



San Bernardino County
Behavioral Health Commission
Meeting Minutes

Date: May 7, 2026
Time: 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Minutes Recorded and Transcribed by: *John Granado, Clerk of the Commission*

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
A. Call to Order	Dr. Jennifer Oglesby, Acting Chair	The Behavioral Health Commission (BHC) meeting was called to order at 12:04pm. Attendees were welcomed and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
B. Roll Call	Dr. Jennifer Oglesby, Acting Chair	Roll Call took place; there is a quorum.
INFORMATION ITEMS		
C. Review and Approve Minutes From 4/2/2026	Members of the Commission	Minutes were reviewed and no changes were recommended. Motion to accept minutes made by Commissioner Westlake with a second by Commissioner Moore. Motion was unanimously passed with Commissioner Saldaña, Treasurer Dr. Oglesby and Supervisor Armendarez abstaining.
D. Public Comment	John Granado, Clerk of the Commission	Sky Pedraza: Before entering Amazing Place Clubhouse eight months ago, she didn't know where her life was going and had no future to look forward to. However, within the first month things changed as she finally felt safe as staff encouraged her to seek help with her mental issues. Working with her doctors, they stood by her side as she was admitted to Dignity Health and when she walked out. Today, she is a recovering alcoholic and is thankful to the staff for their kindness and belief in her. Michael Moreno: He asked if there could be more staff available to provide services offered by the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH). Kat Mazzci, Medication Assisted Treatment Coordinator at Redlands Community Hospital: She wanted to speak on the discontinuation of Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) Partial Hospitalization Programs (PHP) benefits from Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP). Her role is to ensure substance use patients in the community are provided with low barrier access to medication assisted treatment, substance use education, harm reduction materials, and linkage services. She offered to show a letter from IEHP that explains the effect of the termination of benefits for personal hospitalization and IOP. The letter also states that eating and substance use disorder patients will not be affected but many facilities are licensed under DBH, and these patients will no longer be accepted into these programs. This population of people need immediate transfers to substance use facilities as the likelihood of them entering treatment significantly decreases once they leave the hospital. As wait times are usually three to four weeks, this can be overwhelming for someone struggling with substance use. Another issue is that many patients are unhoused with no access to phones so when a bed is available, they cannot be

		notified to receive services. In October of 2025, she was introduced to other agencies willing to accept IEHP that gave patients low barrier access to PHP and IOP programs allowing direct transfers from her hospital to their facilities. This option reduces the risk of overdose, death and return visits to the hospital. In reference to Senat Bill (SB) 43, she asks for support in attending an IEHP board meeting to bring these issues to their attention. • Linda Hart: She wanted to provide an update on her son. He is currently doing well and receiving the support he needs. She will be giving a presentation of her experience as a caregiver for someone with mental illness at New Hope Church on May 17, 2026. She is using this opportunity to share with parents what the process is like in real time. As she continues the fight through advocacy, she recently took 10 parents to Sacramento to speak on the challenges of mental health. • Salvador Manzo, The Wellness Ranch: Providing updates, they moved to a new location in Rancho Cucamonga and in partnership with I am Gifted, have just held their first large event hosting over 200 families. At this event they were able to open conversations with families to break down what mental health looks like in the family home. On June 4, 2026, from 6:00pm-8:00pm they will have a ribbon cutting Grand Re-Opening to showcase their work. More information can be found in the lobby and on their website. • Satellite Locations: There are no public comments from the Apple Valley and Yucca Valley locations.
E. Memo of Findings	Members of the Commission	• Memo of Findings for the Proposition 1, Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), presentation in November was reviewed and no questions asked. As there will be no presentation today, assignment of the next Memo of Findings was tabled to the June meeting.
F. Outside Agencies and Announcements		• Lorrie Butler, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): She wanted to thank those who attended the NAMI Walk and Ontario Tower Buzzers baseball game. As they have not yet reached their goal amount, they have raised more than last year. I Am Gifted will be holding a mental health awareness night with the San Bernardino 66'ers on May 19, 2026, with \$2.00 tickets, hot dogs and parking. Flyers are available in the lobby. Also, NAMI will be having their wrap up party in June. Once the location has been decided, the website will be updated. They also held their youth symposium for Southern California students in Apple Valley. Students from the NAMI campus clubs welcomed others from all over Southern California at the Education Center.

G. Public Comments (Additional)	John Granado, Clerk of the Commission	- With the approval of Acting Chair Dr. Oglesby, an additional public comment was made: Trenell Jackson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) New Leaf Reentry Services and Transitional Housing: He went over his history with San Bernardino as a football coach to his position of a housing partner with the County of Riverside. Along with his personal history, he can understand what many of his customers are going through. Today, he is coming from 29 Palms to be a part of the community, giving back to the youth and looking for an opportunity to provide services. Acting Director Joshua Dugas referred him to Dr. Belford who is also in attendance.
H. Director's Report	John Granado, Clerk of the Commission Joshua Dugas, Acting Director	Subject Matter Presentations: Reminder that recommendations for future presentations will be on the June agenda. The Wellness Conference: Confirmed the following attendees; Commissioners Mink, Mondragon, Treasurer Dr. Oglesby, Secretary Dr. Samuel and Vice Chair Hall. Commission Composition: Advised the commissioners that I will be reaching out later in the month to go over the composition requirements and confirm consumer representative classifications. May Mental health Month: Thanked Supervisor Armendarez, Commissioner Samuel Shoup and the other commissioners for all their efforts. Barstow Clubhouse Update: Asking patience, DBH is currently looking for different locations and how to improve the area. Clubhouse Visits: Will work on a better process to establish a shorter wait time in visiting clubhouses. Also acknowledged visits are based on other factors including availability, operations and any privacy concerns. Public Relations & Outreach, Miranda Canseco: Invited attendees to attend the Meet the Artist exhibition showcasing local artists in the community. The event will take place May 15, 2026, at 6:30pm at the Fontana Lewis Library. Office of Equity and Inclusion, Maribel Gutierrez: For the first time on May 3, 2026, sponsored a scholarship for the National Black Grad Program. They hope to continue building sponsorship opportunities for African American students going into the behavioral health field. Also, on April 30, 2026, they held their first peer summit with 88 attendees. Starting off with the Urban Voices Choir Project from Skid Row, they were able to tell their stories through singing and ended with a panel of three peer speakers. On May 19, 2026, The Native American

		Awareness Subcommittee is hosting a wellness walk at the Sangha. On May 8, 2026, the Asian Pacific Islander Subcommittee will be holding an in-person potluck at the diocese of San Bernardino. Partnering with the Department of aging and Adult Services and the Mom and dad Project, the June Community Policy Advisory Committee (CPAC) will take place in Big Bear. On May 19, 2026, the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) team along with Pacific Clinics, will be holding a forum on BHSA in Needles. • Legislative, Megan Kidwell: Advised the 75-day Department of Homeland Security has ended. Congress has split this into two tracks immediately; providing full funding for the departments and back pay to about 260,000 affected federal workers through the end of September 2026. On the state side, for the past several weeks legislature has moved quickly to advance around 1,000 bills through committee deadlines with all policy committees to conclude meetings. Also, bills right now must pass their original house of origin by the end of May. We are now looking at May 14, 2026, as the day for the Governor to provide the next proposed budget. With a significant deficit we are not sure how these are all going to balance out and how we are going to be able to not cut services. All remaining updates are noted on the documentation provided.
I. May Mental Health Month Luncheon	Members of the Commission	• Commissioners joined attendees to share a lunch provided by DBH participate in the following activities and talking points: ○ Fidget Spinners: A small handheld toy that spins smoothly between your fingers. It helps release nervous energy, improve focus, and provides a soothing, repetitive motion for stress relief. ○ Scratch Art: A creative activity where you scratch away a dark surface to reveal colorful designs underneath. It promotes mindfulness by encouraging slow, focused movements while expressing creativity. ○ Calm Jars: Clear jars filled with water, glue, and glitter that swirl when shaken. Watching the glitter settle can help regulate emotions, slow breathing, and create a peaceful moment of reflection. ○ Coloring Pages with Mindful Affirmations: Coloring sheets that include positive phrases like "I am calm" or "I am strong." The combination of coloring and reading affirmations helps encourage relaxation, build self-confidence, and keep attention grounded in the present moment.
Adjournment	Dr. Jennifer Oglesby, Acting Chair	• With no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37pm.
Next Meeting		DATE/TIME: Thursday, June 4, 2026 12:00pm – 2:00pm LOCATION: 850 East Foothill Boulevard F120 Rialto, CA 92376

**ATTENDANCE**

FIRST DISTRICT	SECOND DISTRICT	THIRD DISTRICT	FOURTH DISTRICT	FIFTH DISTRICT	Board Representative
Jonathan C. Cahow <i>Excused Absence</i>	Jennifer Oglesby <i>Present</i>	Allie Mink <i>Present</i>	Delinia Lewis <i>Present</i>	Lynn Brown-Summers <i>Excused Absence</i>	Supervisor Jesse Armendarez <i>Present</i>
Amanda Uptergrove <i>Present</i>	Dr. Valerie Samuel <i>Present</i>	Troy Mondragon <i>Present</i>	John T. Chapman <i>Excused Absence</i>	Eloisa Contreras <i>Excused Absence</i>	
Samuel Shoup <i>Present</i>	Michael A. Hall <i>Excused Absence</i>	Dakota I. Westlake <i>Present</i>	Ashley Saldaña <i>Present</i>	Kelvin D. Moore <i>Present</i>	

GUESTS

John Granado, Joshua Dugas, Jolena Grider, Ruby Perez, Dino Bucci, Bryan Clark, Dr. Alyce Belford, Amanda Kasten, Lisa Gentry, Kristen Mungcal, Michael Moreno, Sky Pedraza, Bismark Olivas, Carlos Roque, Lehanna Grimaldi, Marcellus Everett, Emanuel Perez, Anthony Baca, Bryan Jonero, David Williams, John Michael Williams, Jeanette Daniels, LaKeisha Mosley, Jeanine Wymer, Angela Romero-Heredia, Jovana Herron-Nelson, Gabriel Horne, Jonathan Serrano, Keisha Curry, Jocelyn Martinez, Anna Blum, Esmirna Roblero, Keisha Napier, Jenny G. Navarro, Laurie Butler, Salvador Manzo, Fernando Olivarez, Brenda Garate Galindo, Veronica Saenz, Frannell Hargrove, Kristin Matchum, Maria Hernandez, Denuene Stubblefield, Corrie McCall, Katy Arzola, Liset Castaneda, Naomi Santoya, Alicia Harris, Carlos Vazquez, Candace Armijo, Leonard Guerra, Jennifer Esparza, Mark Franks, Vivian Bermudez, Christopher Ruiz, Derrick Cannon, Monique Landrum, Josephene Perez, Jeremy Sanquist, Stephanie Hedrick-Harwell, Selina Mejia, Andrea Sanchez, Javier Arteaga, Brianna Brewster, Kaitlyn Mazzel, Megan Kidwell. Hilda Rivera, Shannel Atiga, Linda Hart, Maribel Vega, Trina West, Tammy Brackins, Lydia Session, Paula Bailey, Lilia Alvarez, Daniel Wright, Evelyn Mejia, Leticia Zambrano, Tiera Click, Brianna Solorzano, Shanae Hampton, Anna Flores, Victor Tordesillas, Stella Grasso, Darnell McDermott, Mackenzie Haberra-Britt, Heather Lauer, Dr. Rebecca Scott Young, Victor Tarros, Urquia Kaven, Anna Duarte, Liz Gavalon, Marvin Blanco, Maribel Gutierrez, Stephanie DeFrancis, Jason Hill, Jamar Graham, Jessie Streeter, Catrina Figueroa, Jessica Montecinos, Krystle Rowe, Fabiola Yanez, Luma Fahouerty, Dr. Reginald Allen, Adriana Perez, Casey McPherson, Edwina Thomas, Amelia Navarro, Erica Ochoa, James Detten, Tamela Hutchinson, Angelica Manzo, Waldetrudia Cruz, Clarabel Barron, Adrianne Gomez, Artinice Walker, Christina Entz, Tarnell Jackson, Carmen Stephens, Mauricio Cruz, Dr. Chrostopher Schreur and Irving Cabezas Chavez

Apple Valley: Tanya Levell, Amanda Uptergrove, Dorean Mahlow, Jennifer Barracks, Hector Lopez, Nichole Artry, Jeremy Haber, Lonese Ramsey, Elisa Braggins, Benjamin Cora, LaShawn Sifuentes, Ronald Garcia, Anthony Villalobos and Amardeep Chharan

Yucca Valley: Sally Dauphinais, Ramona Arechiga, Shannon Davis, Ernie Mendoza, Janine R. Bell, Tyler Wilson, Tammy Stiles, Anthony S., Robert Minjarez and Judith Wesath