Western Region Behavioral Health - Advisory Board

Minutes
January 07, 2026
MS Teams

Board Members					
Member		**Member**		**Member**	
Greg Damewood, Chairperson	P	Richard Yarbrough, PSS/JWC	A	Karen Franks, PSS/Blaine	P
		Joseph Page, Hemet Beat	P		

Western Region Administration			
Alea Jackson, WR Adult Services	P	Elena Martinez BHSIII	P
Bill Brenneman, WR DD	A	Novanh Xayarath, WR BHSA	P
Tony Ortego, WR BHSA	P	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
Nicole Brown, Cultural Competency Liaison	A	Maria T Gonzalez, Sr. Parent Partner	P
Dakota Brown, Cultural Competency Liaison/Disabilities	P	Jennel Rand, Sr. PSS	A
Stacy Anderson, Executive Assistant	P		

Guests			
Omara Moreno	A		
Danielle Damewood	P		
Joshua Smith	A		
Jennifer Hayford	A		
Cheath Rougn	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 November 2025 were reviewed and accepted as is

4. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

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.

6. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Tony Ortego, BHSA Mature Adults Western Region- Power Point Shared
   - 8 Clinics
   - 2 Track System of Care

- 3rd Track Prevention and Early Intervention will be imbedded in Desert and Riverside clinics by June
- System of Care meet next Tuesday 1/13/26 from 12-2 at Rustin

7. CHAIR'S REMARKS

8. REGIONAL REPORTS

A. *Adult Manager's Report* – Alea Jackson, BHSA
- Program expansion- BHSA implementing Evidence Based Practice ACT/FACT at JWC. Individual Placement Support IPS Employment Services implementation – will be a standalone RUHS-BH program
- 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 126 members enrolled in its FSP program and 1,602 in the non-FSP program. 3 vacancies.
- Jefferson Wellness Center currently has 16 groups and 279 enrolled members. 1 vacant position.
- 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 have been changes in funding through the DOR contract a portion of it has been approved for a Senior Employment Specialist position. There are 197 members enrolled between the Riverside and Temecula site's location. The program is fully staffed currently.

B. *Children's Manager Report* – Novanh Xayarath, Children's Administrator:
- Multidimensional family therapy program closed November 19th. It was under the same referral system as MDAFT. Tomorrow they will be holding a look back celebration.
- Eating disorder family-based therapy treatment and DBT for eating disorder training will be held January 27th and 28th. DBT for Ed will be February 25th and 26th
- And for the dialectical behavioral therapy, or DBT for Ed will be February 25th and 26th. Because of the space issue, we are doing this training at the Myers children's complex, and it can only accommodate up to 50 people.
- Eating disorder is still struggling with referrals, meeting with Journey TAY to expand the age range from 12-18 to 12-25.
- Piloted a family therapy training course for the department last year. February 4th and 5th will be hosting another one increasing the slots by 20 spots
- Groups- individual therapy and some family therapy with an assigned MDFT.

C. *Corona Wellness Updates* – Amber Isreal CTIII
- No Report

D. *Older Adults Manager Report* - Tony Ortego, Mature Adults Administrator
- 650-700 Active Members, no open vacancies.

E. *Western Region SAPT Program* – Elena Martinez BHSIII

- Rustin- 471 members, 76 groups per week in English and Spanish up to 6:30 PM
- 1 BHS open positions at Rustin, OAIII offered pending
- Moreno Valley- 211 members- no vacancies

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

- See attachment in email to view the Power Point for more Housing totals for Dec 2025

DECEMBER 2025
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

HOUSING PROGRAM	UNITS %	BED UTILIZATION %	SUMMARY
HHOPE PH CONSOLIDATED DECEMBER 2025	**106%**	**94%**	**104 UNITS/ 174 BEDS**
HHOPE PH CONSOLIDATED NOVEMBER 2025	106%	94%	104 UNITS/ 174 BEDS
RUHS-BH HHOPE 43 PSH DECEMBER 2025	**125%**	**165%**	**54 UNITS/ 71 BEDS**
RUHS-BH HHOPE 43 PSH NOVEMBER 2025	125%	165%	54 UNITS/ 71 BEDS
RUHS-BH HOUSING & HEALTHCARE BONUS GRANT PSH DECEMBER 2025	**325%**	**450%**	**13 UNITS/ 18 BEDS**
RUHS-BH HOUSING & HEALTHCARE BONUS GRANT PSH NOVEMBER 2025	325%	450%	13 UNITS/ 18 BEDS **TOTAL- 171 UNITS/ 263 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.

- Call logs Nov 2589, Dec 2886 calls to hope line
- Call Logs Nov 1382, Dec 1702 calls to home connect line

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:

- Holiday food baskets passed out to families in children's clinic in November and snowflakes in December.
- Parenting group- monthly held on the 4th Thursday from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

I. *Western Adult Family Advocate Updates* – Francisco J. Huerta, Sr. FA Specialist

- 8 family advocates are currently throughout the region, embedded in our adult outpatient behavioral health clinics as well as Tay centers.
- Senior forensics family advocate Angie Rodriguez retired. She has been with the County for many years, and done amazing work in the court system, helping out families.
- Senior Community FA open added Crisis Support to role.
- Working towards getting a family advocate at ETS/ITF working with the crisis team
- Received over 980 Referrals through Cris/CBAT/ Mobile/ Hospitals/ Law enforcement

- Community and OP groups available- virtual and in person- Calander attached
- NAMI Walk Saturday November 15 @ 8am Diamond Valley Lake Marina (no dogs allowed unless service animal)

9. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORTS

- *Children* (Vacant)
  - No report.
- *Criminal Justice* – (Greg Damewood)
  - Meets Wednesday, January 14that 12PM at 14th St location. Anyone can attend.
- *Membership* - (Greg Damewood) Brenda Scott
  - Met today
- *Older Adults* (Vacant) Brenda Scott
  - No report.
- *Housing Committee* (Vacant)
  - No report.
- *Adult* (Vacant)
  - No report.
- *Legislative* (Vacant) April Smith
  - No report
- *Veterans Committee* (Vacant) Rick Genitali
  - Meeting this month

1. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:
   - Deputy Director- Bill Brenneman retired 1/7/26
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
4. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting ended 4:30pm

NEXT MEETING: February 4, 2026