



San Bernardino County  
Behavioral Health Commission  
Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 6, 2025  
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	Allie Mink, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The meeting was called to order at 12:01pm. Attendees were welcomed and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.</li></ul>
B. Roll Call	Allie Mink, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Roll Call took place; there is a quorum.</li></ul>
INFORMATION ITEMS		
C. Review and Approve Minutes From 9/4/25	Members of the Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minutes were reviewed and no changes were recommended. Motion to accept minutes made by Commissioner Moore with a second by Commissioner Hall. Motion was unanimously passed with Commissioner Mondragon, Chair Mink and Supervisor Armendarez abstaining.</li></ul>
D. Public Comment	John Granado, Clerk of the Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Henry Wu:</b> Representing Eastern Harmony Mental Health, an organization dedicated to supporting Asian American mental health in the Inland Empire. They are partnering with the California Culture Festival to participate in the Rancho Cucamonga and Chino Lunar Festivals.</li><li><b>Corrie M.:</b> Representing Amazing Place, she wanted to provide testimony about her experiences. As she was in a dark place, she found a safe place at Amazing Place. She is currently a board member and has received transitional housing with her own apartment. She is looking forward to providing a support system for those in her situation.</li><li><b>Satellite Locations:</b> There are no public comments from the Apple Valley and Yucca Valley locations.</li></ul>
E. Chair's Report	Allie Mink, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Advised attendees the commission will be dark in December, as the Awards Ceremony will take place Thursday December 4, 2025, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Double Tree Hotel in San Bernardino.</li><li>Asked attendees to remember to attend the District Advisory Committee (DAC) meetings in their district.</li><li>Met with Deputy Executive Officer Victor Tordesillas and Assistant Executive Officer Diane Rundles to discuss the President's Executive Order on homelessness, Governor Newsom's state action for facilitation on encampments and Proposition 1.</li><li>Attended the Northern Alliance on Mental illness (NAMI) conference in Sacramento.</li><li>Chaired a meeting with the Awards Ceremony Ad Hoc Committee.</li><li>Finalized the Annual Report.</li><li>Attended the Third District (DAC) meeting.</li><li>Several students graduated in Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist (MPSS) training.</li></ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participated in planning for the NAMI Walk San Bernardino in 2026.</li> <li>• Participated in line calls and at local schools providing resources and information for those affected by behavioral health issues.</li> </ul>
F. Commissioners Reports	Amanda Uptergrove, Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended the Adelanto Night Out.</li> <li>• Attended the First District DAC meeting.</li> <li>• Attended the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Veteran's Dinner.</li> <li>• Attended a diaper drive in Adelanto.</li> </ul>
	Jesse Armendarez, Second District Supervisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participated in distributing pumpkins to 103 families.</li> <li>• Will be attending his Youth Council's first annual mental health and suicide prevention summit in Fontana at the Jesse Turner Center hockey rink.</li> </ul>
	Michael Hall, Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended the Second District DAC meeting.</li> <li>• Attended the Apple Valley Air show.</li> <li>• Attended the Cop-Tober Fest in San Bernardino.</li> <li>• Attended a meeting with the Awards Ceremony Ad Hoc Committee.</li> <li>• Attended the Health Care Extravaganza.</li> <li>• Attended the Working Dogs for Warriors Pack Walk in Rancho Cucamonga for veterans and first responders suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).</li> </ul>
	Dr. Valerie Samuel, Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended the Wellness Extravaganza in San Bernardino.</li> <li>• Provided training at Water of Life.</li> <li>• Attended the Second District DAC meeting.</li> <li>• Attended a meeting with the West Valley Regional Housing Group.</li> </ul>
	Jennifer Oglesby, Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended the Second District DAC meeting.</li> <li>• Collaborated with a non-profit, Adrian's World, on development's opening with housing.</li> <li>• Led a session for parents on navigating the process from home to residential facilities.</li> <li>• Conducted training for crisis response and de-escalation techniques.</li> <li>• Will be attending the Youth and Mental Health Suicide Prevention Summit.</li> <li>• Invited attendees to the virtual Second District DAC meeting.</li> </ul>
	Jonathan Cahow, Vice Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toured The Emmanuel House and reviewed their program.</li> <li>• Attended the First District DAC meeting.</li> <li>• Taught at the Shock Program in Apple Valley.</li> <li>• Met with Senator Valladares.</li> </ul>

	Dakota Westlake Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledged death of San Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputy Andrew Nunez.</li> <li>• Attended the Hesperia Christian School trunk or treat.</li> </ul>
	Troy Mondragon, Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended the Third District DAC meeting.</li> <li>• Attended the Winter Tea Ad Hoc Committee.</li> <li>• Attended the NAMI Conference.</li> <li>• Attended the Mental Health Laws in Criminal Court.</li> <li>• Attended the talking circle for the community health worker program.</li> </ul>
	Delinia Lewis, Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participated in the development of the Data Notebook.</li> <li>• Asked his students to participate in their respective DAC meetings.</li> <li>• Participating in the NAMI Riverside and San Bernardino Walks.</li> <li>• Acknowledged death of San Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputy Andrew Nunez.</li> </ul>
	Kelvin Moore, Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended the African American subcommittee on African American children with autism.</li> <li>• Attended the Woman's Awareness subcommittee on characteristics of an abuser.</li> <li>• Attended the Commissioners meet and greet.</li> </ul>
	Memo of Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended the Westside Action Group.</li> <li>• Attended the Jesse Armendarez community outreach.</li> <li>• Attended the Fontana Chamber of Commerce State of the City for San Bernardino.</li> <li>• Attended the Fourth District DAC meeting.</li> <li>• Met with the mayor's community outreach resource education team.</li> <li>• Attended a fundraiser for the United Way.</li> <li>• Attended the Second District DAC meeting.</li> <li>• Attended a vigil for San Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputy Andrew Nunez.</li> <li>• Attended the Rialto Unified School District parent and volunteer summit.</li> </ul>

G. Discussion Items	Members of the Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Annual Holiday Award Ceremony Ad Hoc Committee Update:</b> Committee met with the Public Relations and Outreach (PRO) team to discuss the following: venue, activities, menu items and award categories. Will meet again in two weeks to finalize the details. Reminded attendees to RSVP using the link provided on the flyers and encouraged all Commissioners to attend.</li> <li>• <b>Establish 2026 May Event Ad Hoc Committee:</b> The following Commissioners have volunteered: Commissioners Dr. Samuel, Westlake, Moore, Secretary Oglesby and Chair Mink.</li> <li>• <b>Annual Report:</b> This was disbursed to all commissioners and currently working with County Counsel on presentation options for the Board of Supervisors (BOS).</li> <li>• <b>Election of Officers Nominating Committee Update:</b> Committee Chair Commissioner Uptergrove announce the following nominations: Chair, Jonathan Cahow, Vice Chair Michael Hall, Secretary, Dr. Valerie Samuel and Treasurer, Jennifer Oglesby. All nominees have accepted their nominations. The floor will be opened to additional nominees when voting takes place in January.</li> </ul>
H. Subject Matter Presentations	Maribel Gutierrez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on School Based Health Centers &amp; Wellness Centers can be found here <a href="#">Proposition 1 BHC November 2025 final.pptx</a></li> <li>• <b>Q&amp;A:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Maribel replied to Commissioner Mondragon's question on why the state increased their take up to 5% by noting the state, using a total of 10%, is keeping 3% for administration as opposed to the previous 5% and of the remaining 7%, 4% goes to the Department of Public Health for population-based prevention and 3% focused on workforce initiatives.</li> <li>○ Maribel replied to Commissioner Hall's question about funding that while it cannot be funded by the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), they can still provide services.</li> <li>○ Maribel replied to Commissioner Westlake's question whether there is a possibility of this being billed through managed care by stating they work with managed care plans, so services are not duplicated and other services remain available for non-specialty mental health.</li> <li>○ Maribel replied to Commissioner Dr. Samuel's first question on whether property populations are equal via the state and county by advising that if the populations are being addressed, there is no ranking, but local priorities are based on the data available. Maribel replied to her second question regarding what</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	Sonia Navarro	<p>division managed care partnerships fall under regarding DBH by advising there are multiple: Dr. Belford working on housing initiatives, Quality Management (QM) working on the funding, coordination of care, and transfer of care now under the MHSA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Maribel replied to Commissioner Westlake's question about how much of the 10% is going to build the infrastructure for acquiring data to make sure this is what is spent by advising it is the 3% of their administration that does the program reviews.</li> <li>○ Maribel advised Commissioner Mondragon that the clubhouses are safe.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on the Data Notebook can be found here <a href="#">SBCBHC Public Hearing - Peer Housing Innovation Project Plan 2025 Final PRO Approved 11.03.25 (005).pptx</a></li> <li>• <b>Q&amp;A:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In answer to Chair Mink, this is a Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) program but will be grandfathered into the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), continuing into 2029 when the program ends. Funding will also transfer once it becomes a BHSA program.</li> <li>○ Sonia replied to Commissioner Mondragon's question on stakeholder engagement that because this becomes part of the BHSA, it also becomes part of their engagement, and they will reach out to the faith-based community.</li> <li>○ All commissioners present voted to affirm the stakeholder process met regulations</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Chair Mink clarifies that for Ad Hoc Committee's; the committee shall appoint the Chairperson. For the May Event committee, Secretary Oglesby has been appointed Chair.</p>
I. Outside Agencies and Announcements		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lorrie Butler:</b> Invited attendees to the next NAMI meeting on Tuesday December 16, 2025. They were just given a \$25,000 grant for Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training, which will be divided up by district. More information can be found on their website and flyers are available.</li> <li>• Additional Public Comment: <b>Penny Huber</b> – Representing a clubhouse out of Victorville, she asked with the government shutdown, how would this affect the timeliness of food stamps. Penny was advised to reach out to Edith Lockerman and/or HOST to begin resource dissemination.</li> </ul>
J. Director's Report	Jennifer Alsina, Assistant Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BOS Items:</b> Due to time constraints, a detailed explanation was not given, and the commissioners were referred to the agenda item documentation included on their tablets.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>DBH Executive Staffing Updates:</b> There are currently no updates.</li><li>• <b>Proposition 1:</b> Discussed during the Presentation portion.</li><li>• Stated appreciation for the sheriff's department, law enforcement and first responders and expressed condolence for San Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputy Andrew Nunez, who recently lost his life in the line of duty.</li><li>• <b>Senate Bill (SB) 43:</b> DBH has provided follow-up training for law enforcement partners. Due to the Veteran's Day holiday, the workgroup to discuss implementation has been cancelled.</li><li>• <b>Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court:</b> This is a petition process for those who have had the most difficult time linking up to services who have had multiple incarcerations and/or hospitalizations and have had treatment because of emergency services and/or mental health hospitalizations. This is a good program as it acts as an initiation process to link individuals who have not had previous DBH support. More information can be found on the DBH website which also includes instructional videos. To date, there have been 41 petitions filed to the court with 28 currently open, with a majority coming from state hospitals and the Department of Corrections (DOC). 15 of the petitions are currently in process, eight have had agreements signed and have started service. 13 petitions have been dismissed for various reasons.</li><li>• <b>Laura's Law:</b> There were 240 referrals; 63 are eligible to move into the assisted outpatient treatment process and 33 of those petitioned have been located. 25 are under the investigation process to determine if they're eligible under the statute for further services for court petition consideration with 45 deferred to DBH services.</li><li>• <b>Proposition 36:</b> There have been 33 referrals; 11 in custody and 22 out. 11 cases have been recommended for substance use treatment. One is in residential treatment, three received outpatient drug free services within the Substance Use Disorder and Recovery Services (SUDRS), seven were referred to but have not followed through with the recommendations and 22 cases where the individual and staff could not make contact after three attempts. All reports regarding the status of referrals have been sent to Proposition 1 stakeholders as indicated.</li><li>• <b>Legislative, Megan Kidwell:</b> Introduced the newest member to her team, Samantha Marquez, Legislative Director. Samantha acknowledged her new position and eagerness to work with DBH and the BHC.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Today is the 37<sup>th</sup> day of the government shutdown. There is a group of Democrats seemingly willing to accept the GOP offer to re-open the government.</li></ul></li></ul>
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<b>Adjournment</b>	Allie Mink, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● With no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12pm.</li></ul>
<b>Next Meeting</b>		<b>DATE/TIME:</b> Thursday, January 8, 2026   12:00pm – 2:00pm <b>LOCATION:</b> 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>Present</i>	Jennifer Oglesby <i>Present</i>	Allie Mink <i>Present</i>	Jennifer Spence Carpenter <i>Excused Absence</i>	Lynn 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>	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>Excused Absence</i>	Kelvin D. Moore <i>Present</i>	



**GUESTS**

John Granado, Marybel Valadez, Giulia Gomez, Kristen Mungcal, Adrian Borja, Royal Matthews, Jevon Hayes, Stephanie DeFrancis, Joshua Taylor, Yadaiah Comey, Dr. Alyce Belford-Saldana, Michael Sweitzer, LaKeisha Mosley, Alisha Hendry, Mark Francis, Victor Tarros, Stella M. Grasso, Pam Garey, Stephanie Hendrick-Harwell, Gayani DeSilva, Erica Ochoa, Jeanine Wymer, Penny Huber, Jennifer Esparza, Maria Hernandez, Rey French, Erica Mosco, Dino Bucci, Sonia Navarro, Zakiya Ores, Mashariki Jenkins, Sky Pedraza, Jose Mariscal, Chris Green, Guillermo Navarro, Henry Wu, Manuel Cordoba, Naomi Santya, Kellie Byard, Karen Urquia, Nichole Williams, Mario Rubio, Chayenne, Marcellus Everett, Bryan Clark, Emanuel Perez, Carlos Vazquez, Jennifer Pacheco, Maribel Gutierrez, LeAnn Mast, Yvonne Morgan, Megan Kidwell, Corrie M., Liset Castaneda, Angela Almendarez, Athur Shaw, Lori Butler, Veronica Hay, Danielle Harris, Christopher Schreur, Wandalyn Lane, DeMario Dunn

**Apple Valley:** Tanya Levell, Kimberly Bracore, Melissa Bucarey and Tamara Langevain

**Yucca Valley:** Nathan Trujillo