



San Bernardino County
Behavioral Health Commission
Meeting Minutes

Date: June 4, 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	Jonathan Cahow, Chair	The Behavioral Health Commission (BHC) meeting was called to order at 12:03pm. Attendees were welcomed and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
B. Roll Call	Jonathan Cahow, Chair	Roll Call took place; there is no quorum.
INFORMATION ITEMS		
C. Review and Approve Minutes From 5/7/2026	Members of the Commission	Minutes were reviewed and no revisions were recommended. As the Commission did not have a quorum, no vote was taken and will be tabled until the July meeting.
D. Public Comment	John Granado, Clerk of the Commission	Dr. Dennis Morrison: This request was received online, and Dr. Morrison was not in attendance. Celeste Serrato, Pacific Clinics: Announced they are hosting a Clubhouse Wellness Day at Glen Helen Regional Park on June 24, 2026, from 11:00am-3:00pm. There will be games, activities and swimming will be available for \$15.00. Satellite Locations: There are no public comments from the Apple Valley and Yucca Valley locations.
E. Chair's Report	Jonathan Cahow, Chair	- Participated in the following: 2026 California Mental Health Advocated for Children & Youth (CMHACY) Conference in Sacramento. - Budget meeting with the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH).
F. Commissioners Report	Members of the Commission	Samuel Shoup: - Attended the May Mental Health Month luncheon event. Supervisor Jesse Armendarez: - Attending the grand opening of the Wellness Ranch today in Rancho Cucamonga. - Hosting a pop-up event in Fontana. - Attending the Fontana Days Festival. - With DBH Acting Director Joshua Dugas, attended tours of facilities for veterans, housing, substance abuse and a crisis center. Dr. Jennifer Oglesby, Treasurer: - Wished a happy Father's Day to those in attendance. - Attended a coordination meeting with Supervisor Armendarez and Manuela Bonet. - Attended a Woman of Excellence event. - Participated as a featured guest on ABC News with Evette Walker.

		• Dr. Valerie Samuel, Secretary: ○ Attended the First Annual DBH Peer Advocate & Peer Support Conference. ○ Attended the DBH Directing Change event. • Dakota Westlake: ○ Wished happy Pride Month to those in attendance. ○ Attended the Meet the Artist exhibit. ○ Attended the Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) board meeting. ○ Invited attendees to the San Bernardino Pride event at San Bernardino Valley College on Saturday June 27, 2026, from 2:00pm-9:00pm. ○ Attended the State Capital Day with Planned Parenthood. • Allie Mink: ○ Participated in the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist (MPSS) training cohort. ○ Attended the DBH Directing Change event. ○ Attended a webinar on “Mixed Method Randomized Trial: Youth Centered Protective Factors” ○ Attended the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Mental Health Awareness Sunday event. ○ Attended a NAMI webinar on Navigating Schizophrenia in the Black and Hispanic Communities on May 25, 2026, World Schizophrenia Day. ○ Attended the Third District Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting. • John Chapman: ○ Participated in a social media event on the Southern California Business Report with Maribel Gutierrez and Miranda Canseco. ○ Attended a quarterly dinner at San Antonio Regional Hospital. ○ Discussed San Antonio Regional Hospital’s Urgent Care Plus and Care for You services. More information can be found at www.sarh.org
G. Memo of Findings	Members of the Commission	• Transitional Age Youth (TAY) presentation in April: The document was reviewed and no revisions were recommended. The Memo for today’s presentation on the Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Act is assigned to Treasurer, Dr. Oglesby.
H. Discussion Items	Members of the Commission	• 2026/2027 Subject Matter Presentations: The following recommendations were made by various members of the commission: ○ Residential Facilities ○ Peer Advocacy

		○ Update to the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) ○ Housing and Homelessness ○ California Hospital Association ○ Aging and Adult Services ○ RBEST Update ○ Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Conservatorship ○ Preventative Care ○ Helping Hearts ○ Clerk John Granado advised the commissioners that an updated schedule will be provided at the July BHC meeting. • Remaining Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget: Chair Cahow advised the commissioners that conversations are being held on how to properly use the remaining fiscal year 2025/2026 budget, approximated at \$25,000.00. Suggestions include providing clubhouses with any items that are needed or can be replaced. An update on the purchase of any items will be presented at the July BHC meeting.
I. Subject Matter Presentation	Melanie Porges	• Presentation on the CARE Act can be found here 3. Presentation - CARE Act.pptx
J. Outside Agencies and Announcements		• Lorrie Butler, NAMI: ○ The NAMI quarterly meeting will be taking place Tuesday June 30, 2026, at the DBH Unity Hall conference room. ○ Attended the NAMI Annual Conference. • Wanda Lynn, Insight Professional Services: ○ Invited the attendees to the Fourth Annual Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) Just Breathe Conference at the Diocese of San Bernardino on July 18, 2026, 9:00am-4:00pm. Flyers are available in the lobby.
K. Director's Report	John Granado, Clerk of the Commission	• Ethics Certification Expirations: Advised those Commissioners whose Ethics Certificates will be expired in the next 90 days that I will be sending out notification including a link for the training. • December Event: Advised Commissioners there will be a discussion item on the July agenda to establish an Ad Hoc Committee for the December event. • Conference Ad-Hoc Committee Update, Conferences: Notified the Commissioners that the Ad Hoc Committee has concluded their meetings and earlier in the month provided their recommended documentation for conference summaries. Per request by Commissioner Mink, a more user-friendly form will be created and presented later. • The Wellness Conference: Advised the following attendees; Commissioners Mink, Mondragon, Treasurer Dr. Oglesby, Secretary Dr. Samuel and Vice Chair Hall that they will receive

	Joshua Dugas, Acting Director DBH	their physical binders for this conference at the July meeting with an e-binder to follow. • DBH Updates: ○ Advised the attendees the Governor's May Budget revisions with the County budget being presented to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on Tuesday June 9, 2026. The BHSA Integrated Plan will also be presented as state approval has been given. ○ Advised the attendees he was able to visit the Barstow location, clinic and clubhouse. Progress has been made on some improvements and hope to do the same at the Victorville and Needles location. • Legislative Update, Megan Kidwell: ○ Washington is working on the Reconciliation 2.0 Act which would fund the Department of Homeland Services (DHS) and Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). ○ The California State Legislature released the May revised budget, conclusion of the budget subcommittees and a crossover week. ○ The Assembly and Senate have released their budget plans which must pass by June 15, 2026, and be signed by the Governor on June 30, 2026. ○ Assembly Bill (AB) 46 which will require a person's mental health diagnosis or re-diagnosis to be made within the last five years of the alleged crime and changes safety court so courts can find the person not being held as a substantial threat. ○ Senate Bill (SB) 28 would update standards for California treatment court programs by mandating adherence to national best practices, requiring expert evaluations for defendants, and ensuring immediate availability of compliant programs for those eligible under Proposition 36. ○ AB 618 would mandate electronic data sharing among Medi-Cal behavioral health providers to enhance care coordination, with implementation details set by 2027 and strict adherence to privacy laws. • Office of Equity and Inclusion, Sonia Navarro: ○ Advised the attendees that while the BHSA Integrated Plan has been approved does not mean progress stops as there a several program and community programs planning to do. The next event will be July 24, 2026, in Big Bear at the Mom and Dad Project from 12:30pm-2:30pm. More information is available on the DBH website
Adjournment	Jonathan Cahow, Chair	• With no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm.



Next Meeting		DATE/TIME: Thursday, July 2, 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 Present	Jennifer Oglesby Present	Allie Mink Present	Delinia Lewis Excused Absence	Lynn Brown-Summers Unexcused Absence	Supervisor Jesse Armendarez Present
Amanda Uptergrove Excused Absence	Dr. Valerie Samuel Present	Troy Mondragon Excused Absence	John T. Chapman Present	Eloisa Contreras Excused Absence	
Samuel Shoup Present	Michael A. Hall Excused Absence	Dakota I. Westlake Present	Ashley Saldaña Excused Absence	Kelvin D. Moore Excused Absence	
GUESTS					
Rialto: John Granado, Joshua Dugas, Jolena Grider, Jennifer Alsina, LeAnn Mast, Candace Armijo, Leo Ibarrola, Carlos Vazquez, Sky Pedraza, Katy Arzola, Bismark Olivas, Francisco Martinez, Liset Castaneda, Jeanine Wymer, Tina Entz, Stephanie Hardwick-Harwell, Lisa Gentry, Stella M. Grasso, David D. Williams, Lehanna G., Mark F., Eric Gibbs, Julie Kasarjian, Celeste Serrato, Kellie Bougard Jordan, Christopher Schreur, Tamela Hutchinson, Heather Louer, Marcellus Everett, Sonia Navarro, Megan Kidwell, J. Gonzalez, Anna Mejia, Jennifer Weaver, Mauricio Cruz, Amanda Kasten, Lori Butler, Victoria Hall, Pat Rasmussen, Edwind Thomas, Anthony Patterson, Darnell Johnson, Beth Fishell, Dawnann Lobato Rubio, Sistra Lobato, Wandalyn Love, Casey McPheron, Erica Ochoa, Emily Jernigan, Corrie McCall, William U., Naomi Santoya, Vivian Bermudez, Melanie Porges, Edgar B., Stephen Lopez, John Williams, Jill Smith, Amber Carpenter, Miriam Aldaz and Trina West Apple Valley: La'Shawn Sifuentes, Javier Artenga, Stephanie DeKind, Jonathan Serrano, Jennifer Barracks, Dorean Mahlow and Nicole Williams-Artry Yucca Valley: Sally Dauphinais, Itzia Basulto and Alex Martin					