

RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM-BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
Mid-County Region Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Thursday, September 3, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF PRESENT		GUEST PRESENT
Brenda Scott Dr. Vernita Black Walter T. Haessler, M.D Don Kendrick Ramon Amado Dolores DeMartino (via TEAMS)	Martiza Camacho	Melissa Vasquez Hilda Gallegos Sheree Glidden Maria Cruz	Steven Willis (via TEAMS) Amy Konopka (via TEAMS) Lauren Adamson (via TEAMS) Donna Sliva (via TEAMS)	Eloisa Vizcaya Mike Zuniga Jasmin Rubio

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW UP
Call To Order and Introductions	Brenda Scott called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. All in attendance introduced themselves.	
Minutes	July 2 nd , 2026, meeting minutes were accepted.	
Public Comments	There were no public comments shared at this time.	
Announcements	Dr. Black and Don Kendrick have been reappointed to the board for another term through June of 2029. September 24 th is our annual Recovery Happens event at Fairmount Park from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm. There will be free food, volleyball tournaments, ping pong tournaments, a dance contest, prizes, a dunk tank and opportunity drawings. Brenda announced the annual NAMI Walk is scheduled for Saturday, November 14 th at Diamond Valley Lake in Hemet. She shared that posters are being printed and will be handed out very soon. We will have a lot of vendors out there, music with a band, food and a ton of resources. We also like to remind people that the parking is \$5.	
Correspondence	No correspondence was received or reported.	
New Business- Victor Community Support Services – Eloisa Vizcaya	Eloisa Vizcaya with Victor Community Support Services shared a presentation on the services her office provides. They have locations in Hemet, Perris and Lake Elsinore. They provide outpatient community based mental health services utilizing a strength based and family centered treatment philosophy. Services include Assessment, Individual and Family Therapy, Behavior Modification, Parent support and training, Case Management, Crisis Intervention, Stabilization and Medication Management. Services can be provided at home, at school, in the community and in our offices. Our team includes Clinicians, Family Support Counselors, Parent Partners and Psychiatrists to support clients and their families. We serve clients who are 0-21 years old and who are Medi-Cal Eligible, with the age range being mainly three to 18. We also have outliers. There could be a client over the age of 21 if they have a diagnosis of an eating disorder and we are able to serve them if they have Medi-Cal.	

New Business- (Continued) Victor Community Support Services – Eloisa Vizcaya	To receive services, have the family call or fax: (855) 684-2867, (855) 6VICTOR. You can also email the Referral Department-Referrals@victor.org. Wait times may vary depending on urgency and staffing. Our clinicians carry a caseload of 16-18 clients; Family Support Counselors carry a caseload of 18+ clients; and Parent Partners carry a caseload of 28+ clients. We always prioritize our urgent clients. So, if there's any suicidal ideation, self-harming, anything that is urgent and needing crisis support, we do prioritize those assignments within 24 to 72 hours. In determining the appropriate level of care a client needs, Eloisa explained that they utilize the Core Actionable Items Report (CAIR score), based on CANS-identified needs. The CAIR score uses a stratification system that places each client at the appropriate level or program within the children's system of care. The stratification is a standardized range of core actionable items and is used to determine the appropriate treatment dosage and to monitor treatment progress. It also serves as an outcomes tool. There are three tiers of severity and services based on these needs: High: 5+ services a week; Medium: 3-4 services a week; and Low: 1-2 services a week. We provide services for approximately 500 clients at our agency. It changes from year to year, and last year was around 520 and then every given month it will change. One month we might get about 40 referrals and maybe in October, November, it could go up to 140 referrals. Mike, one of their Parent Partners, shared a success story regarding a grandmother (who was unable to attend today's meeting) and discussed their challenges and barriers working together, especially in the beginning but has since become one of his favorite clients. She was a little bit resistant and didn't really believe in mental health in the beginning. He slowly began to build rapport with her and shared his lived experience, his own traumas, struggles and challenges in life and explaining to her that trauma isn't just getting into a car and breaking a bone, but it's also very much a mental health challenge as well. As their sessions went on, little by little, she started to understand what trauma looked like, he started connecting her to resources and connecting her to other things where she didn't feel like she was alone or didn't feel like she was the only one going through it. He felt their connection has really been impactful and that she participates every week and is very active in receiving services.	
New Business Vision Statement	With regard to the vision statement, Brenda stated that last year it was “to reduce stigma and increase utilization of services through education and awareness to support the mission of Riverside University Health System Behavioral Health to provide recovery-oriented services to empower consumers of the mid-county region to achieve greater independence, to advise the mid-county region and the Behavioral Health Commission and to promote board membership.” Brenda stated that when she was looking over all the mission and vision statements in the annual report, the county has used terms such as client or patients, then consumers, and now the term used is members. So, she suggested that we could change our language more to members if they're a member, but if you're a person who's not a member yet, you're still a consumer or you would be a community member. <u>All attendees agreed to changing the word consumer to member</u> and the vision statement will be included on next month's agenda below the Mission Statement.	Include Vision Statement on next month's agenda
Old Business	No information to report.	

Administrator/Managers Report	Beverly McKeddie, Behavioral Health Services Administrator – Children's Programs, was unable to join us today, therefore her Executive Assistant, Hilda Gallegos shared the following information on her behalf: The TOPSS grant has officially ended. We have one team from that program providing services under the new MOU with San Jacinto Unified. The rest of the staff have joined the YHIP program, increasing our ability to provide intensive services to at-risk youth across the region. They are currently housed at the CHC in Perris and will move to Wellness Village later this year. Adelaida Moreno, Supervisor, will lead the team full-time and Senior CT Tai Maddox will move into the program full-time. Summer programming includes- Most of the programs had summer events for youth and families. There were some half-day summer camps, self-care groups, and a few recreational outings. Feedback was very positive from both staff and families. Staffing changes - our Assistant Medical Director for children, Dr. Lee, has been promoted to Outpatient Medical Director for the department. Dr. Choi from the Lake Elsinore Children's Clinic is now the Children's Assistant Medical Director, and Dr. Hadi from Temecula is the Regional Assistant Medical Director. We haven't had a regional assistant medical director for some time. Both Dr. Choi and Dr. Hadi will continue to provide direct care in their new roles. We have completed an MOU with Riverside County SELPA, which is like having an MOU with all 22 member districts. It will enhance our ability to provide support and services on campuses. Dr. Chang will be hosting Director's meeting on Monday, Sept. 14th at the Wellness Village in the Community Wellness Building. Staff moving to the Village will be visiting in the next couple of months to see their new space. Ribbon cutting will be December 7th. No services can be provided on site until January. We will be working on a plan to move the YHIP program and Enhanced Case Management staff over the next few weeks. If there's any questions, feel free to email me or call me. Caseload numbers by clinic are Lake Elsinore Children's has 228; Temecula Children's has 254; the YHIP program has 72; Wraparound has 57; Youth Connect has 10, and TAY has 132. Lacy Fourong-Galvez, Behavioral Health Services Supervisor for the SAPT Program provided an emailed department update that was shared with the group as follows: Temecula SAPT: 170 Caseload, no vacancies; Lake Elsinore SAPT: 127 Caseload, no vacancies; Perris SAPT: 194 Caseload, one vacant SSA, one PSS, and one BHS III; and San Jacinto SAPT: 272 Caseload, no vacancies.	
Committee Reports	<u>Behavioral Health Commission (BHC)</u> – Brenda shared the following information: The Behavioral Health Commission was yesterday and I got this calendar (which she passed around to the group), titled "The Riverside County Deborah Johnson Drug Use Prevention Poster Contest" calendar, which is a culmination of "top winners' artwork" submitted by students from schools within Riverside County. This year's theme is "Life is a Puzzle Solve it Drug Free." There were some CARE Act updates, in which Brenda shared some handouts with the group. It talks about the process for CARE Act and how it works.	

Committee Reports- Continued	There were Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) updates, and they talked about that there's going to be a conversation/collaboration with stakeholders. The first meeting is going to be held on September 30th from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the Rustin Conference Center with approximately 25 to 30 stakeholder groups that are part of the BHSA collaborative as per the state. Janine Moore did a presentation on RivCoONE, which is a system-wide response to coordinated care for residents where there's no wrong door response and they're trying to have it a one-stop shop concept. One of the highlights of the whole meeting was when Melissa Vasquez (Sr. Peer Support Specialist) shared her personal story. It was amazing and I really loved hearing about where she was at the beginning of her journey and how she got to where she is now. So, thank you for sharing so much of yourself with everyone. I really liked it when you said that "you're not lost, just loading." There was another young man who gave his story. His name was Aaron and he talked about how he was related to Senator McGovern, who was his dad's uncle. He had quite a story and he was very well versed and a graduate of CARE Court and talked about how CARE Court helped him. <u>Membership Committee</u> – Brenda reported that there were a few new members, two for Western and one for Desert and none for Mid-County. <u>Children's Committee</u>- No report available. Dark in August. <u>Criminal Justice Committee</u> – No report available. <u>Older Adults Committee</u> – No report available. <u>Adult System of Care Committee</u> – No report available. Dark in August. <u>Housing Committee</u> – No report available. Dark in August. <u>Legislative Committee</u> – Dr. Haessler reported that the committee spoke about Assembly Bill 96, which would remove the educational requirement for peer support. It passed the legislature but is waiting for the governor's signature. They also discussed Prop 36 and then SB 910. This bill would require, for counties and courts that opt to have treatment court programs, that the treatment court programs be designed and operated in accordance with state and national guidelines incorporating the "Adult Treatment Court Best Practice Standards" and "Family Treatment Court Best Practice Standards" with consideration for the court system within which the program operates.	
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Committee Reports- Continued	<u>Veteran's Committee</u> – Dr. Black shared that the Veteran's Committee is working on veterans' awareness to try to open that up and get more people involved by offering different committees and subcommittees. There was a guest speaker, Steve Gary, who shared an outstanding story. He was talking about when you're in the military for 21 years, and when you get out, you're completely lost. You just don't know if you should go east or west, you don't know where to go because you're used to the mindset of the military, not the civilian sector, as we call it. They have the tendency to still think about the military and not understand that there's help now that you're out. There are people out here to help you and there's resources. Therefore, we're trying to engage a lot of people with that to try to get them more involved and let them know what is offered. The next meeting is going to be in December. They don't have the actual date yet because they're combining November and December meetings together and it's going to be in person, as we normally meet online.	
Next Meeting	The next Mid-County Regional Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 1st, 2026, at the Perris Adult BH Clinic, 450 E. San Jacinto Ave, Perris CA 92571.	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.	

Mid-County Region Behavioral Health Advisory Meeting Attendance												
Calendar Year 2026												
Members	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1. Walter Haessler, M.D.	x	x	x	x	x	X	X		X			
2. Brenda Scott	x	x	x	x	x	A	X		X			
3. Dr. Vernita Black	A	x	x	x	x	A	X		X			
4. Don Kendrick	A	x	x	A	x	X	X		X			
5. Dolores DeMartino	x	x	x	x	x	A	X		X			
6. Maritza Camacho	A	A	A	x	A	A	A		A			
7. Ramon Amado	A	A	A	A	x	A	A		X			