



Riverside University Health System - Behavioral Health Board

Veteran's Committee

January 7, 2026

MINUTES

Present:

Rick Gentillalli, Vet Committee Chairman
Amy Konopka, The Lemonade House
Angela Karr, PACE Program
Briana Green, VA
Daisy Tate, VSSN
Minnette O'Brien, SBC - DBH
Miriam Resendiz, RUHS - BH PEI
Elise Rico, BOS Rep.
Sean Frederiksen
Felix Gbagbo, RUHS

I. Call to Order

Rick Gentillalli called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM

II. Welcome

Rick welcomed the committee members and self-introductions made.

III. Approval of Minutes

November minutes approved as is.

IV. Old Business

Vet in Blythe in need of services has not been able to get housing. He has some medical issues that need to be resolved.

Alicia Junker - Working w/ Briana Green to expand resources available for veterans.

Minnette O'Brien - March is Women's History month. Saturday, March 8th is International Women's Day. Aaron offers combat support groups for all veterans. Daisy walk is April 26th.

Briana Green - March 29th Operation Sick Care fundraiser in Ontario. Vet Expo will be April 5th in Coachella. April 22nd Multi Fair in Barstow. March 24th Meeting, Strengthening Community Bonds for Veterans & Families in SoCal at 11am.

Felix Gbagbo - Meets w/ Veterans to offer resources and support. Looking for resources specific for African American veterans.

V. New Business

Rick - currently looking to have a 2nd commissioner join the Veterans Committee meeting and possible resume monthly meetings.

Minette - SB County just had monthly meeting and discussed what members would like to see this year. They have reached out regarding NARCAN training as well as Suicide Prevention training & Financial training. Veterans Expo is taking place this January 24th. Resource Fair January 10th. Veterans Expo French Valley Library on January 22nd.

Women's Conference scheduled to take place in May.

Amy Konopka - Would like to connect with the county to see how she would be able to provide assistance and collaborate.

Angela Karr - PACE center hosts Open House so that the community can visit and get information regarding the program.

Daisy - Healthcare Discussion January 30th, designed to increase community care support. Cars and a Movie event at three different theaters located in Riverside County, San Diego County and LA County.

Briana - Collaborative for those who are food insecure in the High Desert, planning meeting January 12th at 3pm via TEAMS. Initiative for Senior Veterans for Suicide Prevention, planning meeting January 15th at 3pm via TEAMS. UCR student Veteran forum January 20th 3:30-5:30pm. Join the SPC Intervention sub-committee every 3rd Wednesday of each month from 1:00-2:00pm. They are currently working to build kits which will include Gun Lock/Medicine, Narcan and various resources. Cultural Competency training Jan 27th with Reach Out. Pass area Expo for Veterans Jan 24th.

Elysse - If any attendees have any resources or information that they would like to share at the Board of Supervisors you can send them via email to. Upcoming Veterans Town Hall, date TBD.

Felix - Older Adult services is planning a Veterans and Family Appreciation event in May. Spoke to Director of Strategy for agency in San Diego who is working with Cultural

Competency program to create a resource guide for the Veteran population in Riverside County.

Sean - New Judge and DA. Currently working with All Rise program to get refresher for working with Veterans. Veterans are encountering difficulties paying for court ordered services. Looking for ways to assist, gathering resources that would assist the Veterans with these fees.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 7, 2026 10:00am - 11:30am

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM