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**MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Presiding: Tori St. Johns, Chairperson

**2. CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT – 3 minute limit per speaker**

**4. ACCEPTANCE of MINUTES – July 14, 2026**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) The LINC (Linkage, Integration, Navigation, and Care) Program – Dr. Andrew Williams Psy.D, Mental Health Services Administrator, and Matthew Sasso LCSW, Behavioral Health Services Supervisor
- 2) Other New Business

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) Other Old Business

**7. MONTHLY UPDATE & REPORT**

- 1) Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Programs – Gabriel Kason, SUDCCII, Supervisor
- 2) Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Programs – Refugio Vivanco, Senior Peer Support Specialist TAY/Children
- 3) Peer Support and Resource Center – Ashley Jean, Senior Peer Support Specialist PSRC

**8. MATURE ADULTS SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS –Tony Ortego (or Nate Ramirez)**

**9. CHILDREN & TAY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS – Candice Hildebrand, LMFT**

**10. ADULT SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS –Rachel Gileno, LMFT**

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS-** Please keep reports limited to a maximum of 3 minutes

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| 1) Main Behavioral Health Commission Report | - | Tori St. Johns, Commission Member |
| 2) Children's Committee Report              | - | Tori St Johns, Committee Chair    |
| 3) Adults Committee Report                  | - | Jim Jones, Desert Board Rep       |
| 4) Mature Adults Committee Report           | - | Maura Fisher, Desert Board Rep    |
| 5) Housing Committee Report                 | - | Eva Guenther-James                |
| 6) Legislative Report                       | - | Mark Miller                       |
| 7) Criminal Justice Committee Report        | - | Carole Schaudt, Desert Board Rep  |
| 8) Veteran's Committee Report               | - | Joe Butts, Desert Board Rep       |
| 9) Membership Report                        | - | Dr. Janice Quinn                  |

**12. NEXT DESERT BOARD MEETING- Tuesday, October 13, 2026**

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2. For Board related questions or Agenda suggestions contact Dr. Quinn.

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