



# BH CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting the 4th Tuesday of Every Month

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**RUHS–Behavioral Health**  
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**1/28/2025**

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**Hybrid (OWL):** Javier Garcia, Carolyn E. Wylie Center, Kelly Grotsky, RUHS-BH, Miranda DeShields, RUHS-BH, Rachel Douglas, PS&T, Robert Bohon-Lara, TAY Desert, Maggie Cooper, VCSS, Maria T. Gonzalez, PS&T,  
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**Meet and Greet:** Greg St. Claire Corona Juvenile Supervisor Probation Officer shared the following:

When Juveniles come to the Probation Dept it is because they have been declared ward of the Court. There are varying conditions, and the Court looks at all the factors.

If they are placed outside of the home, they will be under supervision. The youth must go to school. If the youth have substance use issues, they must be drug tested.

The Wylie Center has been providing counseling services and management for years. The department provides updates to the court. If the youth are not complying, the Probation Dept must submit violations and in some cases, take the youths into custody. On the other hand, if the violations are not serious, they still have consequences for their actions, and most likely the Probation Officer may ask that the youths do additional community service and/or other sorts of services.

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

**Review of Minutes:** The December 3, 2024, minutes reviewed. Tori St. Johns, motions to approve the minutes as written, Joshua Korhely seconded the motion and members were all in favor.

**Chairperson Remarks:** Tori on a personal note shared the following:

With so many issues happening in today’s world, everyone needs to know their rights. Everyone living in the United States has rights.

**Department of Behavioral Health Updates:**

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

Thanked Tori for sharing all the amazing resources. Kelly thanked Rob for creating an amazing flyer. Here in the Desert some consumers are afraid to go into county buildings. The department and programs are trying to do whatever they can do to meet people where they feel safe. The department is offering telehealth services, offering services in the field. Whatever feels right to those in the community.

The Desert is actually very excited about moving forward with a contract with Beaumont Unified School District. Just waiting for the fully executed contract from the purchasing department.

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Beaumont USD will be our department’s next System of Care Provider in the Desert. Which will be a huge benefit to Beaumont, Banning, Cabazon and other regions out there. Services will be on the Campus and available to everyone who wants it.

Kelly and Rachel Galino, Adult Services Admin will be hitting the road this month and will be stopping by a few of their clinics to do some trainings on Full-Service Partnership (FSP). Trying to build on those tracks and identify youth that qualify for that level of care.

Kelly and Rachel will be in Blythe next week training the whole staff, and two weeks after that they will be training staff in Banning.

The Desert hired two Parent Partners for the TAY Center and for the Banning Clinic.

The Desert is in the planning stages of their May is Mental Health Month Event. Please save the date Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Desert is also planning the art show, again save the date Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

- Kelly will keep everyone posted as more information becomes available.

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

Scott McClung, Supervisor TAY Stepping Stone is retiring on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Novanh is hoping to recruit and hire a new replacement.

Scott has done a great job as Supervisor, starting the “Table Program”, and being a part and instrumental in putting together the music studio. This great program was an idea born from a member at the Western Regional Board meeting. The program now has the equipment, and it is up and running.

People are using the studio and making their own music and it is fantastic. The individual who gave Novanh the idea was asked to come to the TAY Stepping Stone, and work with Stepping Stone to promote the program because they have the expertise in the area.

Hoping that Josh, being a part of the committee for the MIMHM, can include an agenda item – 1 hour for the members of TAY to perform.

Update on The Mindful, Body and Recovery Program - ED (Eating Disorder) Outpatient Program, is continuing to hire and train the staff, still trying to hire Clinical Therapists. The program has hired 5 staff members: a Degreed Nutritionist, Supervisors, Staff Development Officer, and Behavioral Health Specialist.

Hoping to get clients’ numbers and getting them into the program by late March, early April 2025. The program is slowly building the team and moving forward.

Novanh shared, as a reminder: Awareness Week is on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Working with marketing to produce a video clip and a podcast with information for the communities to be aware of the eating disorder signs and symptoms and where to get help.

Planning is up and running for the May is Mental Health Month Event. Further information will be released as it comes in.

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

The Probation and Child Welfare partners have several very high-risk youths and RUHS-BH have been collaborating in multidisciplinary team meetings as well as state assisted technical assistance calls. The youth have such incredible complex needs.

There is difficulty securing placement that can adequately address those needs and that seems to be happening more frequently recently and RUHS-BH is not sure why.

Two of the Central Children’s programs are tasked with completing the qualified individual assessment for dependents of the courts and wards of the courts who are on probation and the clinicians and supervisors who are tasked with completing those assessments are currently participating in a state facilitated QI Training. Believing that they are contracted with UC Davis to provide that training to all the clinicians that do assessments. UC Davis has also extended the invitation to the Child Welfare Partners.

The Pre-School Program 0-5 asked me to brag about one of their clinicians – Alejandra Andalon – the first Clinician in Southern California to graduate a case in Parent Child Interaction Therapy Drama Directed Interaction in Spanish.

**Mid-County Children’s Region:** Shelby Corbert, Youth Connect Program shared the following:

Short staffed, so there may be some delays with getting referrals and assessments completed. My Desert Team is doing amazing. They are fully staffed, they are doing groups, assessments and all field-based services in the communities through-out the county same week.

Cherylyn Klemens, Mid-County TOPSS Program shared the following:

The program serves the high schools in the Hemet School District. The program just received the California Public Hospital’s top award for Innovative Service Delivery. The department is very proud.

TOPSS is seeking to hire a Clinical Therapist.

Currently, TOPSS is supporting the TAY Arena because the center is looking to hire a new supervisor and some Clinical Therapist.

In April the program will be involved in a big outreach event with the HOPE Collaborative to bring services to the TAY Center. TOPSS started a TAY Council with some of the team members and getting them involved in the communities and getting their voices heard.

**Behavioral Health Commission/Regional Board Updates:** Tori shared the following:

It is so amazing when the consumers share their story.

**The Desert Regional Board:** Tori St. Johns shared the following:

The Desert Board is planning for the May is Mental Health Month and the MHSA is scheduled for May 1, 2025. The Art Show is scheduled for May 13, 2025.

Dr. Quinn is also scouting locations and spoke to a manager of a commercial property with store fronts that have empty spaces, whereby, may be able to fill the empty spaces with client art.

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**Parent Support & Training:** Maria Arnold and Rachel Douglas shared the following:

The Parent Classes are still ongoing. The classes are free to “everyone” PS&T does not ask for insurance or any kind of documentation. Staff is ready, willing, and able to assist anyone who walks through the doors.

Rachel has started the Nurturing Fathers Classes at the TAY Arena on Tuesday evenings. Open Doors (both Spanish & English) meets every fourth Thursday of the month. The Autism Support Group meets the third Thursday of the month and there are evening classes available.

The holidays brought in over 2000 gifts that went out to families & youth. That is probably the largest amount of donations. In addition, the Holiday Hoodies Event was tremendous, the donations, were above and beyond what the program expected. PS&T still have some hooded sweatshirts left. Please contact Maria Arnold for more information, if you have youth that are interested in the extra hoodies.

PS&T is gearing up for MIMHM (May is Mental Health Month).

2500 collected in the Desert and a little over 1500 total in all the other regions. Shawn Harris and two other Parent Partners picking up all those donations and making sure the clinics assisted.

IRC (Inland Regional Center) will be sharing a special presentation at the Myers Campus, April 17<sup>th</sup>. PS&T will send a flyer. Please reach out to Parent Support - 951-358-5862 – for further information about the trainings and classes.

**Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment:** Lupe Madrigal shared the following:

SAPT continues to provide Substance Use and Prevention Services. All 11 Clinics are up and running. In addition, SAPT is in 40+ schools, countywide providing substance abuse prevention and treatment programs.

**Friday Night Live:** Lupe Madrigal shared the following:

Moving forward with Southwest Mid-County Team. The hiring of staff is in process. In addition, FNL is also looking for space where they can be on a temporary house the individuals.

The FNL program currently have two teams – one in Indio and the other in Moreno Valley. There are 13 youth that are a part of the Youth Council who will be providing a presentation with the topic “Social Emotional Learning”.

Planning for the “Poisoning & Overdose Awareness 5K Walk There are three dates: Fairmont Park April 12, 2025, from 8-2 p.m. Palm Desert – Palm Desert Civic Center April 26, 2025, from 7-1 p.m. and Murrieta – Murrieta Town Square Park June 7, 2025, 8-2 p.m. Invitation to everyone including provider agencies to participate. Contact Lupe Madrigal.

**TAY Western & Central:** Joshua Korhely shared the following:

Interviews are moving along for the new programs and expansion programs. There are a lot of new systems and care providers that have reached out and are attending the monthly Peer meetings.

Putting on everyone’s radar: May is Mental Health Month (MIMHM) for all three regions.

All Peer Support meeting/training every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 10-12 for Western and Central. Starting in January 2025, the meetings/trainings will be combined with the Western Crisis Peers and the Substance Use Family Advocates. Currently there is a BPL (Building Peer Leaders) training going on for the Western Region.

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**Mid-County TAY:** Lauren Adamson shared the following:

Mid-County’s All-Peer training is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at the TAY Arena in Perris from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Participants will receive (1.5 CEU’S) towards Certificates of Completion.

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

The Desert TAY Center are preparing for the Art Show. This will be a group project – “blank puzzle” the youth will either paint or use markers to draw or tape something (a poem etc....), then they will put everything together. This art will represent their recovery journey.

Desert TAY collaborated with Ashley the Senior Palso has their meetings on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Reach out to your senior Peers if there are any questions, concerns, or problems, reach out to Lauren at [LAAdamson@ruhealth.org](mailto:LAAdamson@ruhealth.org) Mid-County, Josh at [JKorhely@ruhealth.org](mailto:JKorhely@ruhealth.org) Western & Central and/or Robert at [RLara@ruhealth.org](mailto:RLara@ruhealth.org) Desert.

**Agency Reports:**

**SSG/RCC:** Jana Garrett, shared the following:

During the holidays the clients received gifts and parents that participated in the family programs also received gifts for the holidays. Currently in the process of hiring more therapist and interviewing Bilingual Spanish speaking therapists.

**APCTC Program:** Luicana Hui shared the following:

Participated in the Riverside Lunar Festival. This is the fifth year, and it seems to be getting bigger and bigger in terms of cultural performances and food trucks. Saturday and Sunday, the staff participated in the fashion walk.

Parenting Groups just started a zoom group.

**DA’s Office - Victim Services** Carlos Romo Victim Services Advocate shared the following:

Currently in the crime prevention unit and Carlos is here on behalf of the VSP Supervisor. The mission is to collaborate with community partners to assist young people to stay in school, achieve academic success and to develop positive life skills.

The VSP Program officers parenting classes in Spanish and English. The Victim Specialist and the District Attorneys’ that out gout into the communities and do presentations on anything and everything that effects the communities – fentanyl, human trafficking, gang awareness, Team dating violence, which is huge nowadays,

The Violence Prevention Council meeting every three months with the next meeting scheduled for March 10, 2025.

For further information please connect with Carlos Romo at 951-955-5450 and/or email [carlosromo@rivcoda.org](mailto:carlosromo@rivcoda.org)

**Jurupa Vally USD:** Crystal Garcia shared the following:

Second semester at the school has started with more groups across of the sites. The Intern Support Teams, seeking safety groups, emotional aggressive groups, and social skill groups.

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**Next Meeting:** February 25, 2025  
**Time:** 12-2 p.m.  
**Location:** 2085 Rustin Ave., Conf Room 1051  
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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