

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
YOUTH & FAMILY COMMITTEE
MINUTES ■ Wednesday, April 14, 2021

<p>Members Present Kevin Clerici, Committee Chair Martie Miles, Aspiranet Carole Shelton, Rainbow Connection Steve Graff, Tri-Counties Michael Rodriguez, BHAB Savannah Eden, Kids & Families Together Scott Walker, Law Enforcement CIT Laurie Jordan, Rainbow Connection Joelle Vessels, Interface Lori Litel, United Parents</p> <p>Others Present Melissa Hannah, United Parents Denise Fritch, Partnership for safe families Lorena Suarez, Homeland Language Services</p>	<p>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Managers/Staff Present Dina Olivas, Youth & Family Division Chief Hilary Carson, MHSA Program Administrator – Innovations Gracie Lopez, VCBH Minute Taker Joanna Peterson, BHAB Assistant Dr. Jamie Rotnofsky</p> <p>NEXT MEETING: June 9, 2021</p>
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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 Clerici called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.		
II.	Approval of the Agenda Mr. Clerici asked the Committee to review and approve today’s agenda. Mr. Rodriguez moved to approve; Mr. Graff seconded. The motion carried unanimously through roll call.	The agenda was approved as written. M/S/C	
III.	Approval of the April 14, 2021 Minutes Mr. Clerici asked the Committee to review and approve the minutes of the April 14, 2021 meeting. Mr. Clerici moved to approve; Ms. Miles seconded. The motion carried unanimously through roll call.	The minutes were approved as written. M/S/C	
IV.	Welcome and Introductions Mr. Clerici welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.		
V.	Chair Announcements None.		
VI.	Public Comments None.		
VII.	Presentation: None		
VIII.	Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Youth & Family Division Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Youth & Family Division – Dina Olivas, Division Chief ❖ As schools reopen, Youth & Family Services continues to have increased clinical services activated back to the community. It has been a privilege to meet with many agency partners during the pandemic in terms of prepping for reopening of services. Continuing to utilize telehealth when appropriate and to expand into schools, communities, homes and clinics. Many schools are very limited in space and accessibility and services are shifting back home or via clinic-based services. ❖ A large percentage of staff have been vaccinated. Staff continue to be deployed away from their work sites as disaster workers. If anyone has difficulty reaching a staff member, 		

	<p>please reach out to any Administration staff for assistance with questions or need information regarding contracts or services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ VCBH continues to expand its work regarding the children’s system of care under AB2083 Ventura County was one of the first counties nearly 30 years ago who recognize the need to work cross system and provide appropriate access and care to children in youth. Whether it’s Probation, Child Welfare, Community-based services, Public health or Behavioral health, VCBH continues to work on cross system memorandums of understanding and present to the State. Updates will continue and the goal is to provide families with easy access to services. ❖ Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) – Hilary Carson, Program Administrator, Innovations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Two items are scheduled on the April 19 BHAB General meeting the first is the Public Hearing for the innovations program which is titled Mobile Mental Health. It is, basically, a mobile clinic that will have a couple of different focuses. The focus will be consistent culturally competent brief short-term therapy. They will respond to Crisis calls that do not meet the threshold for Crisis Team services. Also focused on scheduling ongoing pop up clinics with the health care agency mobile van to target farm workers and the homeless population. Detailed information is available at vcbh.org. ❖ The second item is the Public Hearing to Open the Annual Update. This is the report that communicates how MHSA dollars were spent across the department in the previous year. Also provides the community and updates from what was planned in the 3-year plan. If interested, information is available at vcbh.org. 		
<p>IX.</p>	<p>Committee Members’ Comments, Activities, Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Lori little -United Parents have received a new FEMA statewide grant for crisis counseling. United Parents is a part of the Cal Hope team consisting of 33 agencies across the state. There will be 422 counselors hired. The program is scheduled through August. Ms. Little provided details regarding the program that is like an EAP explaining that they can provide sessions to people who contact them. Twenty-five new full-time staff have been hired across the state and are available by phone, text and or live chat and half are bilingual. Outreach to the Latinex community is being conducted and services will be available 6 days a week from Monday through Saturday. An informational flier can be provided after this meeting. ❖ Steve Graff- As of May 3, Tri-Counties hopes to have its offices open for approximately one third of their staff. Plans are to start seeing families in the office on June 1 and continue with this level of staff in the building until September. It will be on a hybrid model with people working from home. Aut2run is happening the weekend of April 24-25 which is a fund raiser for the Autism Society of Ventura County. Additional information is available at Aut2run.org. ❖ Carole Shelton-Ventura County SELPA CAC distributes a monthly newsletter through smore. Additionally, SELPA is holding an Autism conference it starts tonight April 14, 21st and 28th keynote presentation is by Michelle Dean associate professor Special Education at CSU Channel Islands. It is titled Supporting Social Emotional Needs during these extraordinary times. The SELPA and Rainbow Connection family resource center are collaborating and offering Parent workshops the ABC’s of the IEP which will be presented in English and Spanish. This is on April 22 6-7:30pm. The 25th Annual Carpe Diem conference Building Resilience is April 30, from 9am-2pm the keynote presentation is by Ricky Robertson. Next CAC meeting is May 3 4pm-6pm. Starting this month, the newsletter has been translated into Spanish. ❖ Melissa Hannah- Are holding their Annual Advocacy day at the Capital with over 110 parents and caregivers registered throughout the State. Sixteen representatives, Senators and Assembly members from different districts have been scheduled to meet with parents based on two Portantino bills being supported— SB14 which is mental health training and excused absence and SB224 which is adding Mental Health curriculum into the schools. The date is April 22 from 9am-5pm. The event starts with a welcome address from California Senator Scott Weiner and follows with the keynote address from Stephanie Welch, Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health for the California Department Health in Human Services. Ms. Hannah provided additional information about this virtual event. Parents will be asked to provide feedback about the event. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Lori Jordan- If anyone wants to get on the Rainbow mailing list at rainbow@tri-counties.org. Coming up Saturday is transitioning to in person activities. Story time In English and Spanish on April 23 and then the 24 for adolescence served by regional center which will include a Zoom UNO game. ❖ Dr. Jamie Rotnofsky- May is Mental Health Awareness Month and part of that is also the Nami walk and VCBH is participating to raise money for our community. Next Suicide Prevention Council meeting is June 4 and will meet every other month on Friday from 10am-11:30am. A survey will be distributed between April and May to review the purpose of the Suicide Prevention Council and learn what people want and how to get more people involved. ❖ Carol Shelton- Asked if there can be a training or presentation available to parents on identifying Mental Health disorders and IDD covering what it looks like for suicidal ideation, passive or active. 		
X.	<p>Items for the Next Meeting Agenda Not discussed.</p>		
XI.	<p>Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.</p>		