Secretary
Larry Hicks
Karyn Bates
Gane Brooking
Kay Wilson-Bolton

VCBH Staff Present

Elaine Crandall, Director Edith Pham, BHAB Assistant Gloria Vega

Guests

Jeanine Singer Bair

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, March 14, 2016, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Ventura County Behavioral Health 1911 Williams Drive, Suite 200, Oxnard

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 Chair Gardner called the meeting to order at 1:05.		
II.	Approval of the Agenda Chair Gardner asked the Committee to review and approve today's agenda.	The agenda was approved as written. M/S/C	
III.	 Approval of the Minutes Chair Gardner asked the committee to review and approve the minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting. A. Nancy Borchard questioned the appropriateness of including written public comments in the minutes. B. Jerry Harris suggested that public comments be filed without being sent out, and that all documents shared in a meeting be attached to the minutes. He clarified that his comment included in the Public Comments ("written statement be attached to the Minutes") is not related to Laura's Law; rather, it is a general comment. On Item X. where he suggested the director report be condensed, Mr. Harris stated that other members had come up with this idea. C. Carol Thomas noted that at the California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions (CIBHS) training she attended recently, the trainers stated that anyone who makes a public comment can choose to remain anonymous. Commenters should be called up by their comment topic rather than by their names. 	The minutes were approved as amended. M/S/C	
IV.	Welcome and Self-Introductions Chair Gardner welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.	Information	
V.	 Chair Announcements A. There will be an Autism Services panel on 2/25/16 from 6:15-8:00 p.m. at Tri-Counties Regional Center in Simi Valley. B. At the Board of Supervisors meeting on 2/23 at 1:30 VCBH will give a presentation on Laura's Law, and BHAB will present its recommendations. Everyone is encouraged to attend. 	Information	
VI.	Public Comments Jeanine Singer Bair spoke in support of opening an autism crisis center. She shared that the number of children and adults with autism living in the county is in the hundreds. The families of individuals with autism need support.	Information	

VII.	 BHAB Members Announcements/Comments A. Jerry Harris reported that the 2/3/16 edition of Ventura Star newspaper included an article on doctors and marijuana. Dr. Thurston was quoted as saying that the California Medical Association (CMA) is in support of a marijuana initiative. Chair Gardner stated that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved an ordinance to prevent the commercial cultivation of marijuana. Several Supervisors were concerned that legitimate medical marijuana patients have access to it if they need it, perhaps through delivery services. The BOS is asking the Resource Management Agency to hold a stakeholder meeting to address the marijuana issue. The BHAB had previously approved a Teen Health Prevention document. It also approved a paper written by Alcohol and Drug Programs about education and the protection of youth. Chair Gardner will send the two reports to the Executive team. B. Jerry Harris requested guidelines from the Board of Supervisors to address whether the BHAB may take public positions and make recommendations on pending 	Information Share two reports with Executive team	Chair
	legislation. Director Crandall will contact County Counsel to clarify the role of the BHAB on legislative policies and to solicit guidelines for board commissions to follow for taking public positions. C. Carol Thomas stated that "At the regional training I attended recently, it was comforting to hear participants discuss some of the problems they deal with on their	Obtain guidelines from County Counsel	Director Crandall
	 boards. In contrast, this Board works well together and is cordial." D. Larry Hicks is pleased with recent improvements to bus routes. His commute from home to the VCBH Administration building has been greatly reduced, from 3 hours to 1 hour 15 minutes. E. A discussion took place regarding the duration of the General Meetings and whether to lengthen them to 2 ½ hours. Chair Gardner will include this item in the next General Meeting agenda. 		
VIII.	 New Business A. Committee Reports Chair Gardner stated that these reports have not been included for a while because of Laura's Law and the Bylaws work. They will now be part of every General Meeting. The Adult Committee will report in March. A discussion took place regarding items to be put on the agenda. Nancy Borchard requested a five-minute report from each committee at every BHAB General Meeting. Kay Wilson Bolton proposed to discuss goal settings in a separate meeting. Jerry Harris requested to receive the agendas and minutes sooner than the Thursday prior to the meetings. 	Information	
	 B. Equity Workgroup A discussion took place regarding the Equity workgroup, which has not met in several months, following the resignation of its Chair, Dr. Daniel Jordan. Nancy Borchard stated that she attended the workgroup; she felt some discourse was adversarial. Kay Wilson-Bolton volunteered to ask some of the Latino community workgroup members whether to reconvene and discuss the format to work under. Jerry Harris and Kay Wilson-Bolton are in favor of the group resuming its work. Director Crandall noted that some workgroup members had questioned what data to use in their discussions. Gane Brooking noted that some meetings used to take place where equity was looked at for many groups, not just the Latino population. 		
	C. BHAB Training Update Carol Thomas is moving her training to April so that she may include information she will receive at a train-the-trainer training in early April in Sacramento.		

	The meeting adjourned at 2:55.	
X.	Events and Announcements A. Proposed Recognition Award for March Chair Gardner proposed to present recognition awards to Elaine Augustine in February and to Pam Fisher in March. All members agreed. Adjourn	Information
	D. BHAB Bylaws Chair Gardner stated that the BHAB Bylaws will be presented for adoption by the Board of Supervisors on February 23 rd .	
	C. Laura's Law Chair Gardner stated that Laura's Law is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Supervisors on March 8 at approximately 1:30.	
	B. Annual Report Jerry Harris shared a preliminary Annual Report template and a Committee Report Format. Karyn Bates stated that the Adult Committee, which she co-chairs, focuses on discussions, education and advocacy. Chair Gardner noted that she would like to meet once a month with all the Committee Chairs.	
₹.	Old Business A. BHAB Priorities for 2016 Kay Wilson-Bolton proposed to have a goal setting session outside of the General Meeting. Karyn Bates noted that in the past each committee provided three goals.	Information
	G. Director's Report Timeline A proposal was made to have the Director speak to the highlights of her written report. Others like the detailed oral reports she gives. Director Crandall stated that over the last few months she has shared a lot of information about news at the state level. She will now focus more on VCBH news and information.	
	F. Site Visits After a brief discussion, the committee agreed to delay bringing this to the General Meeting and to keep it on the Executive agenda.	
	E. Letter to Board of Supervisors re WIC Code for BHAB Budget Chair Gardner explained that if the Board of Supervisors agrees to provide some funding to the BHAB, that money could be used to reimburse members' trainings and conferences, and possibly transportation.	
	 D. Presentation for February General Meeting: Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Patrick Zarate will present on DMC-ODS. A discussion took place regarding the time allotted to Mental Health and to Alcohol/Drugs during the General Meetings. 	

Behavioral Health Advisory Board EXECUTIVE Meeting Attendance 20-15 - 2016

Member	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec: Dark	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Janis Gardner Chair	х	х	х	х	х		х	х				
Carol Thomas 1 st Vice-Chair		х	х		х		х	х				
Jerry Harris 2 nd Vice Chair	х	х	х	х	х			х				
Nancy Borchard Secretary	х		х	х				х				

Karyn Bates	х		х	х	х	х		
Gane Brooking						х		
Larry Hicks	х	х	х	х	х	х		
Kay Wilson-Bolton					х	х		

Present = x

District 1	Supervisor Bennett
District 2	Supervisor Parks
District 3	Supervisor Long
District 4	Supervisor Foy
District 5	Supervisor Zaragoza