



Western Region Behavioral Health - Advisory Board
Minutes
March 4, 2026
Hybrid TEAMS and in Person
2085 Rustin Ave Ste 5, Riverside, CA 92507

Board Members					
Member		Member		Member	
Greg Damewood, Chairperson	P	Richard Yarbrough, PSS/JWC	P	Karen Franks, PSS/Blaine	P
		Joseph Page, Hemet Beat	P		
Western Region Administration					
Alea Jackson, WR Adult Services	P	Elena Martinez BHSIII			P
Kelly Grotsky, WR DD	A	Novanh Xayarath, WR BHSA			A
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
Nicole Brown, Cultural Competency Liaison	A	Maria T Gonzalez, Sr. Parent Partner			P
Dakota Brown, Cultural Competency Liaison/Disabilities	A	Jennel Rand, Sr. PSS			A
Stacy Anderson, Executive Assistant	P				
Guests					
Omara Moreno	A	Janette P			P
Danielle Damewood	P	Noemie Cano			P
Joshua Smith	A	Seve Severa Flores Calderon			P
Jennifer Hayford	A	Elizabeth R			P
Cheath Rougn	P	Huriya Tesfaliase			P
Thuy Nguyen	P				
Christopher Ochoa	P				
Josielynn Sanchez	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 February 2026 were reviewed and accepted as is
 - Suggested by Rich to supply Spanish Agenda and Minutes at meetings
4. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS
 - All three regions will be participating in May is Mental Health Art of Wellness Fair-**Friday, MAY 15, 2025 - RIVERSIDE** - Fairmount Park, 11:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
5. SITE VISIT REPORT(S)
 - Sylvia is working on assigning locations, Greg volunteered. Contact Sylvia Bishop if you are interested in being part of the site reviews. Recommended Blaine location

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6. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Pathways to Success- presented by Thuy Nguyen and Christopher Ochoa
 - Power point presented
 - 4 step Vocational program
 - Department of Rehabilitation funded
 - Open to RUHS BH members
 - Orientations at Riverside Location Blaine St Tuesdays at 1 PM
7. CHAIR'S REMARKS
 - Wellness Village to complete construction January 2027, to include 556 beds, they even have a pet hotel
 - Stacy Contact Sylvia Bishop for Wellness Village presentation and CARE ACT
 - Greg attended the Community Interface for the plan of Behavioral Health, March 19th will address public remarks. April Fay presented regarding substance abuse and treatment. Homelessness is down 19% to the prior year and Homelessness deaths down approximately 30%
 - May 12 at Taj Majal will have an art exhibit
8. REGIONAL REPORTS
 - A. *Adult Manager's Report* – Alea Jackson, BHSA
 - 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 134 members enrolled in its FSP program and 1533 in the non-FSP program. Currently vacant are an OAI they submitted an offer, CTI checking referrals, Interviewing for SupOA.
 - Jefferson Wellness Center currently has 16 groups and Caseload-264 enrolled members. 2 vacant positions a BHSII submitted an offer and CTII.
 - 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. There are 196 members enrolled between the Riverside and Temecula site's location. The program is fully staffed currently. 1 new Sr. Employment Counselor position being added to program and are currently interviewing.
 - B. *Children's Manager Report* – Novanh Xayarath, Children's Administrator:
 - Youth Hospital Intervention Program (YHIP) – Currently has 66 open cases. Averaging 18 referrals a month. Program is fully staff and is one of the highest direct services producing programs in region. Program working to improve care coordination with ETS.
 - Eating Disorder Mindful Body and Recovery – Recently graduated a member last month. Currently it has no active clients. Program has 3 referrals. Waiting on medical clearance before formally opening to program. Program piloting with TAY age youth. Accepting referrals up to age 25. Pilot is being done at Stepping Stones.

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- First Episode Psychosis – Currently has 26 active cases. Program is fully staff. Program is working with UC Davis regarding implementation of program in Riverside County. They are the COE (Center of Excellence) that monitors FEP implementation for the state. FEP will start bundle billing on July 1st and dept is working on developing codes for it.
- TAY Stepping Stones – Currently has 252 active cases. Averaging 26 referrals a month. Program is fully staff and recently hired 2 office assistants. Program also got CT from MDFT who transferred in. With the addition, program will offer family therapy. Program is working with Mindful Body and Recovery regarding the pilot of IOP services to TAY age members.
- Moreno Valley CHIP – Currently has 336 active cases. Program averaging 18 referrals a month. Program is fully staff. Program offers TF-CBT, eating disorder, EMDR, medication services, family therapy, individual therapy, and group services.
- Riverside Family Wellness – Currently has 160 active cases. Program averages 12 referrals a month. There is a vacancy in the CSA position. RFW also got CT who transfer from MDFT. Program offers individual therapy, family therapy, group, medication services. Staff are trained in TFCBT, eating disorders, family therapy, and Parent Child Interactive Therapy (PCIT).
- Children's Treatment Services – program currently has 284 active cases. It's averaging 28 referrals a month. A new Parent Partner was recently hired to fill a vacancy. Program is now fully staff. CTS offers TF-CBT, eating disorders, medication services, family therapy, individual therapy, and group services.
- ISF Wraparound – Program currently has 21 active cases and averaging 4 referrals a month. Wraparound provides intensive case management. Working to transition to become high fidelity wraparound starting July 1st and transition to bundle billing as opposed to fee for service. Program serves mostly probation youth.
- Additional Info:
- West Region Children recently hosted training for eating disorders. DBT for ED on 2/25 and 2/26 and FBT for ED on 1/27 and 1/28.
- West Region Children also started another round of Family Therapy training for Children's programming on 2/4 and 2/5. Follow up monthly consultation for current cohort will continue until end of May.

C. Corona Wellness Updates –

- The census @ Corona Wellness & Recovery Center is a total of 1011. 690 in my Ault Program, 110 in Children's, 151 in SAPT, 127 in FSP Adults and 35 in Children's FSP.
- Corona is also planning for our annual Eggstravaganza Spring Event, which is scheduled for April 2, 2026. This offers our members an opportunity to bring their families for games, egg hunting and treats.
- MH Programming is being evaluated, as there is a revamping of groups we offer and creating of a "group menu" we can offer to Members who are interested.
- SAPT continues to grow, with groups hitting capacity serving more Members every day.
- We have 4 vacant positions – 2 OAIIs (in recruitment), PSS for Adult Program (in recruitment) and a Sr. Clinical Therapist.

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

- No Report

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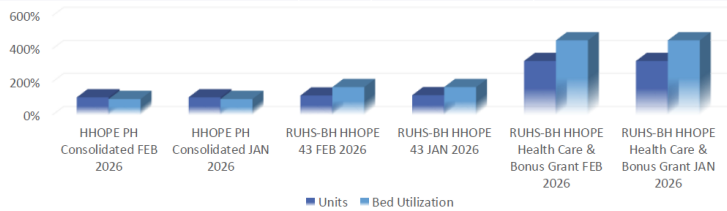
E. Western Region SAPT Program – Elena Martinez BHSIII

- Rustin- 470 members, 33 adolescents, 76 groups per week in English and Spanish up to 6:30pm
- No Vacancies
- Moreno Valley- 233 members with 164 Prevention programs
- No vacancies
- Prop 36 funding approved across county

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

FEBRUARY 2026 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

HOUSING PROGRAM	UNITS %	BED UTILIZATION %	SUMMARY
HHOPE PH CONSOLIDATED FEBRUARY 2026	105%	95%	103 UNITS/ 176 BEDS
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RUHS-BH HHOPE 43 PSH FEBRUARY 2026	116%	167%	50 UNITS/ 72 BEDS
RUHS-BH HHOPE 43 PSH JANUARY 2026	118%	167%	51 UNITS/ 72 BEDS
RUHS-BH HOUSING & HEALTHCARE BONUS GRANT PSH FEBRUARY 2026	325%	450%	13 UNITS/ 18 BEDS
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			TOTAL- 166 UNITS/ 266 BEDS



PSH (Permanent Supportive Housing) requirements: Severe Mental Illness, Chronically Homeless (continuous homelessness for at least a year or experienced 4 episodes of homelessness in the last 3 years, where the combined length of time in those episodes are at least a year).

FEBRUARY 2026 CALL LOGS

PROGRAM	JANUARY 2026	FEBRUARY 2026	+ / -
HHOPE	2,901	2,372	-529
HOMECONNECT	1,777	1,541	-236

- Power point in email

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

- No Report

H. WR Children's Parent Partner Regional Updates – Maria T. Gonzalez, Children's Sr. Parent Partner:

- Parenting group- monthly held on the 4th Thursday from 5:30pm-7:30pm, also young empowerment group offered at the same time for parents' children
- New 11–13-week curriculum course for men- Nurturing Father's in English and Spanish
- Parenting autistic children's group- Wed 10-11 am

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- I. *Western Adult Family Advocate Updates* – Francisco J. Huerta, Sr. FA Specialist
 - No Report
9. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - *Children* (Vacant)
 - No report.
 - *Criminal Justice* – (Greg Damewood)
 - Meets Wednesday, March 11th 12PM at 14th St location. Anyone can attend.
 - *Membership* - (Greg Damewood) Brenda Scott
 - No report
 - *Older Adults* (Vacant) Brenda Scott
 - No report.
 - *Housing Committee* (Vacant)
 - No report.
 - *Adult* (Vacant)
 - No report.
 - *Legislative* (Vacant) April Smith
 - Meets bi-monthly- reported out 3/4/26
 - *Veterans Committee* (Vacant) Rick Genitali
 - Meets bi-monthly
1. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:
 - Revisit May is Mental Health event
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 attend with members of the public
 - Joseph- requested art and social group classes at Blaine, also inquired about studio time funded by the County
 - Emailed Josie Board Member Application
4. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting ended 4:30pm

NEXT MEETING: April 1, 2026