

**VENTURA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

December 15, 2014

NEXT MEETING:

**Monday January 26, 2015
1:00 PM- 3:30 PM**

Ventura County Behavioral Health Administration
1911 Williams Drive, Suite 200 ♦ Oxnard, CA 93036
Lake Tahoe Conference Room

Note: The Behavioral Health Advisory Board has not yet approved these minutes. There may be additions/deletions or corrections before the minutes are accepted in final form.

December 15, 2014 Meeting Attendance Roster

Members Present:

David Holmboe, Chair
Karyn Bates
René Beauchesne, LCSW
Nancy Borchard
Janis Gardner
Jerry Harris
Irene Mellick, LCSW
Dr. Irene Pinkard
Anita Ranade
Kiran Sahota
Carol Thomas
Beverly Wisotsky, LMFT
Sandra Wolfe
John Zaragoza, Supervisor

Members Absent:

Monique Garcia
Kate Mills
Denise Nielsen
McKian Nielsen

VCBH Administration Staff Present:

Susan Kelly, LMFT
Deborah Thurber, MD
Celia Woods, MD
Patrick Zarate
Anna Ware

Division Manager Youth & Family
Youth & Family Medical Director
Adult Medical Director
Division Manager, Alcohol & Drug Programs
MA, BHAB

Others Present:

Ratan Bhavnani
Lucrecia Campos-Juarez
Jen Gomez
Chuck Kairys
Jason Meek
Omari Pryor

NAMI
Clinicas de Camino Real
TAY Tunnel
Anka Behavioral Health
Turning Point Foundation
Aurora Behavioral Health

	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
I.	BHAB Call to Order		
	Mr. Holmboe called the meeting to order at 1:12 PM.		
II.	Approval of the Agenda (Action)		
	The December 15, 2014 agenda was approved as written.	The agenda was approved. M/S/C.	
III.	Approval of the November 17, 2014 Minutes (Action)		
	The minutes were approved as written.	The minutes were approved. M/S/C.	
IV.	Welcome and Introductions		
	Mr. Holmboe welcomed the board; introductions were completed around the table.	Information.	
V.	Recognition Award		
	<p>A) Mr. Holmboe presented a Certificate of Commendation to Deputy Joe Preciado in recognition of his outstanding service to the citizens of Ventura County. Deputy Preciado has provided meaningful support and resources to individuals and families who lack secure shelter in the city of Camarillo through Project H.O.P.E. (Helping Our Community Progress Efficiently) and his close collaboration with over 250 community resources and service partners. The Behavioral Health Advisory Board of Ventura County honors Deputy Joe Preciado for his hard work and dedication.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Gardner recognized Deputy Preciado for the outstanding job he does to engage homeless individuals and link them to shelter and supportive services. 2. Ms. Sahota praised Deputy Preciado for the care and respect he extends to homeless individuals in our community. 3. Supervisor Zaragoza recognized Deputy Preciado for his dedication to serve those most urgently in need of shelter and assistance and thanked him for his outstanding service to the community. 4. Mr. Harris recognized Deputy Preciado as an outstanding example of the positive work that law enforcement is committed to within the county. 5. Ms. Borchard praised Deputy Preciado for his involvement in the Adult Committee, recognizing his ability to build relationships and rapport with homeless individuals diagnosed with mental illness. Mrs. Borchard commented that Deputy Preciado has provided a positive, professional, caring image of law enforcement to help resolve the fear and apprehension many individuals in this community feel. 6. Deputy Preciado thanked the Sheriffs management personnel, his supervisor and colleagues for their support and guidance, the county Supervisors for their oversight and the BHAB board for their support and provision of a model to serve homeless individuals and individuals living with mental illness. 		
VI.	Chair Announcements		
	<p>A) Mr. Holmboe announced that the Latino Disparities Committee continues to meet to evaluate needs and services in the cities of Oxnard & Santa Paula.</p> <p>B) A Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify contractors to provide services related to the construction and future operation of the Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) will be released this month. All current contractors will be noticed. Please direct requests for information to Maryza.Seal@ventura.org</p> <p>C) Mr. Holmboe complemented the NAMI Holiday Party, sharing that the event, staffed by volunteers and hosted by VCBH & NAMI provided an enjoyable holiday experience for clients and families that featured a fine meal, entertainment and dancing.</p> <p>D) Mr. Holmboe announced the opening of the BHD South Oxnard Clinics, commenting that as he toured the facilities, he was impressed by the clinic spaces and the warm, welcoming décor. Mr. Holmboe commented on the volume of clients served by the department and complemented BHD staff on the range of services provided to support the recovery and function of clients in the community.</p>		
VII.	Public Comments		
	None.	Information	
VIII.	Directors Report		
	<p>Ms. Kelly presented the Directors Report.</p> <p>A) Ms. Kelly announced the following events and trainings.</p>	Information	

	function of the BHAB as a support for clients, families and the community. Two cover choices were submitted for review and final selection. Board members opted to defer the selection until the new BHD Director had an opportunity to provide input in January.		
XI.	Board Member Comments & Announcements		
	<p>A) Mr. Harris commented on a recent 60 Minutes program that reported on the rates of utilization review and denial of service by insurance companies for patients accessing mental health treatment within an In Patient Unit. The program aired on December 14, 2015.</p> <p>B) Mr. Harris requested information on the impact of Proposition 47 on department programs and budgets.</p>		
XII.	Adjourn		
	The meeting adjourned at 2:38 PM.	Next meeting: January 26, 2015	

Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Attendance 2014

District	Member	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
District 1 Sup. Bennett	Karyn Bates	X		X		X	X
	VACANT						
	Kate Mills						
	Kirin Sahota	X		X		X	X
District 2 Sup. Parks	Janis Gardner			X	X	X	X
	Irene Mellick, LCSW	X		X	X	X	X
	Carol Thomas	X			X	X	X
	Beverly Wisotsky, LMFT	X		X	X	X	X
District 3 Sup. Long	Nancy Borchard	X		X	X	X	X
	David Holmboe	X			X	X	X
	VACANT						
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District 4 Sup. Foy	Jerry Harris	X		X	X	X	X
	Denise Nielsen			X	X	X	
	McKian Nielsen	X			X		
	Anita Ranade			X	X	X	X
District 5	René Beauchesne, LCSW	X		X	X		X
Sup. Zaragoza	Monique Garcia				X		
	Dr. Irene Pinkard	X		X	X	X	X
	Sandra Wolfe			X	X		X
Gov. Body	John Zaragoza, Supervisor				X		X

Present = X