



**San Bernardino County
Behavioral Health Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Thursday, May 1, 2025
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

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

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
A. Call to Order	Chair, Allie Mink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting called to order at 12:11 p.m. Attendees welcomed and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
B. Roll Call	Chair, Allie Mink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll Call took place and there is a quorum.
INFORMATION ITEM(S)		
C. Tribute to Commissioner Veatrice Jews	Members of Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Mink said a few words regarding Commissioner Jews, acknowledging the presence of her family. A video was then played highlighting her life and service. Commissioner Mondragon and Treasurer Summers added a few words about their experiences with Commissioner Jews followed by Edwin Delgado, representing Fifth District Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr. A plaque was presented to Commissioner Jews' family where they added words of appreciation, discussed her life work and her passion in mental health.
D. Review and Approve Minutes from 4/3/25	Members of the Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were reviewed and no changes were recommended. Motion to accept 4/3/2025 Executive and General session minutes made by Commissioner Mondragon with a second by Secretary Oglesby with Treasurer Summers abstaining.
E. Public Comment	Gary Grant Garth Pezant, Sr. James Dettman Maria Hernandez Aaron Johnson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> He is finding it difficult to seek out a conversation or assistance in constitutional rights as a year has passed and receiving no response. While he appreciates the role the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) plays, he notices a breakdown in assistance as there seems to be more focus on the symptoms of the problem rather than addressing it. He has been attacked by the sheriff's department, arrested under the cloud of obstruction and this is being used against him to search and seize his property, costing him \$2,000.00 to get his belongings back. He is asking for anyone to have a conversation. He is seeing favoritism from a DBH administrator. He sees this as an insult to all stakeholders. He is asking that the supervisor be removed from her position. The supervisor was not identified. He operates Gibson House for Men, Gibson House for Women and other substance abuse programs in San Bernardino. They are entering a contract with the City of San Bernardino to be providers of interim shelter. Their vision is to uplift the community. He is asking that we do not turn a blind eye to the problems we see regarding homeless people who may be suffering from substance abuse issues, mental health issues, and physical issues. She provided an update for the Desert Stars Clubhouse. They are currently receiving instruction on coping skills and self-care. She thanked the staff for their assistance. He is a member of Pathways Clubhouse, currently in transitional housing. Through the clubhouse he has been taught discipline and motivation.



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<p>F. Chair's Report</p>	<p>Corrie McCall</p> <p>Delilah Bahamonde</p> <p>Lori Butler</p> <p>Julie Kasajian</p> <p>Chair, Allie Mink</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She is representing Amazing Place Clubhouse. The support she has received has been an integral part of her growth. She sees the clubhouse as a safe place where she can share her experiences and continue progressing. • She represents Pathway to Recovery Clubhouse. She thanked the clubhouse for helping her stop using drugs. She also thanked DBH for allowing her to speak. • She invited the attendees to the NAMI Walk taking place May 4, 2025. She also mentioned tardive dyskinesia awareness week. She provided event flyers for distribution. • She is the Medical Director of VARP and Gibson House. She is concerned SB43 will overwhelm the emergency departments. At VARP, there is an idea of hoping to form a Substance Use Acute Crisis Stabilization unit to help. Although they currently do not know where the funding will come from. <p>• For May Mental Health Awareness month, she asked the community to help change the conversation around mental health. This can be accomplished by supporting individuals in crisis, sharing resources and letting people know they are not alone. • The Annual Report Ad Hoc Committee met and completed the report. This will be submitted May 2, 2025. • The final version of the bylaws has also been completed. This will be shared with the Commissioners for a 30-day review window and will be on the agenda for June's meeting. • Attended the budget review meeting with Treasurer Summers. • Attended orientation for the new Commissioners. • Reminded the Commissioners to submit any changes to the conferences they are attending to the Clerk of the Commission. • Hosted the Third District DAC meeting • Collaborating with TAY on a May event. • Responded to phone calls and e-mails from peers, family members and school/community organizations seeking information on mental health resources. • Hosted support groups for peers and family members • Lead MPSS training. • During public comments, the Chair acknowledged that she forgot to check with the satellite locations and asked if there were any persons wanting to speak. There were no public comments from the satellite locations.</p>
<p>G. Commissioner Reports</p>	<p>Amanda Uptergrove</p> <p>Dr. Valerie Samuel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended Cup of Joe event in Adelanto. • Attended a meeting at the Senior Center in Adelanto. • Attended a meeting with Tri-State Insurance regarding mobile mental health services in the First District. • Attended the city council meeting where 132 units for transitional housing were approved. • Attended a webinar hosted by CASE on sexual abuse.



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	Secretary, Jennifer Oglesby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Second District DAC meeting at Pathways Clubhouse where they met with members who shared stories, needs and concerns. • Attended a pastor’s breakfast to discuss mental health. • Worked on the revised bylaws with the Ad Hoc Committee.
	Michael A. Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Second District DAC meeting at Pathways Clubhouse. • Attended the Fentanyl Film Contest. • Attended a mental health training online. • Worked on the Annual Report with the Ad Hoc Committee.
	Dakota I. Westlake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Fentanyl Film Contest. • Attended a special needs fair with the Fontana Police Department.
	Troy Mondragon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed continuing education credits and gained certification in Complex Trauma. • Attended the Redlands School Board meeting and submitted comments to the district on the mental health harms of policies being considered around transgender individuals in sports.
	Jennifer Spence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in a VARP program visit. • Attending a TAY event. No date given. • Attending the NAMI walk taking place May 4, 2025.
	Vice Chair, Jonathan C. Cahow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Fourth District DAC meeting. • Attending the NAMI walk taking place May 4, 2025. • Completed grant writing for a project on mental health funds in the Fourth District. • Participated in Ask the Expert online.
	John T. Chapman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visited the CWIC in Victorville. • Visited the Valley Star 90-day treatment. • Spoke with Dr. Alyce Belford on how behavioral health works. • Attending the NAMI walk taking place May 4, 2025.
	Delinia Lewis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Went over his past and experiences in mental health at San Antonio Hospital. • His goal is to establish collaboration with the hospitals and behavioral health community. • Will be imbedding an LCSW in every clinic, partnering with family medicine.
	Treasurer, Lynn Summers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Fourth District DAC meeting which was held in person. • Attended a Mental Health Awareness event at the California Institution for Women. • Invited attendees to attend the 4th Annual Anti-Human Trafficking Walk for Youth in upland on May 31, 2025. • Met with veterans and community members at the community garden.



<p>H. Memo of Findings</p> <p>I. Subject Matter Presentation</p> <p>J. Director's Report</p>	<p>Raquel Ziegler</p> <p>Director, Dr. Georgina Yoshioka</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke with EMS friends regarding the need to speak with AMR as they are struggling. • It was reviewed and announced Vice Chair Cahow is scheduled to complete for the June meeting. • Presentation on Coping with Vicarious Trauma. The power point can be found here Tab 6. How Clinicians Cope with Vicarious Trauma PRO FINAL (1).pptx • Q&A: No questions from the Commissioners. • She encouraged the audience to attend Board meetings virtually. • Board of Supervisors Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approve the non-financial Student Internship Program Agreement with Loma Linda University, including non-standard terms, for the provision of Nurse Practitioner Student and Nursing Student Internship training and field experience. ○ Approve Revenue Letter of Agreement with County of Orange, including non-standard terms, for youth placed in San Bernardino County for Specialty Mental Health Services. ○ Approve contracts for the provision of education services to victims of sexual assault. ○ Approve Amendment No. 2 to non-financial Contract No. 21-743 (State Agreement No. 21-10106), with the California Department of Health Care Services, which outlines quality assurance, scope of work, program standards, budget requirements, and accountability measures for local mental health and substance use block grant funds and substance use disorder programs. ○ Approve the submission of a grant application to the California Department of Health Care Services, for continued funding for the Federal McKinney Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness Program. ○ Approve Amendment No. 4 to Contract No. 20-1240 with Canyon Ridge Hospital, Inc. dba Canyon Ridge Hospital for the provision of Fee-For-Service Acute Psychiatric Inpatient services. • Introduction: New Executive Team member, Dr. Gayani DeSilva, Chief Psychiatric Medical Director. • With changes in the administration, the state has also made changes regarding funding. There is a federal contract to serve mental health as well as substance use disorder. This was not impacted directly on March 24, 2025, notification. • Proposition 1: Expected to go into effect July 1, 2026, transition from the Mental Health Services Act to the Behavioral Health Services Act. At that time, funding will be moved from five components to three, which <p style="text-align: center;">are Housing Interventions, Full-Service Partnerships and Behavioral Health Supports and Services. More updates to follow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB43: Implementation occurred on April 1, 2025. An SB43 website has been created offering training and certified hold rider training. Also
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		<p>included is a video for sheriff and police departments providing a highlight to the officers and advising on criteria. More updates to follow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care Court: Implemented in December 2024. Working closely with the Superior Court, public defender and county counsel. To date there have been 18 petitions with 15 in the court process. Of the 18, four have come from state prison, one from a state hospital, four from other counties and some from family members. There is a website available that includes a video on how to file a petition. • Laura’s Law: Implemented in July 2023. Working in coordination with sheriff and police departments to engage individuals out in the community. To date, there are 117 referrals, 50 through law enforcement. There are two cases currently in progress through a petition with the court. The difference between Laura’s Law and Care Court is that in Care Court the petition is filed by the person directly to the court and in Laura’s Law, the petition is filed by DBH. Working with a disciplinary team which includes the public defender, DBH and county counsel to process the petitions. • Proposition 36: Passed on November 5, 2024. Increased penalties for certain theft and drug offenses. DBH is working in partnership with the lead of the District Attorney. There are currently four cases in progress. • Public Relations and Outreach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sunday May 4, 2025, 8 a.m. – NAMI Walk San Bernardino: Location: Glen Helen Regional Park 2555 Glen Helen Pkwy, San Bernardino, CA 92407. ○ Friday May 9, 2025, 6:00pm-7:30pm – Meet the Artist Reception: Location - Fontana Lewis Library & Technology Center, 8437 Sierra Ave., Fontana, CA 92335 ○ Saturday May 17, 2025, 4:00pm-6:00pm – Directing Change Award Ceremony: Location - AMC Victoria Gardens 12, 12600 N Mainstreet, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739 ○ Wednesday May 21, 2025, 8:00am – 12:00pm – Resilient and Real Summit: Location - Yucaipa Performing Arts Center, 12062 California St, Yucaipa, CA 92399 • Office of Equity and Inclusion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May 15, 2025, 10:00am – 12:00pm - Community Policy Advisory Committee: Location: Teamsters Local 1932 Cammack Hall 433 North Sierra Way San Bernardino, CA 92410
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Adjournment	Chair, Allie Mink	With no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.
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Next Meeting		<p>DATE/TIME: Thursday June 5, 2025 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. LOCATION: 850 East Foothill Boulevard F120 Rialto, CA 92376</p>
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ATTENDANCE					
FIRST DISTRICT	SECOND DISTRICT	THIRD DISTRICT	FOURTH DISTRICT	FIFTH DISTRICT	Board Representative
Jonathan C. Cahow <i>Present</i>	Jennifer Oglesby <i>Present</i>	Allie Mink <i>Present</i>	Jennifer Spence Carpenter <i>Present</i>	Lynn Summers <i>Present</i>	Supervisor Jesse Armendarez <i>Excused Absence</i>



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Amanda Uptergrove <i>Present</i>	Dr. Valerie Samuel <i>Present</i>	Troy Mondragon <i>Present</i>	Delinia Lewis <i>Present</i>	Eloisa Contreras <i>Excused Absence</i>	
VACANT	Michael A. Hall <i>Present</i>	Dakota I. Westlake <i>Present</i>	John T. Chapman <i>Present</i>	VACANT	

GUESTS

Dr. Georgina Yoshioka, John Granado, Jolena Grider, Jennifer Alsina, Marybel Valadez, Giulia Gomez, Sade De La Espriella, Dr. Gayani DeSilva, Melanie Borges, Maribel Gutierrez, Lori Butler, Cynthia Velasco, Brittany Rodriguez, Jasmine Medina, Mario Novoa, Tiera Click, Alejandro Rodriguez, Jeanine Wymer, Edith Lockerman, Jennifer Esperanza, LaKeisha Mosley, Mark Franks, Dr. Alyce Belford, Monica Chacon, Joe Banez, Matt Montana, Delilah Bahamonde, Edwin Delgado, Yvonne Morgan, Teresa Rocha, Liseth Castaneda, Jennifer Pacheco, Adreane Freeman, Julia Kasarjian, Alice Alvarez, Thomas Cooper, Jonathan Estrada, Chris Green, Rochelle Bernarte, Dr. Rebecca Scott Young, Stephanie Maldonado, Maribel Perez, Vivian Colin, Veronica Saenz, Tammy Brackins, Stephanie Mares, Maria Hernandez, Leticia Manzano, Usha Rengarajan, Corrie McCall, Latana Powell, LaMika Lydia, Beverly Jones, Dr. Timothy Hougén, Karen Urquia, Rachel Miller, Aaron Johnson, Michelle Reynosa, Bethanne Fishell, Derrick Cannon, Shelly Mattazar, Emanuel Perez, Anna Duarte, Tina Entz, James Dettmen, Samuel Rosales, Catrina Figueroa, Candice Hughes, Kellie Bougard Jordan, Jennifer Arnold-Weaver, Tamela Hutchinson, Sonia Navarro, Dr. Reginald Allen, Mariam Aldaz, Erica Ochoa, Amber Carpenter, Claudia Haro, Dr. Christopher Schreur, Victor Tordesillas, Garth Pezant, Sr., Garth Grant

Apple Valley: LaShawn Sifuentes, Elisa Braggins, Samantha Culhane, Brittney Massie, Matty Grounds

Yucca Valley: Sally Dauphinais