



**Western Region Behavioral Health - Advisory Board
Minutes
May 6, 2026
Hybrid TEAMS and in Person
2085 Rustin Ave Ste 5, Riverside, CA 92507**

Board Members			
Chair		Member	Member
Greg Damewood, Chairperson	P	Karen Franks, PSS/Blaine	P
		Joseph Page, Hemet Beat	P
Western Region Administration			
Alea Jackson, WR Adult Services	P	Elena Martinez BHSIII	P
Kelly Grotsky, WR DD	A	Novanh Xayarath, WR BHSA	A
Tony Ortego, WR BHSA	A	Lorissa Villarreal, HHOPE Service Admin	A
Girlyanne Lacson, WR BHSS	A		
Staff			
Francisco J Huerta, Sr. Family Advocate	P	Misty Martin, Sr. Family Advocate	A
Dakota Brown, Cultural Competency Liaison/Disabilities	P	Maria T Gonzalez, Sr. Parent Partner	P
Stacy Anderson, Executive Assistant	P	Jennel Rand, Sr. PSS	A
Guests			
Liz Del Rio	P	Ceath Roun	P
Danielle Damewood	P	Vanessa Stan-Ugbene	P
Joshua Smith	P	Victoria Smith	P
Jennifer Hayford	A	Janette Patterson	P
Delores Deloney	P	Reyes Ortiz	P

P: Present A: Absent

1. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting called to order at 3:00 P.M. Meeting facilitated by Greg Damewood.
2. INTRODUCTIONS – Introductions proceeded.
3. REVIEWED MINUTES
 - The minutes of April 2026 were reviewed and accepted as is
4. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS
 - All three regions will be participating in May is Mental Health Art of Wellness Fair-**Thursday, MAY 14, 2025 - RIVERSIDE** - Fairmount Park, 11:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
 - Coffee supply at JWC- Alea addressed
 - Pizza donations for Blaine St Clinic inquiry made by Joseph- will forward information to Stacy
5. SITE VISIT REPORT(S)

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- TAY site visit completed- they are requesting signage for the entry to point which door is TAY and which one is Substance
6. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Liz Del Rio- CARES Line
- Power point presented and attached to email, brochures available at meeting
 - Received 5239 calls in April
 - Goal is to get members where they need to go
7. CHAIR'S REMARKS
- **Directing Change Screening and Recognition Ceremony on May 13 at 4 p.m.** at the Fox Performing Arts Center in Riverside. - will be the last one this year
 - Yearly reports will be the same outline this year- no changes
 - Dr Cheng- announced at commissioner meeting that there are bills being passed cutting budgets
 - ART WORX closing Reach out to Heidi and Deisha to inquire on getting art supplies
8. REGIONAL REPORTS
- A. *Adult Manager's Report* – Alea Jackson, BHSA
- July 1st 2026 Evidence Based Programs - Program Expansion- FSP/ICM and ACT/FACT will be located at JWC, FSP/ICM- Blaine St Clinic, IPS- Vocational program
 - Blaine St. Clinic continues to provide individual therapy, groups, peer services, medication support family advocacy and case management services. Blaine St Clinic currently has 20 groups offered including post-traumatic stress disorder groups. Blaine currently has 139 members enrolled in its FSP program and 1566 in the non-FSP program. SUP OAll vacancy.
 - Jefferson Wellness Center currently has 16 groups and Caseload 233 enrolled members. CT Vacancy.
 - Pathways to Success is in Riverside and Temecula and it's a vocational rehabilitation program in which we partner with the Department of Rehabilitation to assist our members in finding work such as attending trade school or getting certified in certain specializations. There are 208 members enrolled between the Riverside and Temecula site's location. ESC vacancy.
- B. *Children's Manager Report* – Novanh Xayarath, Children's Administrator presented by Greg:
- Children's Treatment Services – 269 active cases. Averaging 16 referrals a month. Vacancy in CT position. Pausing recruitment to backfill vacant CT position until further notice. Program seeing more referrals coming from short term residential program (STRTP) that was recently established in the catchment area. Program continues to provide individual, group, and family therapy. Trauma focus CBT models for kids with trauma experience and Family Based Therapy along with Dialectical Behavioral therapy being used for eating disorder members. The program is working on summer program to keep members engaged while they're out of school for summer break.
 - Riverside Family Wellness – 163 active cases. Averaging 30 referrals for the month. 2 Clinical staff are on leave and scheduled to return in late summer. Program is developing new groups to offer to members. Program continues to provide individual, group, and family therapy. It also has trained therapists to work with consumers with eating disorders and trauma related issues.

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- MVCHIP – 323 active cases. 12 referrals for past month. Program is fully staff and provides individual, group, family therapy. Staff are trained in trauma focused Cognitive Behavioral therapy, Family Based Therapy and Dialectical Behavioral Therapy for eating disorders. The program organized a successful Easter theme event for members which saw a large turnout of children and family.
 - ISF Wraparound- Currently has 32 active cases. 6 referrals for the past month. ISF is a specialized intensive case management program for kids referred to from Probation dept and other mental health programs. ISF has vacancy with TAY Peer and OAll position. Both are in recruitment. ISF Wraparound is preparing to transition to become High Fidelity Wraparound per state mandate. Transition will be effective July 1st, 2026. ISF is working with other wraparound program to ensure staff are trained and protocols are in place to become high fidelity wraparound program.
 - First Episode Psychosis (FEP) – 26 active cases. 7 referrals for the month. Program is fully staff but BHSII from desert program has accepted a promotional opportunity with another program. FEP will backfill the position. FEP also expanded eligibility criteria for programming by increasing the onset of psychosis period up to 5 years. This has led to more referrals. FEP is also working on developing workflow to include the new state mandate to have Individual placement and support services (IPS) as part of FEP services.
 - Youth Hospital Intervention Program (YHIP) – 66 active cases. 18 referrals for the month. Program is fully staff. Continues to work closely with local emergency department to ensure members are being linked to YHIP when stepping down from that level of care.
 - IOP Mindful Body and Recovery – 5 active cases. Both Clinical Therapist are on FMLA leave and scheduled to return in June. Program is open to referrals. The pilot site at Stepping Stones currently has one member open to IOP services.
 - TAY Stepping Stones - 265 Active cases. 30 referrals in the last month. 1 CT vacancies and that position is in recruitment. Program working to transition 186 FSP members to regular RU due to MHSA change to BHSA. Program continues to provide drop-in services for TAY age individuals and those open to program are getting individual, group, and medication services.
- Corona Wellness Updates – Alea Jackson for Girlyanne Lacson*

A. Older Adults Manager Report - Tony Ortego, Mature Adults Administrator

- No Report

B. Western Region SAPT Program – Elena Martinez BHSIII

- Rustin- 531 members,41 in prevention services
- No Vacancies
- Moreno Valley- 215 members with 142 Prevention programs
- No vacancies
- Month of May celebrating Collaborating courts and ROCK program, softball tournament 5/19/26
Beaumont, Mobil Creek Baseball Park

C. Western Region HHOPE Service Administrator- Dr. Lorissa Villareal Presented by Cheath Rougn

- April 2026 Stats
- Permanent Supportive Housing – 158 Units/ 247 Beds
- Rapid Rehousing- 15 Units/ 27 Beds
- SJRB Rapid Re-housing- 52 Units/ 115 Beds

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- SJRB Transitional Housing- 6 Beds/ 361 Units
- IEHP Transitional Housing- 293 Beds/ 7312 Bed Nights
- BHBH Transitional Housing- 224 Beds/ 4978 Bed Nights
- AB109- Transitional Housing- Beds Pending/ Bed Nights Pending
- NPLH Apartments- 534 Units/ 659 Beds
- MHSA Apartments- 102 Units/ 103 Members
- April call logs- HHOPE- 2491 Home connect- 2128

D. *Western Peer Support Regional Updates* – Jennel Rand, Sr. PSS

- No Report

E. *WR Children's Parent Partner Regional Updates* – Maria T. Gonzalez, Children's Sr. Parent Partner:

- Transitional age youth TAY Moms group empowerment series every other Thursday 3-4:30 pm beginning May 7th.

F. *Western Adult Family Advocate Updates* – Francisco J. Huerta, Sr. FA Specialist

- 8 Family Advocates throughout the Western Region
- Vacancies- TAY and ETS/ITF
- Continue to offer family support groups in the clinics and community vis ZOOM in English and Spanish
- 1135 Crisis Referrals to date

9. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORTS

- *Children-* (Victoria StJohn) 3125 Myers St- Bi-monthly 2nd Wednesday @ 12PM
 - No report.
- *Criminal Justice* – (Greg Damewood) 3625 14th St- 14th Tuesday @ 12PM
 - No Report
- *Membership* - (Greg Damewood, Brenda Scott)
 - No report
- *Older Adults-* (Brenda Scott) 2085 Rustin Ave-2nd Tuesday @ 12PM
 - No report.
- *Housing Committee-* (Brenda Scott) Location TBD- 2nd Tuesday @ 11AM
 - No report.
- *Adult System of Care Committee-* (Brenda Scott) Location rotated between Riverside and Perris- Last Thursday @ 1PM
 - No report.
- *Legislative-* (April Smith) Location TBD, Bi-monthly 1st Wednesday @ 10:30AM
 - No Report

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- *Veterans Committee*- (Rick Gentillalli) Location TBD- Bi-monthly 1st Wednesday @ 10:00AM
 - Meets bi-monthly

- 1. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:
 - Revisiting Mission Statement at June meeting

- 2. CONTINUED BUSINESS:
 - Please keep inviting people. All that are interested in becoming a member of are appreciated. Ideas are appreciated. If anybody wants to become a voting member, please apply via our form to be considered for membership.

- 3. NEW BUSINESS:
 - Please have peers continue to attend with members of the public
 - 1 member submitted application Stacy will email to Sylvia

- 4. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting ended 4:30pm

NEXT MEETING: June 3, 2026