Behavioral Health Advisory Board

**Youth & Family Committee**

**MINUTES ▪ Wednesday, July 13, 2016**

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| **Present**  Denise Nielsen, Chair  Kimberly Bennett, Casa Pacifica  Marika Collins, Casa Pacifica  Laura Gutierrez Woolridge, Interface  Karin Lucero, New Dawn  Laurie Jordan, Rainbow Connection  Regina Reed, SELPA  Lori Litel, United Parents | **VCBH Managers/Staff Present**  Susan Kelly, Youth & Family Division Manager  Pam Roach, Transformational Liaison  Esperanza Ortega, MHSA Community Service Coordinator  Edith Pham, Recording Secretary  **NEXT MEETING:**  **Wednesday, August 10, 2016, 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. | |

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| **I.** | **Call to Order**  The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. |  |  |
| **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 13, 2016 meeting.  Marika Collins asked that the first sentence in IX.A be amended, to read “Starting April 4th CIRT, in collaboration with VCBH leadership, stopped responding to calls 3 nights a week due to staffing reductions.” | The minutes were approved as amended. **M/S/C** |  |
| **IV.** | **Welcome and Introductions**  The Chair welcomed everyone and asked for introductions. |  |  |
| **V.** | **Chair Announcements**  None. |  |  |
| **VI.** | **Public Comments**  None. |  |  |
| **VII.** | **Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) – Susan Kelly**  The Continuum of Care Reform began with Katie A to ensure all children brought into foster care are screened to assess whether they need mental health services. Specialized programming was put in place for children ages 0 to 5 and their families.  There are approximately 1,200 foster children in Ventura county. Of those, about 65-70 are in group homes (6 or more children in one location). CCR’s goal is to eradicate congregate housing and instead use emergency foster homes. The focus is on family maintenance and reunification. |  |  |
| **VIII.** | **New Business** |  |  |
|  | 1. Committee Annual Report – Chair Ms. Nielsen asked members to review the draft Committee Annual Report and to provide their feedback. This will be discussed at the next meeting. 2. Goals for 2016-2017 – Chair Ms. Nielsen asked members to review the Committee’s Goals for 2015-2016 and to provide their feedback for this year’s goals. This will be discussed at the next meeting. 3. Update Packets to Families – Pam Roach The packets need to be reviewed and updated. They are given to parents at their initial visit with STAR (Screening, Triage, Assessment and Referral) and at Mental Health First Aid training. The VCBH website has a link to the packets; this will need to be updated. Regina Reed will follow up with the schools on the possibility of their taking over the collating of the packets. 4. Regina Reed and Susan Kelly agreed to look into the possibility of putting together a separate packet for parents of Special Education students. | Look into schools for collating packets  Packet for parents of Special Ed. students | R. Reed  R. Reed, S. Kelly |
| **IX.** | **Old Business** |  |  |
|  | 1. Suicide Prevention workgroup – Esperanza Ortega On September 16 from 7:30 to noon a Preventing Suicide conference will take place at Cal State Channel Islands. More information to follow. 2. Parent workgroup – Lori Litel The first training took place in April. The next one will be in September. The 20-hour class includes training on IEP (Individualized Education Plan) and cultural competency. Ms. Litel thanked Casa Pacifica for contacting United Parents regarding a 3-year state grant. She will find out at the end of the month whether United Parents will get the grant. 3. Children’s Crisis Stabilization (CSU) update – Susan Kelly Due to needed building upgrades, the opening of the CSU is delayed. The anticipated opening will be in early October. VCBH is working with its primary partners on protocols. VCOE (Ventura County Office of Education) is donating in-kind teacher so children can continue their education. Law enforcement no longer need to assess children in crisis for 5150/5585. VCBH is working with the Hospital Association and ambulance companies on a protocol for transportation.  Seneca has identified over half of their staff. 4. VCBH Youth & Family Division Medical Director’s update – Dr. Thurber  Dr. Thurber was not in attendance. |  |  |
| **X.** | **Committee Members’ Comments, Activities, updates, items of interest** |  |  |
|  | 1. Marika Collins stated that as of June 30th CIRT no longer exists. The transition to VCBH Crisis Team went smoothly. 2. Karin Lucero stated that City Impact no longer handles…. ? EPSDT (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment), Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) and NfL (Neighborhoods for Learning) are under New Dawn. It will move its offices to the Oxnard Outlet Center. 3. Regina Reed stated that VCOE will be given the names of all children admitted to the CSU to ensure continuity of education. VCBH can coordinate with the children’s home school for homework and for a smooth transition back to school. School staff are getting training on the CSU. |  |  |
| **XI.** | **Items for the Next Meeting Agenda** |  |  |
|  | Suggestions for future presentations include the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) from the Human Services Agency’s perspective and foster care recruitment. |  |  |
| **XII.** | **Adjourn** |  |  |
|  | The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. |  |  |