



RIVERSIDE COUNTY DESERT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD
47-825 Oasis St.
Indio, CA 92201

MINUTES
05/13/2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Janice Quinn, Vice Chairperson, Mark Miller, Jim Jones, Joe Butts, Sandy Neja, Maura Fisher, Carol Schaudt, Tori St Johns, Huynh Cuc Nguyen, Eva Guenther-James, Bruce Sherr, Christine Thomstad.

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Richard Divine, Beatriz Gonzalez.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT: Rachel Gileno; Adult Services Administrator, Mary Carpio; Secretary to Rachel Gileno, Denise Morgan; Secretary to Kelly Grotsky, Shawn Harris; Senior Parent Partner; Parent Support & Training Program – Desert Region, Ashley Jean; Senior Peer Support Specialist at the Peer Support and Resource Center in Indio, Elizabeth Aguilar; Family Advocate, RUHS – BH, Kelly Grotsky; Children's Services Manager, Kathy Myers, Retired RUHS Senior Peer, Julie Carlson, Peer Specialist Windy Springs, Brenda Moorehouse, Peer Specialist Windy Springs, and numerous other Department Staff.

OTHERS PRESENT: Indio Police Chief Brian Tully, Indio Sgt Erik Longoria; Indio Mayor Glenn Miller, Indio Mayor ProTem Elaine Holmes; Byron Bonsall, Dir Business Dev Coachella Valley Behavioral Health Hospital; Chris Pickering, CEO Pickering Events LLC & Gen Mgr Indio Fairgrounds, Angie Ayala, Event Coord Pickering Events LLC; Marty Webster, Owner Aspen Mills Bakery PS; and 500+ guests

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The 20th Annual John J. Benoit Behavioral Health Art Show, recognizing that May is Mental Health Month, which took place at the Riverside County National Date Festival Taj Mahal building located at 46350 Arabia Street, Indio, California, 92201, served as the Board Meeting location for May 2025 and the above people were in attendance.

Dr. Janice Quinn called the meeting of the Riverside County Desert Behavioral Health Board to order at 12:32 PM welcomed all who were in attendance in person or virtually and made introductions of various attendees including the day's speaker Police Chief Tully.

NEW BUSINESS:

Indio Police Support of the Art Show and Mental Health Community

Police Chief Tully reintroduced himself and Sgt Longoria and told the audience he was very pleased to be not only at the Art Show but participating in it. He told how he and Sgt Longoria were there at the Taj along with others (such as Indio Mayor Glenn Miller, Indio Mayor ProTem Elaine Holmes) early that morning to participate in judging the art. He thanked all the artists present for the awesome show their art created saying how no matter what media was used it allowed a better expression of an idea or thought than most words could.

Presentation of Art Show Awards

Police Chief Tully with Sergeant Longoria assisting him handed out all of the Show's Awards beginning with Creative Writing, then Adults and Mature Adults, TAY and Youth. At times he would walk out into the seated audience to take the award to the winner in order to personally shake their hand and congratulate them. The Grand Prize this year was won by a Youth Artist.

Other New Business

Kathy Myers, the recently retired Desert Senior Peer took the stage. Kathy made all the 30 table centerpieces for the Art Show herself. She told all those in attendance that she had enjoyed working with them and the Department for so many years and missed the daily interaction with everyone. She wanted to give something back to them so she had placed a gold sticker under one chair at each table and whoever had the sticker would become the owner of the centerpiece for that table. This was well received and created a lot of excitement and joy in the crowd.

Old Business, Monthly Updates and Committee Reports

The rest of the reports and any missed Board duties were tabled until the June meeting to stay in compliance with the time restraints of the event.

The next meeting of the Riverside County Desert Board of Behavioral Health will be **Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at the Riverside County Dept. of Mental Health Indio Clinic 47-825 Oasis St., Indio, CA, 92201**, at 12:00pm.