



Western Region Behavioral Health - Advisory Board
Minutes
June 3, 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		A
Kelly Grotsky, WR DD	A	Novanh Xayarath, WR BHSA		P
Tony Ortego, WR BHSA	A	Lorissa Villarreal, HHOPE Service Admin		A
Girlyanne Lacson, WR BHSS	P			
Staff				
Francisco J Huerta, Sr. Family Advocate	A	Misty Martin, Sr. Family Advocate		A
Dakota Brown, Cultural Competency Liaison/Disabilities	A	Maria T Gonzalez, Sr. Parent Partner		P
Stacy Anderson, Executive Assistant	P	Jennel Rand, Sr. PSS		P
Guests				
Robin Smith	P	Cheath Rougn		A
Danielle Damewood	P	Vanessa Stan-Ugbene		A
Joshua Smith	P	Victoria Smith		P
Jennifer Hayford	A	Janette Patterson		P
Delores Deloney	A	Reyes Ortiz		A
Claude Davis	P			
Caroline Martinez	P			
Ashley Castro	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 May 2026 were reviewed and accepted as is
4. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS
 - Requested Goals for BHSA starting July 1st – Stacy email Diana Gutierrez
 - Tentative start date June 10- Psychiatrist for JWC
5. SITE VISIT REPORT(S)
 - None to report
6. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Robin Smith- Crisis Intervention Team

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- Power Point Shared during meeting and in email
- 626 Services completed in the past 9 months
- Educates First Responders about the Mental Health Community, and how to respond

7. CHAIR'S REMARKS

- Greg- attended Directing Change, and the Art of Wellness MIMH fair (these two events might be on hold next year)
- Art of Wellness had over 3000 attendees
- Look over Commission of Legislation Minutes- your attendance and input
- Board member and Commission training Aug 5th at 10 am

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. This program will serve members with acute complex needs with a team approach, billing through Medi-cal. Effective July 1st Blaine St Clinic FSP will be FSP/Intensive Case Management. Additionally, the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) program will be colocated at Blaine- It is an evidenced based practice vocational program that will have Employment Specialists embedded the regional Western, desert, mid county ACT/FACT programs and piloted with Blaine FSP-ICM, and TAY Coordinated Specialty Care for First Episode Psychosis CSC FEP.
- 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 148 members enrolled in its FSP program and 1556 in the non-FSP program. No Vacancies currently.
- Jefferson Wellness Center currently has 19 groups and 234 enrolled members. 2 OA Vacancies.
- 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. They also help provide, Hygiene products, interview clothing, laptop assistance, and school supplies. There are 222 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:

- Dialectical Therapy Training for eating disorder happening June 15th and 16th. This will be held at a DPSS conference room on Kidd St in Riverside. We have maxed out on the number of attendees.
- Family Therapy Training for eating disorder happening June 25th and 26th. This will also be held at the DPSS conference room on Kidd St in Riverside. This training is also fully booked.
- Western Region Children's have some positions open for recruitment: ISF has OAI and CT openings, Stepping Stones has a CT opening, Children's Treatment Services has a CT opening, First Episode Psychosis have CT opening and soon to be BHSII opening. BHSII will be promoted to BHSIII position with SAPT T.

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- All programs in western region children are preparing a summer camp program for kids to increase attendance and participation in the summertime. Summer for children's services usually sees high no show/cancellation since families usually go out of town for summer vacation.
- C. *Corona Wellness & Recovery*- Girlyanne Lacson BHSS
 - Will not have a ACT/FACT Team
 - Planning Summer activities for Children and Adults
 - Caseloads- 652 OP, 16 FSP, 144 Children, 141 SAPT
- D. *Older Adults Manager Report* - Tony Ortego, Mature Adults Administrator
 - No Report
- E. *Western Region SAPT Program* – Elena Martinez BHSIII
 - No Report
- F. *Western Region HHOPE Service Administrator*- Dr. Lorissa Villareal
 - No Report
- G. *Western Peer Support Regional Updates* – Jennel Rand, Sr. PSS
 - Events hosted- May the 4th be with you theme, and Memorial Day presentation
 - Corona has 3 peers
 - PSRC has 4 peers and 1 SR Peer- walk ins welcome
 - Blaine has 3 peers
 - JWC has 5 peers- Rich completed his 10-month training on Mindfulness and runs a successful Meditation group
 - Mature Adults- SMART Team has 1 bilingual peer, Mature Adults Wellness and Recovery has 2 peers
 - Franklin has 2 peer vacancies
- H. *WR Children's Parent Partner Regional Updates* – Maria T. Gonzalez, Children's Sr. Parent Partner:
 - No Report
- I. *Western Adult Family Advocate Updates* – Francisco J. Huerta, Sr. FA Specialist
 - No Report
- 9. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - *Children*- (Victoria (Tori) StJohn) 3125 Myers St- Bi-monthly 2nd Wednesday 12PM
 - No report.
 - *Criminal Justice* – (Greg Damewood) 3625 14th St- 14th Tuesday 12PM
 - Met in May- still working on aligning with State Policies
 - *Membership* - (Greg Damewood, Brenda Scott)

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- Tori and April Smith may be commissioned
- *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
 - Discussed Budget Costs and Mobile Crisis limiting teams and services, Bills SB1181 and SB983
- *Veterans Committee-* (Rick Gentillalli) Location TBD- Bi-monthly 1st Wednesday 10:00AM
 - Meets bi-monthly
- 1. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:
 - Revisiting Mission Statement and Brown ACT at July 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
 - Board Applications- one Emailed to Dani G and handed to Carolyn M
- 4. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting ended 4:30pm

NEXT MEETING: July 1, 2026