

DESERT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD
47-825 Oasis Street, Indio, CA 92201
Adult Services Room AS54

MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Janice Quinn; Vice-Chairperson, Mark Miller, Eva Guenther-James, Bruce Sherr, Huynh Cuc Nguyen, Maura Fisher, Jim Jones.

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Richard Divine, Carole Schaudt, Bea Gonzalez, Tori St Johns, Joe Butts.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT: Mary Carpio; Secretary to Rachel Gileno, Denise Morgan; Secretary to Candice Hildebrand, Gabe Kason; Indio SUDCCII Supervisor, RUHS – BH, Elizabeth Aguilar; Family Advocate, RUHS – BH, Jay Rembold; Senior Peer Support Specialist, RUHS – BH.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Lim; Chief Administrator Officer, Eisenhower Behavioral Health, Amber Duffle; pending board member, Marina Boslet (public).

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME AND SELF INTRODUCTIONS:

Dr. Janice Quinn called the meeting of the Riverside County Desert Behavioral Health Board to order at 12:12 PM. Self-introductions of all who were in attendance in person or by teleconference followed.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Quinn said she attended a street fair in Lake Tahoe, while on vacation, and they were handing out Narcan at a booth at the fair. She said she was impressed that they were taking the time to do this.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Limit 3 minutes per speaker):

None.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Dr. Janice Quinn asked if there were any additions, corrections, or deletions to the board minutes of the July 14, 2026 meeting. There were no corrections that needed to be made. Bruce Sherr made a motion to accept the minutes, and Huynh Nguyen seconded the motion, it passed by a unanimous affirmative vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eisenhower Behavioral Health Presentation:

Mike Lim, Chief Administrative Officer of Eisenhower Behavioral Health, gave a brief presentation on the services they offer. He said they are looking at expanding their services as it pertains to Behavioral Health. He also added they will be partnering with their current addiction medicine program and the Coachella Valley Behavioral Health

Hospital in Indio. He said he is meeting with various stakeholders throughout the Valley to assess their programs and help fill the needs within their programs.

417 Recovery Official Opening of Its Indio Location:

Honor Moore was unable to attend the meeting, so no update was able to be given.

San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital Behavioral Health in Palm Springs Closing:

Dr. Janice Quinn referred to the closing of the hospital. For more information on this, refer to the attached newspaper article covering the closure.

Other New Business:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Window Walk Gallery at the River Update:

Dr Quinn said the gallery received access to several more stores that recently became vacant and she in in need of additional art to help fill the windows in those stores.

Other Old Business:

None

MONTHLY UPDATE AND REPORT:

Substance Abuse Program Update:

Gabe Kason said the construction of their new building is still progressing with the ceilings and walls finished. He added that once the construction is completed, they will be able to house all the programs associated with substance abuse under one roof. He also gave an update on all the programs he is associated with.

Peer Support and Resource Center:

Tabled until the September 8, 2026 meeting.

Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Program Update:

Tabled until the September 8, 2026 meeting.

CHILDRENS SERVICES MANAGER COMMENTS:

Tabled until the September 8, 2026 meeting.

ADULT SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

Tabled until the September 8, 2026 meeting.

Older Adults Administrator's Comments:

Tabled until the September 8, 2026 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Children's Committee Report:

Tabled until the September 8, 2026 meeting.

Adults Committee Report:

Jim Jones had no report to give at this time.

Mature Adults Committee Report:

Maura Fisher had no report to give at this time.

Housing Committee Report:

Eva Guenther-James gave an update on this.

Legislative Report:

Mark Miller said he will attach the agendas and minutes from the last several meetings to the minutes of this meeting.

Membership Report:

Tabled until the September 8, 2026 meeting.

Behavioral Health Commission (BHC) Report:

Tabled until the September 8, 2026 meeting.

Criminal Justice Committee Report:

Tabled until the September 8, 2026 meeting.

Veteran's Committee Report:

Tabled until the September 8, 2026 meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Huynh Cuc Nguyen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Maura Fisher seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 1:14 PM.

The next formal meeting of the Riverside County Desert Board of Behavioral Health will be **Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at the Oasis Adult Conference Room at 12:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Mark Miller, Desert Board Secretary