



BH CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting the 4th Tuesday of Every Month

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Meeting Called to Order & Introductions: 12:00 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves and their agencies.

PowerPoint Presentation: Janine Moore shared an overview of some of the Beaumont Youth Village updates.

Brief update on what RUHS-BH is calling the “Big Village” (Mead Valley Wellness Village)

- Six buildings on campus, one of which is the Adult Residential Facility and the MHRC has building final and it is incredible.
- The next building to be final is Building 3 - the first one in the county - Children, Youth and Family Services building that will serve as an outpatient on the bottom floor and the Crisis Residential Program for youth on the two top floors.

Building 2 and building 3 is what RUHS is calling “outside the gates” and it is open to the community. All outpatient services are in building 2 and 3, including the Community Health Center, WIC, and ED IOP.

The rest of the campus is what they are calling “behind the gates” residential area with about 280 apartments, and many more amenities for the people who basically live there.

The plan is for all services to begin on January 1, 2027. Work is being done to identify Providers. Working on getting licensing and a lot of other things.

The City of Perris Mayor, Mayor Michael Vargas came last week and is going to push for some of the other open spaces nearby to open some restaurants for people who work and live there. This will be a great partnership.

In addition to that, received - through the same funding stream - CA Prop 1 funding.

Funding for a specific youth village the “Youth Village” will be built on the county owned property in Beaumont. Harmony Haven is the Foster Youth Emergency Shelter in Beaumont run by DPSS. They are part of the campus and RUHS-BH is going to build a village for the whole community.

- Outpatient Urgent Care for all ages up to 18.
- The first Adolescent Substance Use Residential Program - of its size in the county.
- A Crisis Residential Program for Youth

Funding - \$18 million - for the CTF (Community Treatment Facility).

- There will be 18 beds. There are currently only two in the state, both in Los Angeles County.

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- It is the only licensed locked treatment facility allowed in the state.

Currently out to RFP (Request for Proposal) for that building because that funding came after the first pot. We are going out there this afternoon and do what’s called a “sidewalk” for any interested folks.

The Developers, the architects, and the builders, for the “Big Village” is going to build it, they do beautiful work. They are easy to work with, and we don’t have to be there. There will be lots of jobs. They understand the mission and vision of what they’re building. At some point, Janine would like to take everyone there to see the progress.

Review of Minutes: May 28, 2026, minutes reviewed. Tori St. Johns makes a motion to approve the minutes as written, Don Kendrick seconded the motion, and all are in favor.

Meet & Greet: Dr. Chris Lupien, Simple Solutions Psychotherapy – San Bernardino County – Therapy & Outreach

The reason Dr. Lupien is here today is because looking through the website and the information it provided, Dr. Lupien wanted to be involved in a great support system.

- For youth or adults’ step-down referral
- Enhance Care Management Program- is contracted through IEHP and MOLINA
- \$5,000 voucher for assisting individuals move into homes

A lot of the work is with the Juvenile Detention Center – STRTPs.

Also hosting a free back-to-school event on July 25, 2026, at Red Hill Park with give aways – backpacks, Chick-fil-A gift cards and a lot more. Last year about 3000 people showed up and it was amazing.

- Activities-Based Therapy for youth ages 12-18 located in Rancho Cucamonga
 - Cost: Free with Medi-Cal Insurance
- Day Habilitation: for ages 18+ Adults Only – Independent living and community integration
 - Cost: Free with Medi-Cal Insurance

For further information on all services provided, please contact 909-527-3463 regarding availability and scheduling.

Chairperson’s Remarks: Tori shared the following:

Went camping with the LGBT Kids, and Tori wants to thank one of the RUHS clinics for sending a couple of kids, who had a wonderful time. Went to Jenks Lake from June 11-14, 2026. The kids loved all the activities; they made flags for each cabin. They all had a great time. Some of the kids wanted to introduce their parents to other parents. First strangers than friends it was an amazing time and life changing for them.

Desert Children’s Region: Candice Hildebrand shares the following

The Desert Children’s Region is getting ready for HFW (High Fidelity Wraparound) starting in a week.

Western Children’s Region: Novanh shared the following updates:

TAY Stepping Stone had their Pride Celebration and it went very well. TAY Stepping Stone also has a CT vacancy that they are waiting to fill.

The region’s Outpatient Programs, Wraparound and the YHIP Program are also preparing for summer camp, that is the programs way of trying to get engage in the summertime. Each of the programs have their projects to engage the families.

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Just completed the FBT (Family-Based Therapy) for the ED (Eating Disorder) Training. It was a packed house, and they are already planning for another training in the fall, perhaps at the Rustin Conf Center.

Planning a first-time IOP site walk-through tomorrow (June 24, 2026). In addition, there are a couple of positions that are vacant however due to the current hiring freeze not ready for hiring yet.

Thinking about putting together an ED (Eating Disorder) conference next year for professionals, (Medical, Behavioral Health, and Educators etc..) who are dealing with this population. Discussion is at the earliest of points.

Central Children’s Region: Miranda DeShields shared the following updates:

Very excited to announce that one of the Pre-School Clinicians passed the National TF-CBT Exam. The First 5 Funding is sunseting at the end of June, so the Staff Development Officer was able to offer two last trainings: The New Field Institute presented – The Personality of Young Children on May 7, 2026, and Children’s Hospital LA presented – Early Childhood Mental Health Birth to 5 on May 26, 2026.

Currently onboarding STRTP’s to develop mental health contracts to serve dependents and probation kids that are placed all over, so the new STRTPs that will have mental health contracts are: 4 Kids 2 Kids, in Ventura, Blissful Living in Upland, Bright Paths Ahead in San Jacinto, Changing Faces in Santa Barbara County, MaKade STRTP in Riverside, Nabea STRTP in Murrietta, Persistent Youth Pathways in Menifee and Serenity Springs in Riverside. Many of these new STRTPs do not have their Mental Health Programs staff onboard and this is also impacting RUHS-BH local clinics, until they get their own Mental Health Treatment staff up and running.

We are also involved in the Children’s Crisis Continuum Program with Riverside County Child Welfare, San Bernadino County Child Welfare, Riverside County Mental Health, and San Bernardino Mental Health. Ideally the goal is to have all levels of care available for children to move throughout the system without having so many placement disruptions. At present we only have ISFC Level of Care, which is the Foster Home Level of Care, and hoping to build out higher levels of care.

In addition, participated in the Readiness Assessment Cycle 2 with external partners, providing TA (Technical Assistance) - Miranda believes it is a 10-million-dollar grant – which sunsets in 2028 - to cover both counties and to further develop and serve more kids.

Mid-County Children’s Region: Beverly McKeddie shared the following updates:

It is Pride Month in Mid-County. Tomorrow is the Mid-County Event at the TAY Arena from 12-3 p.m. with music, food, resources and lots of activities.

On June 5, 2026, partnered with HOPE Collaborative 5 B, which is the San Jacinto Hemet HOPE Collaborative and jump-started summer. There were backpacks, trailers full of food giveaway, diapers, and plenty of resources. Conservatively there were 555 people.

A retired Military Veteran, who bought his dog to the event, when the dog happened to get hit by a car, the TOPSS staff (Alycia) managed to get some resources from AMR and some medication from the Rancho Vet and Feed Store in San Jacinto. Beverly was able to reach out to a friend from a rescue organization who managed to get the gentleman a scholarship for \$1,200.00 for veterinary care. Truly amazing.

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Last month Beverly mentioned that Mid-County had a fully executed MOU from San Jacinto USD. Mid-County received the list last week with 68 families. Staff made contact and have 3 appointments for assessment set up on Thursday July 2, 2026, and 4 cases opened as of 11:00 am today (June 23, 2026).

TAY Arena Mid-County, has a new group: Never Have I Ever: Never have I ever gone on a hike... Never have I ever volunteered... The group came to the event and stacked the cotton candy machine. It was so much fun for them.

Behavioral Health Commission/Regional Board Updates:

Desert Regional Board Tori St. Johns shared the following information

The BHC (Behavioral Health Commission) meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday July 1, 2026, it may be held at Rustin Conf Center. It is still scheduled there.

Dr. Quinn is so wonderfully organized and likes to have a mission/goal every year. Suicide Prevention is something Dr. Quinn would like the Desert Board to work on more next year. Dr. Quinn wants to be more involved in Suicide Prevention and as heads up, will most likely reach out and collaborate with Diana Gutierrez.

While at the Forensic and Integrated Services meeting last week, Ryhan Miller announced that at the September meeting we'll get a tour of the Wellness Center.

Mid-County Regional Board: Beverly McKeddie - Mid-County misplaced the President for the whole meeting and Don jumped in and made sure the TAY Arena's youth presentation went on without a hitch.

Don Kendrick navigated the TAY Arena's Youth presentations. It would have been most disappointing if after the Youth prepared and were ready and then not able to present.

Don Kendrick followed up by sharing that one of the members is going to share their amazing recovery story at the next Behavioral Health Commission meeting.

Parent Support & Training: Alicia Arrendondo, shared the following information

Starting July 20, 2026, the PS&T Fill a Backpack Drive is back at the Myers Campus 3075 Myers St., Building #1. Collection ends on August 7, 2026, however, PS&T will accept the backpacks at any time. PS&T will put up signage on Monday June 29, 2026.

- Goal this year is to get at least 5 backpacks per program/clinic.
- A request will go out to each of the RUHS-BH Children's Programs, but anyone can donate.
- For the Desert donations please communicate with Shawn Harris – Sr. Certified Peer Support Specialist – 951-358-5862 – sharris@ruhealth.org
- For all other regions please communicate with Rachel Douglas - Sr. Certified Peer Support Specialist - rdouglas@ruhealth.org Elisabeth Rios – Volunteer Services Coordinator – e.rios@ruhealth.org Cindy Chavez – Sr. Certified Peer Support Specialist - CiChavez@ruhealth.org 951-358-5862

The Incredible Years Class - 14 weeks interactive sessions for parents begins on July 17 5:30-7:30 pm. To register: 951-358-5862.

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Rachel Douglas shared the following:

Next week Tuesday & Wednesday June 30 & July 1, 2026, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, here at the Myers Campus. PS&T will be facilitating the first ever “Nurturing Fathers Facilitators Training”. There are two more slots left, so if there are any RUHS or Providers programs/departments that want to send their Parent Partners, and/or want to provide this training at their sites, please communicate with Rachel Douglas at 951-358-5862 rdouglas@ruhealth.org

BHSA Update: Diana Gutierrez shared the following:

The first BHSA Integrated Plan has been received and approved by the State two weeks early and the department is ready to go for July 1, 2026, implementation of the new BHSA Plan.

So, what that means is that, as of June 30, 2026, Prevention Contracts will sunset. It will be sad to see them go, but the California Department of Public Health has a new guide (it has not been released yet) out for their Community Defined Evidence-Based Practices, and they will be releasing an RFP (Request for Proposal) very soon for opportunities for CBOs (Community Based Organizations) to continue to do prevention work. Go to the CDPH (California Department of Public Health) website for further information.

- The Suicide Prevention Coalition will continue.

Since prevention has been moved to State authority, California Department of Public Health is the agency that will be administering that 4% of the BHSA Prevention dollars, and part of that 4% goes to things like the RFP (Request for Proposal), and also dollars will be allocated to every local health jurisdiction, and here in Riverside County, that is the RUHS Public Health Department. Those dollars are dedicated for them to be the prevention coordinators for the county and build a coalition or a collaborative between any prevention providers, as well as overseas, (specific to the dollars that they get), whether they are funded by BHSA or not.

- Specific items for these dollars would include suicide prevention related activities, including updating our local strategic plan and allocating some of those dollars to maintain the coalition.
- They are taking over the role that the department had previously and manning the administrative support and infrastructure to keep the subcommittees moving forward.
- It also is meant to fund and support a suicide fatality review team, which RUHS has already established.

Friday Night Live: Nhan Pham, FNL, shared some updates:

Friday Night Live proxy report team will be hosting a cannabis presentation (in person only) at the Tay Arena Center, Perris, on July 1, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. The event is for High school students, but any students around the area that would benefit from this presentation are all welcome. If any of the programs/department feel that there is an opportunity for a virtual presentation, it will be taken into consideration and discussed with the team.

FNL is currently in the planning phase for the next school year and though the schools are out, FNL is still busy.

FNL will be celebrating the youth ambassadors, the youth councils, and the students for about a week, to reward them for a job well done for the year.

FNL will take them to the beach, have some fun and brainstorm for the coming year. Connecting and bonding with them as they are currently in their recruitment phase as well.

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Some of the Senior Youth Council have graduated and moved on and pursuing their careers and/or their future academic careers as well. FNL is recruiting to fill in some of those spaces for those seats as well.

FNL is slated to have interviews for those positions sometime next week or the week after., and that's it for Friday night.

SAPT: Lupe Madrigal shared the following updates:

SAPT slows down during the summer months; however, the clinics are up and running, providing services for all the outpatient levels of care - 11 clinics countywide - so if there are any referrals, please sent them.

SAPT has a new outpatient provider (Recover) located on Day St., Moreno Valley, they will provide services to youth, including probation. Lupe will be providing the necessary training for their staff.

TAY Western & Central: Joshua Korhely shared the following updates:

The monthly Peer training meetings moved to Wednesdays from 10:30 to 12:30 p.m.

Records management is being done at the Mission Grove Office, however, with Rustin opening, we may be able to move back.

The first ASSIT Training with all Peers, Parent Partners, Family Advocates and Consumer Peers - all from different fidelities - went well. A few more things are coming up and will be shared as they become available.

Agency Reports:

Carolyn E. Wylie Center: Erika Martinez shared the following:

The program is currently accepting referrals;

- Eating Disorder Program
- Trauma Treatment
- 0 to 5
- High Acuity and Stabilization
- Affirmation Inclusive Care Program as well as
- Capability Project

Yajaira Leon: shared the following:

- The 3rd annual Summer Bash Event July 16 3:00p.m. – 6:00 p.m. there will be raffles, games, activities, and plenty of resources.
- Holding space for the group facilitators: Yoga, DBT Art Group, Little Wiggles, Tabletop Role Playing and a community social group in the works.

Suzette Donaldson: shared the following:

The Wylie Center has been looking to hire a Parent Partner for over 6 months with not much success, so the Wylie Center decided to review how they are doing things and came up with an idea:

- Wylie transitioned 2 qualified Peers to Parent Partners, then needed to hire 2 Peer Support Specialist. One was hired yesterday, so currently looking for one more Peer Support Specialist certified, (but it is not necessary), with

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lived experience and most importantly on a mental health recovery journey.

- **JVUSD:** Jose Campos shared the following:

Busy interviewing and hiring.

Blessed to be able to braid CYBHI (Children Youth Behavioral Health Initiative) funding with the program’s mental health. Expanding services because the program now bills through CYBHI. Dinosaur School expanded this year, it is a huge expansion with our TKK classrooms.

Four elementary pilots are now expanding to 9 on campuses. This summer the Parent Child Interaction, ABC Music and Me, has two sessions to starting in July.

With one of the contracts the program has hired 5 clinicians, interviews in 2 weeks for in-house positions, filled another therapist position, and have one pending negotiation.

FSA (Family Service Association): April Smith shared the following

Thanked Jose Campos for his fantastic work in the schools.

FSA is also expanding services. Offering services at of the Box Springs Clinic and expanding the Cabazon Community Center as well as Lakeland Village in Lake Elsinore.

The Home Visiting Program, the 0-5 Program, Nurturing Parenting Classes that are happening, Grief Groups, DBT Support Groups, Teens and Adolescents, as well as Caregivers.

Full Service Mental Health Services, individual, groups, family, adults, children, teens, at either reduce cost or free, with sliding scale options, out of all three locations.

FSA is in the process of credentialing with multiple insurances. That will be coming soon.

FSA has hardship exemptions as well, for folks that do not have insurance or need a reduction in cost. But most of our services are currently free. FSA has multiple locations. Flyers are coming out soon.

McKinley Children’s Center: Melinda Sabetzadeh shared the following:

Western Region is fully staffed with all the clinical supervisors. Mid-County Region is currently expanding and adding additional MHRS to the site as well as two additional clinicians and a clinical supervisor.

VCSS (Victor Community Support Services): Jana Trew shares the following:

High Fidelity Wraparound is really the ongoing focus, and the conference (first time for Jana) was amazing. The importance and influence of Parent Partners and Peer Support Specialists. The Youth Panel – it was clear to them – that for them, one of the most important things - in addition to everything they were learning - was feeling connected to someone and feeling like they must do whatever was necessary to take that next step in their journey on their own.

The Parent/Family panel; every one of those parents talked about the importance of that Parent Partner, feeling like they had someone to advocate for them to sometimes open that door. That they can experience the rest of the team and without them it is extremely challenging.

Jana sent almost all her staff (Parent Partners, facilitators, clinicians) to the conference and it was very exciting.

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SSG Riverside Counseling Center: Jana Garrett shares the following updates:

The CBIT Program is having the final Fidelity Meeting tomorrow - June 24, 2026, - under the MHSA. The Program is transitioning to Medi-Cal so CBITs is not going away. The SSG already has Medi-Cal contracts, and the program feels confident in the transition and how things are handled.

The most exciting news this week is that SSG received an e-mail yesterday, from Moreno Valley USD, informing SSG that the MOU is approved by the board.

Now SSG is preparing for the next school year. There are still some challenges, and every school has a different interpretation. In one of the meetings with Student Services, SSG talked about; if there is any way there can be a little more consistency, with communication with the schools – when we go to the schools - aside from showing them the MOU – is there any way the school can verify that we have an MOU or that we are on a list.

- The Administration Team/Secretaries can then go to the database and verify through the MOU.
- SSG is approved to do services – if/when needed - on campus during the summer.

Great news: Another staff that trained in TF-CBT submitted their audio and sent e-mail that they got approved and passed the national certification.

SSG/APCTC (Asian Pacific Counseling and Treatment Centers): Luciana Hsu shared updates:

Sunsetting the PEI (Prevention & Early Intervention) Program and the CMHPP (Community Mental Health Promotion Program), the last meeting will be tomorrow, June 24, 2026.

It will be bittersweet, but Luciana is happy to say that they were able to transition some of the staff to better fit another role. APCTC is also adding a caregiver parenting group to the mental health program; the goal is to have it co-facilitated by both the Parent Partner and the Behavioral Health Specialist.

The program received a small grant through public health, allowing the program to offer Violence Prevention Workshops in different languages - only on limited time - until November.

APCTC has a fully executed MOU with Corona/Norco Unified School District for the next 5 years.

To kickstart APCTC is going to participate in The Foster Youth Resource Fair in mid-July.

In addition, the program is just wrapping up the fiscal year and celebrating one of our clinicians who recently got licensed.

Next Meeting: September 22, 2026, 12-2 p.m.

Location: Rustin Conference Center – Conf Room 1048 2085 Rustin Ave., Riverside, CA 92507

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