

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

YOUTH & FAMILY COMMITTEE

MINUTES ▪ Wednesday, December 10, 2014

<u>Present</u> Denise Nielsen, Chair Martie Miles, Aspiranet Jody Kussin, Casa Pacifica Erick Elhard, Casa Pacifica Patti Yabu, Interface Laurie Jordan, Rainbow Connection Regina Reed, SELPA Ellen Linder, United Parents	<u>VCBH Managers/Staff Present</u> Susan Kelly, Youth & Family Division Manager Pam Roach, Transformational Liaison Janet Kaplan, Prevention Edith Pham, Recording Secretary NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm Ventura County Behavioral Health 1911 Williams Dr., 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 10:10.		
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 November 12 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 did not have any announcements.		
VI.	Public Comments None.		
VII.	New Business A. Parent Services Mapping – Ellen Linder One of the goals of this Committee has been to encourage parent participation at all levels and develop future leaders. The Committee reviewed the draft Ventura County Parent and Parent Leadership/Mentor document that Elaine Martinez-Curry had developed earlier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martie Miles stated that through Parents As Leaders (PAL), Aspiranet has identified two parents as future leaders. - Regina Reed stated that the Community Advisory Committee targets parents of younger children and those who are new to the IEP process and/or Special Education. - Ellen Linder stated that SELPA and VCBH are not represented on the Leader for Change Parent Training project. Committee members agreed that parents should be given information about the various programs and boards on which they may want to serve. Jody Kussin suggested involving foster parents. It was noted that when googling “parent support”, some information that comes up is outdated. Janet Kaplan suggested creating a web page geared toward parents that would include links to various groups; she is willing to help but cannot currently take on the task.		

VIII.	<p>Old Business</p> <p>A. Packets to local doctors – Denise Nielsen Tabled.</p> <p>B. Katie A update – Susan Kelly HSA/CFS (Human Services Agency/Children and Family Services) is referring all new foster children to VCBH. All children in the system go to court every 6 months; at that time they get screened and referred to VCBH if appropriate. At any given time, there are about 1,400 children in the foster care system. VCBH is contracting with Aspiranet, Kids & Families Together and Casa Pacifica to provide services to the foster care population.</p> <p>C. Suicide Prevention workgroup – Jody Kussin The group is being reconfigured; starting in January, it will have new co-chairs from VCOE (Ventura County Office of Education) and VCBH. The County Commission of Ventura County (CCVC), co-chaired by Supervisor Steve Bennett and Steve Elson of Casa Pacifica, officially adopted a resolution to create a task force that will look at crisis services and gaps in Ventura county. In October 11 children were admitted to Hillmont Psychiatric Center while awaiting transfer to another inpatient unit.</p> <p>D. Parent workgroup – Ellen Linder The workgroup has not met lately and needs to reconvene. Members included Joelle Vessels and Pam Roach. A new chair will be needed as Ellen is retiring.</p>		
IX.	<p>Committee Members' Comments, Activities, updates, items of interest</p> <p>A. Regina Reed stated that all Phoenix schools have been at capacity since November, which is unusually early in the school year. The districts are seeing younger students with mental health problems, from kindergartners and up.</p> <p>B. Janet Kaplan encouraged everyone to visit the new Prevention website: HowHighVenturaCounty.org. The focus of this website is solely on marijuana. Brochures are available through Janet.</p> <p>C. Jody Kussin stated that Casa Pacifica has 40+ families waiting to be “adopted” and receive help with their basic needs.</p> <p>D. Ellen Linder stated that the Carpe Diem brochure will come out in January. The event will be held on Friday, March 13, 2015. Scholarships will be available for parents.</p> <p>E. Edith Pham stated that starting in January 2015, this Committee will meet in the Lake Tahoe conference room, also in the VCBH Administration suite.</p>		
X.	<p>Items for the Next Meeting Agenda</p> <p>Presentation on Katie A.</p>		
XI.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 11:45.</p>		