

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
PREVENTION COMMITTEE
MINUTES - Tuesday, Sept 14, 2021**

<p>Members Present</p> <p>Janis Gardner, Chair BHAB Prevention Committee Commander James Fryhoff, BHAB Jesse Finkbeiner, BHAB Patricia Mowlavi, BHAB Gabe Teran, VCOE Jeanne Spencer, Idea Engineering Katherine Gross, Saving Lives Camarillo Liz Warren, The Client Network Mark Stadler, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Priscila Hazrun Roland Roberts, Reality Improv Connection - BRITE Scott Walker, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Stuart Fiedler Theresa Plante, Casa Pacifica Vanessa Cortez, Pacific Clinics' TAY Tunnel</p>	<p>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Managers/Staff Present</p> <p>Dr. Jamie Rotnofsky, MHSA Sr. Manager Anastasia Flores, Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Program Dan Hicks, Manager, Substance Use Services (SUS) Prevention Cari Kawell, Substance Use Services (SUS) Prevention Greg Bergan, MHSA Program Administrator - Data Alli Adam, SUS – Management Assistant to SUS Division Chief Joanna Peterson, VCBH Administrative Division, Zoom Engineer Priscila Hazrun, Interpreter, Homeland Language Services</p> <p>NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 3:15 – 4:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Others Present</p> <p>Gail C. Parker, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Administration, Operation Engage Program</p>	<p>Ventura County Behavioral Health - 1911 Williams Drive, Oxnard, CA 93036</p> <p>Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85118862194?pwd=ZmwwRVQ1cDNRY2pFQ1kwcHA3Y0VvUT09 Meeting ID: 851 1886 2194 Password: 332632 Dial-in: 669 900 9128</p>
<p>Note: The committee has not yet approved these minutes. There may be additions/deletions or corrections before the minutes are accepted in final form.</p>	

	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
I.	<p>Call to Order Chair Gardner called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.</p>		
II.	<p>Welcome and Introductions (Roll Call) Chair Gardner welcomed everyone. Joanna Peterson, Zoom Engineer, read the Meeting instructions. Roll call was completed by Chair Gardner.</p>		
III.	<p>Approval of the Agenda Ms. Gardner asked the Committee to review and approve the July 13, 2021 agenda. The motion carried unanimously through roll call.</p>	<p>The agenda was approved as written. M/S/C</p>	<p>Motion: Liz Warren Second: Patricia Mowlavi</p>
IV.	<p>Approval of the Minutes Ms. Gardner asked the committee to review and approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021 meeting. The motion approved with the following amendment: Please remove the "BHAB" designation next to Liz Warren's name in the Attendee List. Replace "BHAB" with "The Client Network."</p>	<p>The minutes were approved as amended. M/S/C</p>	<p>Motion: Liz Warren Second: Patricia Mowlavi</p>
V.	<p>Chair Announcements Chair Gardner shared the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAMI is celebrating 40 years of business. An in-person event will take place Saturday, October 9th from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Camarillo Grove Park. California is launching a "988" Hotline, for mental health crises. Soon, Californians will be able to dial a new 3-digit number when seeking help for a mental health crisis. The CA State Department of Healthcare Services recently announced that it would spend \$20 million dollars to help support the "988" Network Bill for a robust statewide call center designed to be an alternative to 911 for mental health crisis calls. "Save the Date" on October 25th for the "Night in Oaxaca" virtual event which will celebrate 20 		

<p>V.</p>	<p>Chair Announcements (continued) Chair Gardner shared the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> years of the Mixteco Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP). La Ventana Treatment Programs has re-opened a teen mental health IOP in Thousand Oaks. Pacific Clinics TAY Tunnel is hiring. Currently, there are 3 open positions. For more information, please contact Vanessa Cortez at 805.240.2538 or vcortez@pacificclinics.org The Suicide Prevention Council meets every other month. Anyone that is interested in joining the committee can join it. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 6th at 2 p.m. This meeting occurs the 1st Wednesday of every month. To join, please contact, Dr. Jamie Rotnofsky or an MHSa staff member or Chair Janis Gardner at janis@panacea-ent.com 		
<p>VI.</p>	<p>Public Comments Gail C. Parker, DEA Administration, Operation Engage Program provided an update on the Community Anti-drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) Use Initiative Program.</p> <p>Operation Engage is sponsoring 150 youth as well as coalition leaders to be a part of Use Initiative Key Essentials Training. This training provides tools to give youth and leaders a platform to share their voices in a political way or in any other form that the coalition uses to see change and improvements.</p> <p>The next training will take place on Friday, September 10.</p>		
<p>VII.</p>	<p>BHAB Prevention Committee Member Comments None.</p>		
<p>VIII.</p>	<p>Provider and Stakeholder Comments</p> <p>A. Roland Roberts, Reality Improv Connection – BRITE, shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school year is starting off great with many requests and will join with the mental health wellness centers. BRITE Community Connections live stream called, “Party Reality” will take place on Thursday, September 30. <p>B. Mark Stadler, CIT, gave the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next week, CIT will be doing a presentation at the BHAB General Meeting and invited the group to attend. The next CIT Academy will take place from October 4 – 8. A new training will also begin in 2 weeks on a new program that the Ventura County Sheriff’s Department is starting called, “<i>The Veteran Outreach in Crisis Events (VOICE) Program.</i>” It is to help veterans in crisis events. This program will train sheriff’s deputies that are military veterans to be able to respond to mental health crisis calls and who can do additional follow-up by connecting with these veterans. Over 30 deputies expressed interest in participating in this program. <p>C. Gabe Teran, VCOE, gave the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Comprehensive Health & Prevention unit of VCOE will be hosting a week-long social and emotional learning conference for educators – a “wellness week” beginning next week. On Saturday, September 25th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., a family and community social and emotional learning conference will take place. It will include a keynote speaker and some breakout sessions. Interpretations in Spanish & Mixteco will be available, if requested. The 3rd Annual Youth Mental Health Conference will take place in October. The full conference will be pre-recorded to accommodate the variety of school schedules. Links will be provided to the teachers who register. The teachers will show the workshop recordings to each period each day of the week. This format will allow them to show the workshops on the schedule that works for each teacher. Each session will be about a classroom period long. <p>D. Stuart Fiedler, discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “1920” is a law that not many people seem to be aware of that holds convicted CA court criminals financially liable to the California Franchise Tax Board who goes after the criminal on behalf of the victim. “1920” ensures that whatever reasons caused the victim to perform their crime, will not become another taxpayer burden and will have no financial effect on the victim. The costs would be added to the tax debt the criminal owes. Mr. Fielder posed the questions that If youth and their parents were aware of “1920” then why would they want to become a criminal? And, why it isn’t “1920” taught in Kindergarten through 12th grade? 		

IX.	Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Staff Updates A. Greg Bergan, VCBH MHSA/PEI, mentioned that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MHSA team is nearing the end of their hiring process of bringing on-board a new staff member who will assist the PEI programs. 		
IX.	Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Staff Updates (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 6th annual “<i>Suicide Prevention Conference – Conversations about Suicide – Help & Hope</i>” will be held on Thursday, September 23rd from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. To sign-up for this free event, please visit: WellnessEveryday.org B. Katherine Gross, Saving Lives Camarillo, was introduced as their new Coalition Coordinator and gave the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An SLC project that they have been working on for a couple of years to have prescription drug take-back areas in pharmacies was just approved by CVS drugstores. The “Mega brain” presentations will soon take place in local Ventura County schools. C. Dan Hicks, SUS – Prevention, shared the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since 2014, the Overdose (OD) Prevention efforts have contributed to 1251 documented OD reversals with Naloxone. 253 documented reversals occurred as a result of these OD Prevention efforts in 2019; 317 total reversals occurred in 2020, as well as 105 Law Enforcement reversals. From January 2021 until the end of August 2021, there have been 211 reversals. The OD Prevention Program has dramatically expanded the availability of Naloxone which now includes an Institutional Kit Program. Whereas people had previously needed to be opioid-involved or live with someone who had been dependent, now a wider range of individuals qualify, in part because fentanyl is often found in a wide array of drugs. With new eligibility criteria, more people are receiving trainings and OD rescue kits. Still, fentanyl has contributed very significantly to overdose deaths. In Ventura County, the number of fatal drug overdoses increased nearly a 45% in 2020. 		
X.	Time Certain Presentation – Jeanne Spencer, Idea Engineering, presented, “ <i>Suicide Prevention - VCBH Outreach Campaigns</i> ” which included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event promotion for the upcoming Suicide Prevention Forum called, “<i>Conversations about Suicide – Help & Hope</i>” was discussed. The event flyer was shown to the group and was developed in both English & Spanish. WellnessEveryday.org and SaludSiempreVC.org (English & Spanish versions of same website) are offered for mental health outreach information that include links to event registration. Flyers were shown to the group that will be shown on-screen during the Suicide Prevention Forum. These are for the general public who are looking for resources during the event and are based on a printed resource card that has been shared over the last few years. English flyer: : https://www.wellnesseveryday.org/preventing-suicide Spanish flyer: https://www.saludsiemprevc.org/prevencion-del-suicidio VCBH has ongoing messaging efforts for Suicide Prevention that include awareness of Mental Health and Stigma Reduction. When outreach materials are developed, VCBH keeps in mind how what they create now relates to other materials that have been previously created. This year, like last year, the Suicide Prevention Forum is an online event. There was a lot of discussion by the Suicide Prevention Council about the name of the 2021 event. The inclusion of the word “Conversations” was to create a warm approach bringing “help” and “hope.” QR codes have been included on the flyer for ease of accessing event information. Multiple videos were shared with the group which are currently running in the local Ventura County community and are in conjunction with National Suicide Prevention Awareness month. Videos can be viewed at: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4rXNL4ijM4OLGLb8VZJwup7yHIHPPKc These suicide prevention videos were created with funds from SUS – Prevention and are available in both English & Spanish. They are launching for the first time in September 2021. One focus of the videos is how substance abuse connects to suicide. The first video shown depicts a young man who is using alcohol in an unhealthy way as a means of coping. The second video shows an intentional drug overdose scene. Both show people getting help they need. Group discussion with Q & A was held after Ms. Spencer’s presentation. 		
XI.	Old Business None.		
XII.	New Business Chair Gardner mentioned that the BHAB Prevention Committee attendees received an email that mentions that the BHAB has established that BHAB Committees will review VCBH contracts specific to their focus areas. This assists in providing an in-depth review of contracts beyond the view that is		

XII.	New Business (continued) completed each month by the members of the BHAB. Each Committee Chair can provide feedback or recommendations to the BHAB. Discussions were held about the Prevention Provider contracts that were provided prior to the meeting. Ms. Gardner reminded the group that these contracts have been approved by the VC Board of Supervisors. Chair Gardner reminded the group to sign-up for the upcoming 6 th Annual Suicide Prevention Forum.		
XIII.	Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.		