



# BH CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting the 4th Tuesday of Every Month

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**RUHS–Behavioral Health**  
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Tori St. Johns, BHC, OWL, Janine Moore, RUHS-BH, Olivia Novoa, 0-5 Program, Robert Bohon Lara, TAY Desert, Luciana Hsu, SSG/APCTC, Miranda DeShields, Central Children’s Region, Brittany Maines, The Behavioral Lab, John DeVries, VCSS, Diana Gutierrez, PEI, Laura Alvarado, Probation, Shelby Colbert, Youth Connect, Dylan Colt, Education & Training, Laisha Jamison, JUSD, Crystal Garcia-Ruacho, JUSD, Kelly Grotsky, Desert Children’s Region, Novanh Xayarath, Western Children’s Region RUHS-BH, Yazan Khoury, RC/SELPA, Rachel Douglas, PS&T, Jana Garrett, SSG/RCC, Javier Garcia, Carolyn E. Wylie Center, Lauren Adamson, RUHS-Peer Services, Rachel Douglas, PS&T and Kelly Grotsky, Desert Children’s Region.

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**Presentation:** Diana Gutierrez, PEI Admin Svs Manager shared the following:

Directing Change Program and Film Contest - PowerPoint, showcasing local and state winners in categories like suicide prevention and mental health awareness. The program focuses on mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

Diana shares the statistics about the number of films submitted and the impact on young people. The winning films from local and state competitions are in various categories. In addition, describes the local and statewide events, including the screening of honorable mentions and the ceremony held at the FOX Theater.

In addition to the Directing Change once a year statewide event, there are also the monthly submissions and the art gallery walk at the local event, showcasing monthly winners. The state had an overall of over 1200 films that were submitted throughout the State and in Riverside County, which submitted 251 of those that represented 23 schools and 555 young people that were impacted by this work.

Diana thanked everyone for their participation and support.

**Meeting Called to Order & Introductions:** 12:00 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves and their agencies.

**Review of Minutes:** May 27, 2025, minutes reviewed. Janine makes a motion to approve the minutes as written, John DeVries, seconded the motion, and all are in favor.

**Chairperson Remarks:**

**Desert Children’s Region:** Kelly Grotsky shared the following:

Reported on the new staff at Harmony Haven and a new Senior Clinical Therapist for TAY Desert Flow. First update is around RUHS-BH new program at Harmony Haven. Harmony Haven is the youth emergency shelter that is managed by DPSS, and RUHS-BH is adding a Behavioral Health Service full time Monday through Friday.

Currently, RUHS-BH has hired two staff for RUHS-BH new program and is in the process of a second round of site interviews this week for the Senior Clinical Therapist and the Clinical Therapist positions.

Secondly, in search of a supervisor for the county-wide YECM (Youth Enhanced Care Management Program), with the possibility of launching the program in September 2025.

**Western Children’s Region:** Novanh Xayarath shared the following updates:

For those that completed the TF-CBT training, the department will be celebrating TF-CBT on June 23, 2025, 10-12 p.m.

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Western Region has hired a new supervisor for Stepping Stones Bridget Vigneault, coming from the Public Health Department, and will start on Thursday. Bridget has experience working as an admin therapist for the crisis center. On June 26th from 12 to 4pm, Stepping Stones is having a Pride celebration event at the University Avenue site.

**Central Children’s Region:** Miranda DeShield shared the following:

Highlighted low TBS referrals and collaboration with child welfare for youth at risk of homelessness. TRAC has the ability to accept about 23 more TBS referrals. Please submit referrals for TBS services for the children and/or youth who would benefit.

The TAY Journey FSP has two staff participating in the Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality. It's a nationally recognized Evidence-Based Practice for suicide focused treatment. The TAY population is fairly high risk and frequent suicidal ideation, etc, staff will be able to utilize that training in the program.

TAY Journey has - in recent months - been collaborating closely with child welfare for TAY youth who are aging out of the system and going to be homeless. A youth who is 18 years old, was in legal guardianship, and because of some increase in symptoms and behaviors, the Guardian said that once they turned 18 the guardian is done, get them out, and there was nowhere for them to go. Journey TAY was able to secure housing, and they are providing outpatient services. The 18-year-old has graduated high school and is doing well.

The Lake Elsinore Unified Superintendent toured the facilities at the Academy and was very impressed with the PCIT services being offered by the preschool program and asked the staff to apply for the Golden Bell award. This award recognizes outstanding programs through the California School Board Association. Will find out in a few weeks whether they will be awarded.

**Parent Support & Training:** Maria Arnold shared the following:

Parent Support & Training Program is announcing that the “27<sup>th</sup> Fill-A-Back Drive 2025!” The department will be collecting new backpacks and school supplies starting July 7 – August 1, from 9am-430pm at 3075 Myers St, Building 1 (Blue) in Riverside. All donations go to children & youth who are receiving services with RUHS- BH. If you have any question or would like to make arrangements to have your donation picked up, please contact Elisabeth Rios ([E.Rios@ruhealth.org](mailto:E.Rios@ruhealth.org)) or Rachel Douglas ([R.Douglas@ruhealth.org](mailto:R.Douglas@ruhealth.org) )

**Prevention & Early Intervention:**

Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness training continue to be made available all month long. For further information please contact Diana Gutierrez.

**Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment:** Janine Moore shared on behalf of Lupe Madrigal

- Services are available to youth 11-year-old with parental consent and 12 and under minor consent
- Serving a few groups homes
- School based services are paused due to school being out, youth were encouraged to continue with services in clinic while school is out.

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- Murrieta-Town Square Park- 5K Walk 6/7/2025, was a success, Supervisor Chuck Washington was a speaker.

**Friday Night Live:** Janine Moore shared on behalf of Lupe Madrigal

- Awards Ceremony- 245 attendees (Attendees can review the yearbook)
- Schools are out but servicing a few recreational centers; they are year-round chapters
- Planning for next year to include in-house training by FNL staff leaders and a formal training course in July by California Friday Night Live.

**Desert TAY Flow:** Robert Bohon-Lara shared the following:

Pride celebration event at Setting Stone on June 26th from 12-4 PM.

**Mid-County & Western TAY:** Lauren Adamson shared the following updates:

Monthly all Peer Trainings are open to any Peer that serves in any of the counties.

For information on the trainings please connect with: Lauren Adamson [laadamson@ruhealth.org](mailto:laadamson@ruhealth.org) for the Mid-County Region. Joshua Korhely [Jkorhely@ruhealth.org](mailto:Jkorhely@ruhealth.org) for the Western & Central Region. Rob Bohan-Lara [RLara@ruhealth.org](mailto:RLara@ruhealth.org) for the Desert Region

The trans workgroup is scheduled for the first Tuesday of every month from 2:00 to 3:00 online via Microsoft Teams.

The workgroup is a support group of the population across the lifespan. For those that are passionate about serving the community, to come together and figure out how best to serve.

**Agency Reports:**

**SSG/RCC:** Jana Garrett Shared the following:

End of renewing the MOU for Moreno Valley School District.

**Youth Connect:** Shelby Colbert shared the following:

Bethsaida Cuevas, the new Clinical Therapist for youth connect, is on board. The monthly fun calendar is working out well and everyone is excited and gearing up for the fun summer activities with the youth.

**VCCS:** John DeVries shared the following:

The Art of Wellness had 80 submissions. MDR Training for every Clinical Therapist.

Lake Elsinore 0-5 Wraparound is going well with 83 slots.

**The Behavioral Lab:** Brittany Maines shared the following:

The behavior lab provides compassionate ABA for children 0-17 years of age. Will present at the July meeting.

**Carolyn E. Wiley Center:** Javier Garcia shared the following:

- Homeownership Counseling and Resources
- Foreclosure Intervention Counseling
- Rental and Financial Counseling
- Homeless Counseling and Resources

For further information please call 951-683-5193 Ext 346 or email [www.Wyliecenter.org](http://www.Wyliecenter.org) and/or [housng@wyliecenter.org](mailto:housng@wyliecenter.org)

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**Next Meeting:** July 22, 2025  
**Time:** 12-2 p.m.  
**Location:** 2085 Rustin Ave., Conf Room 1055  
Riverside, CA 92507  
**Note:** Lunch will be provided

**Pursuant to The Behavioral Health Commissioners: Please note that moving forward the Standing Committee agendas and minutes shall be posted on the website for your reference as well as the Public.**

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