



Western Region Behavioral Health - Advisory Board
Minutes
April 2, 2025
Hybrid Meeting – In person & MS Teams

Board Members			
Member		Member	
Greg Damewood, Chairperson	P	Richard Yarbrough, PSS/JWC	P
Western Region Administration			
Alea Jackson, WR Adult Services	P	Sean Rayner, WR BHSIV	P
Bill Brenneman, WR DD	A	Novanh Xayarath, WR BHSA	P
Tony Ortego, WR BHSA	P	Lorissa Villarreal, HHOPE Service Admin	P
Girlyanne Lacson, WR BHSS	A		
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	Glennis Ulloa, Sr. Parent Partner	A
Stacy Anderson, Executive Assistant	P	Jennel Rand, Sr. PSS	A
Guests			
Karen Franks	P	Stephanie Barreta	P
Danielle Damewood	P	Randall Bower	A
Joshua Smith	A	Jennifer Hayford	P
Stephen Haskell	A	David Schuela	A
Delbert Harvey	P	Delores Dellnei	P
Omara Maren	P	Joseph Pago	P
Evette Yaniz-Telecare	P	Elena Martinez	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 March were reviewed and accepted as written.
4. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS
 - May is Mental Health
 - Mental Service Act **Western County May is Mental Health Month event**

Thursday, May 15th
 Event hours: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm
 Fairmont Park, Riverside
 Hearing hours: 1:30 – 4:00 pm
 - David Show and comedy Fairmont Park 1:30- 4PM
 - Directing Change- May 16, 2024, 5:00pm-7:00pm Fox Theater 3801 Mission Inn Ave, Riverside, CA 92501

- One heart poisoning and overdose 5K walk. April 12th, from 8:00 to 2:00 at Fairmont Park.
 - Graduation ceremony for criminal programs Superior Court of Riverside, April 24th at 1:30PM
5. SITE VISIT REPORT(S)
- 2 site visits today
6. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER; Evette M Yanez Psy.D, Program Administrator for Telecare Crisis Mental Health Urgent Care
- Power Point Presented and handouts provided
 - Services Provided
 - Psych eval & medication management
 - Brief solution focused therapy and clinical assessment
 - Symptom stabilization/ emergency medication
 - Peer support/ skill building/ group education and support
 - Linkage to ongoing outpatient treatment such as RUHS-BH
 - Referrals to substance abuse treatment & residential treatment
 - Community Recourses
7. CHAIR'S REMARKS
- March's Commission minutes will be approved at the April Commission meeting.
8. REGIONAL REPORTS
- A. *Adult Manager's Report* – Alea Jackson, BHSA
- The Western region is planning for May Is Mental Health Month. The Theme is Art of Wellness. The Western Region event will be held on Thursday, **MAY 15, 2025 - RIVERSIDE** - Fairmount Park, 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
 - All Western adult outpatient clinics will have a table with resources and SWAG.
 - Blaine St. Clinic continues to provide individual therapy, groups, peer services, medication support family advocacy and case management services. Blaine St Clinic currently has 26 groups offered including post-traumatic stress disorder groups. Blaine currently has 127 members enrolled in its FSP program and 1,832 in the non-FSP program. There are 2 vacant positions that are currently in recruitment.
 - Jefferson Wellness Clinic Jefferson Wellness Center currently has 19 groups. JWC has 309 enrolled members. There are 4 vacant positions in recruitment.
 - 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 156 members enrolled between the Riverside and Temecula site's location. The program has no vacancy at this time.
- B. *Children's Manager Report* – Novanh Xayarath, Children's Administrator:

- Three traditional outpatient programs for children: Children treatment services in Riverside, Riverside Family Wellness Center, Moreno Valley interagency program. Typical outpatient program that provides medication and therapy for consumers. They're all to 18-year-old.
- 1st episode psychosis program for 15-25, looking for new Dr, Grant funded looking for extension by June
- Intensive Outpatient Eating Disorder, Mindful Body and Recovery Program for adolescents 12-18 years of age- Hired a Nurse and 2 CT's, offer was made to a third candidate. (Happier Life Project will connect to supply service information) attenuative start date May 3rd
- Scott McClung retired from the transitional program, Census 193 open cases, 164 FSP
- Steppingstones Program, which is located off the University Ave. about two miles South, 2 miles West of PCR. Drop in program ages 16-25
- Multidimensional family therapy program. 12 to 18 years old, who have behavioral issues, disruptive behaviors problems with the law and substance use.
- Wrap Around- Intense Case Management/ field based, resources, case management
- Youth Hospital Intervention Program

C. *Corona Wellness Updates* – Alea Jackson presented

- Updates for Corona include continued focus on increasing community outreach and programming.
- Corona has an event for our members planned at the end of the month called Extravaganza, inviting members to enjoy some refreshments, participate in activities and egg hunt.
- All members and their families from all 3 of our programs are invited, which also continues our mission of integration. We continue to increase groups within the clinic and are working on increasing the number of assessments offered to potential new clients weekly.
- We hope to add at least 7 new assessments slots by the end of the month. We hope this addresses some concerns regarding timely access and no shows.
- Our current census at Corona is 1,341 Members with 207 Members enrolled in FSP.

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

- Mature Adults current Census is 650+ with 165-170 FSP Consumers, 80% connected to a Primary Care Physician for Medical Conditions.
- There are many in person attendance, that seems to be continuing to increase. Contributes walk-ins to possibly the Holiday parties.
- C t and BHSIII on boarding
- Programs provides a wide range of services for psychiatric medication consultations with our psychiatrists' case management, we do a lot of individual therapy.
- Group Highlight- 20 groups one being Food for Heart.
- 3 food banks set up to deliver to 17 members weekly, donations from Costco, Sam's Club, Walmart, and Starbucks, Office on Aging providing weekly medically tailored meals for 65 weeks
- Family Advocate Omara- educating families and offering support

E. *Western Region SAPT Program* – Sean Rayner, BHSIV

- New BHIII- Elena Martinez (Will be presenting for SAPT for Sean)
- Referrals coming in from Prop 36

- One Life, One Heart Poisoning and Overdose 5K walk. Riverside, the Western region is on April 12th from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Fairmont Park (Registration starts at 7AM). The other dates are April 26th for the desert, June 7th for Mid counties. **Send volunteer forms to Josh at Blaine**
- Vacancies-Mo Val one BHSIII and OAIII
- There are currently 401 members, and that's across their IOT- 43 members, ODF- 198, and recovery services with 139 prevention students
- Moreno Valley 96 members, 24 in prevention, 56 in IOT
- Riv/Mo Val 582 members
- The contingency management program is in the readiness stage. Just waiting for management to approve.

F. *Western Region HHOPE Service Administrator- Dr. Lorissa Villareal*

- The first one is our permanent supportive housing and scattered sites, and this is provided by HUD which is the Housing and Urban development grant. This has created 176 housing units supporting 272 individuals.
- Receive the homeless housing Assistance and prevention, or HAP grant, and utilizing this has created 11 transitional age youth units which supports 13 individuals and 16 general units supporting 28 individuals and a rapid rehousing situation and rapid rehousing is a special housing situation in that it.
- Staff is working alongside the Members that are in these housing situations and folks here are supported for 12 months with an opportunity to extend for another 12 months. At the end of their first year.
- HHOPE has an encampment resolution funding. Which focuses on the Santa Ana River bottom and San Jacinto River bottoms. This has created 25 rapid rehousing units supporting 32 individuals, and Chet BHSS, reported out last month that we also receive the Marietta Creek Trail encampment RES. In the Murietta and Temecula areas and unincorporated areas
- Additionally, there is that same encampment resolution funding which has supported 71 beds totaling 1888 bed nights in transitional housing.
- Supporting individuals utilizing this funding for short term post hospitalization states which have provided 374 beds totaling 9477 bed nights and moving on to our emergency housing.
- Utilized emergency housing funding which has provided 132 beds totaling 2656 bed Nets.
- The year 2024, so January 1st through December 31st, we have supported a total of 2787 individuals providing 422,951 bed nights.
- Phone number regarding Housing (Home Connect 800-498-8847)

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:*

- Community based- psycho education, works with schools, and outreach events
- Program continues to get CBAT in crisis referral, busy following up with those finance and providing the support that they need.

- Currently we did get a term partner for the new program, a mindful body and recovery. So we're very excited because the eating disorder, the new eating disorder program.
- interviewing for parent partner.
- Virtual parenting support groups every Wednesday 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.
- Parents that are raising a child the 4th Thursday also of the month 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM the of the month?
- Program works with Office on Aging department or grandparent raising grandchildren

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

9. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORTS

- *Children (Vacant)*
 - No report.
- *Criminal Justice* – (Greg Damewood)
 - Criminal Justice met March 14th next meeting in May street. Anyone can attend.
- *Membership* - (Greg Damewood)
 - Vacancy for Western Region Advisory Board- Reach out to Stacy Anderson- EA for the Western Region to get information.
 - Pending- Karen Franks
- *Older Adults (Vacant)*
 - No report.
- *Housing Committee (Vacant)*
 - No report.
- *Adult (Vacant)*
 - No report.
- *Legislative (Richard Divine)*
 - No report
- *Veterans Committee (Vacant)*
 - Meets in May

1. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:

- 5K Walks, May is Mental Health
- Older Adults System of Care Meets- Tuesday, March 11 at 12PM

2. CONTINUED BUSINESS:

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- 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:
- No report
4. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting ended at 4:30 PM.

NEXT MEETING: May 7, 2025