



Western Region Behavioral Health - Advisory Board
Minutes
July 1, 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	P	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	A	Maria T Gonzalez, Sr. Parent Partner		A
Stacy Anderson, Executive Assistant	P	Jennel Rand, Sr. PSS		P
Guests				
April Smith	P	Cheath Roun		P
Danielle Damewood	P	Vanessa Stan-Ugbene		A
Joshua Smith	P	Victoria Smith		P
Jennifer Hayford	A	Janette Patterson		P
Delores Deloney	P	Reyes Ortiz		A
Claude Davis	P	Diana Gutierrez		P
Caroline Martinez	A	Curtis Swafford		P
Ashley Castro	A	Gregory Ulrich		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 June 2026 were reviewed and accepted as is
4. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS
 - People driving too fast in Parking Lot- Reach out to Security
5. SITE VISIT REPORT(S)
 - All site visits completed
6. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Diana Gutierrez- BHSA
 - Power Point Shared during meeting and in email

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- PEI programs discontinued
- New programs went live on July 1, 2026, FSP/ICM, ACT/FACT, HFW, IPS, AFBSS

7. CHAIR'S REMARKS

- Commission met today
- Recovery Happens scheduled at Fairmont Park on September 24th at 11 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 153 members enrolled in its FSP program and 1527 in the non-FSP program. No Vacancies currently.
- Jefferson Wellness Center currently has 16 groups and 243 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 207 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:

- No Report

C. Corona Wellness & Recovery- Girlyanne Lacson BHSS

- We currently have 993 members open, 663 in the adult program, 66 registered in FSP, 141 in Children's program and 123 in SAPT.
- Fully staffed.
- We are expanding our programming to offer more group services and family therapy appointments after 5pm. Staff are adjusting their schedules as needed. We hope this can meet the needs of working clients and offer more after-school options.

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

- No Report

E. Western Region SAPT Program – Elena Martinez BHSIII

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F. Western Region HHOPE Service Administrator- Dr. Lorissa Villareal presented by Cheath Roun

- Report out in email with minutes
- SAPT Grant Application with SAMSA completed

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

- Collaborating with Family Advocates and Peers for training to improve engagement with face 2 face visits
- 1 Peer will be imbedded to each region in IPS

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
 - Meets next week
- **Membership -** (Greg Damewood, Brenda Scott)
 - 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
 - Next meeting scheduled for September 2nd from 10:30-11:30 AM
- **Veterans Committee-** (Rick Gentillalli) Location TBD- Bi-monthly 1st Wednesday 10:00AM
 - Meets bi-monthly

1. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:

- Mission statement reviewed and approved
- Brown Act- online for review

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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- applications submitted by D Delaney

4. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting ended 4:30pm

NEXT MEETING: Sept 2, 2026