

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
YOUTH & FAMILY COMMITTEE
MINUTES ■ Wednesday, May 20, 2015

<u>Present</u> Denise Nielsen, Chair René Beauchesne, BHAB Martie Miles, Aspiranet Chris Blum, Aspiranet Jody Kussin, Casa Pacifica Erick Elhard, Casa Pacifica Representative from City Impact Laura Gutierrez Woolridge, Interface Regina Reed, SELPA Lori Litel, United Parents Amy Balchum, Ventura County Jewish Family Services	<u>VCBH Managers/Staff Present</u> Susan Kelly, Youth & Family Division Manager Dr. Deborah Thurber, Y&F Division Medical Director Pam Roach, Transformational Liaison Edith Pham, Recording Secretary NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 10, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm 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 The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05.		
II.	Approval of the Agenda The Chair asked the Committee to review and approve today's agenda.	The agenda was approved as written. M/S/C	
III.	Approval of the Minutes The Chair asked the committee to review and approve the minutes of the April 8 meeting.	The minutes were approved as written. M/S/C	
IV.	Welcome and Introductions The Chair welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.		
V.	Chair Announcements The Chair shared sad news: the sudden passing of David Holmboe, BHAB Chair. He was a strong advocate for mental health and will be greatly missed.		
VI.	Public Comments None.		
VII.	New Business A. CMHACY Conference 5/12-5/15/15 – Susan Kelly, Jody Kussin The California Mental Health Advocates for Children and Youth conference included many presentations and breakaway sessions. Erick Elhart presented on the state of crisis services across the state. B. Committee's summer schedule – Denise Nielsen After a discussion, the committee members voted to go dark in August.	Go dark in August. M/S/C	
VIII.	Old Business A. Packets to local doctors – Denise Nielsen Tabled. B. Suicide Prevention workgroup – Jody Kussin The CCVC (Community Commission for Ventura County) includes a task force that focuses on youth suicide. Countywide, there has been a significant increase in the number of children and youth who have homicidal ideations.		

	<p>C. Parent workgroup – Lori Litel The workgroup has developed an outline of a curriculum for parent partners. Lori Litel has developed a new strategy to help cover the financial cost of a web-based outlet for parents to express themselves.</p> <p>D. Katie A and VCBH update – Susan Kelly Hillmont Psychiatric Center is no longer admitting children and youth, including those brought in by law enforcement. VCBH has reached out to law enforcement agencies and asked them to stop writing holds. CIRT is collaborating with the VCBH Crisis Team when handling the crisis and hospitalization needs of minors. VCBH has been looking for a location to open a Crisis Stabilization Unit. Renovating a wing at the Juvenile Facility has been ruled out due to cost and the time it would take to have it ready for opening. Another building has been identified. VCBH is hopeful that its purchase will go through by late September. This building requires minimal work before it is ready to open as a CSU. VCBH and Casa Pacifica have an open dialogue regarding the implications and opportunities that a CSU provides. Statewide, there is a shift away from crisis intervention and toward community stabilization. AB741, which would create a licensing category for children crisis residential facilities, is in the State Appropriations Committee.</p> <p>E. VCBH Youth & Family Division Medical Director's update – Dr. Thurber Tabled.</p>		
IX.	<p>Committee Members' Comments, Activities, updates, items of interest</p> <p>A. The Chair stated that Ratan Bhavani, NAMI Ventura County's Executive Director, is retiring effective June 30.</p> <p>B. Amy Balchum stated that she is retiring in June.</p>		
X.	<p>Items for the Next Meeting Agenda</p> <p>2-1-1 Presentation.</p>		
XI.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 11:45.</p>		