



Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)

In-Person Community Forum

April 17, 2024

Westchester Training Room

FOCUS: Recovery Station Update (Voting) and MHSA Reform Updates/Prop 1

TOTAL MEETING ATTENDANCE: 18	TOTAL SURVEY RESPONSES: 10	TOTAL COMPLETION RATE: 56% <i>(percentage of attendees who submitted a survey)</i>
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COMMUNITY FORUM

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(Note: participants may select more than 1 answer)

Age Group:		Sexual Orientation:	
0-15	0	Straight/Heterosexual	8
16-25	2	Gay or Lesbian	1
26-59	6	Questioning or Unsure	0
60 or Older	2	Queer	0
Declined/Did not submit a survey	8	Asexual	0
Gender assigned at birth:		Bisexual	1
Male	3	Pansexual	0
Female	7	Another sexual orientation	0
Intersex	0	Declined/Did not submit a survey	8
Declined/Did not submit a survey	8	Race:	
Gender Currently Identified with:		Asian	0
Male (Cis Male)	3	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0
Female (Cis Female)	6	Black/African American	0
Transgender/other	1	Latino/Hispanic	5
Genderqueer	0	Tribal/Native American	0
Non-binary	0	White/Caucasian	4
Genderfluid	0	Two or More Races:	0
Questioning or Unsure	0	Declined/Did not submit a survey	9
Other Gender Identity	0	Ethnicity:	
Declined/Did not submit a survey	8	African	0
Disability:		Asian Indian/South Asian	0
Vision	0	Cambodian	0
Hearing, or difficulty understanding	0	Chinese	0
Mental/Cognitive (excludes behavioral)	1	Eastern European	0
Mobility/Physical	0	Korean	0
Chronic Medical Illness	1	Middle Eastern	0
None	6	Vietnamese	0
Declined/Did not submit a survey	10	European	2
Veteran Status:		Filipino	0
Yes, I am a veteran	0	Japanese	0
No, I am not a veteran	10	Caribbean	0
Declined/Did not submit a survey	8	Central American	1
Primary Language:		Mexican/Mexican American/Chicano	4
Only English	7	Puerto Rican	0
Only Spanish	0	South American	0
Both English and Spanish	3	Two or More Ethnicities (see below)	0
Another language	0	Declined/Did not submit a survey	11
Declined/Did not submit a survey	8	<i>Two or More: n/a</i>	

Group/Category		Population you feel is most unserved/underserved in the above-mentioned community	
Client/Consumer/Person with Mental Illness	2	Children/Families	2
Family Member of a Client or Person with Mental Illness	2	Transitional Aged Youth (16-25)	3
KernBHRS Staff	4	Older Adults	3
Law Enforcement	0	Homeless or at risk of Homelessness	4
Veteran Services	0	Those in rural Kern areas	4
Senior Services	0	Veterans	1
Education/Schools	0	Those with Substance Use Disorders	3
Community Member	2	Latino/Hispanic	3
County Agency Staff (Not KernBHRS Staff)	1	Asian/Pacific Islander	1
Behavioral Health Provider (Not KernBHRS Staff)	2	Black/African American	1
Medical Care Provider	1	American Indian / Alaska Native	1
Other	1	LGBTQ+	3
Declined/Did not submit a survey	9	Other	0
<i>Describe other: Kern Family</i>		Declined/Did not submit a survey	10
Region of the County you are most involved		Please indicate the types of services or programs that would be appropriate to service the above-mentioned population	
Arvin/Lamont	0	Prevention	4
Bakersfield	8	Early Intervention	5
Delano/McFarland	1	Outreach for Recognizing the Early Signs of Mental Illness	4
California City/Mojave/Rosamond	0	Stigma and Discrimination Reduction	3
Wasco/Shafter	0	Access and Linkage to Care	5
Buttonwillow/Lost Hills	0	Peer-based services	4
Oildale	0	Intensive Outpatient Treatment	2
Kern River Valley	3	Declined/Did not submit a survey	10
Tehachapi	1		
Ridgecrest	1		
Taft	1		
Frazier Park/Mountain Communities	0		
Declined/Did not submit a survey	9		

Do you have any questions, comments, or concerns?	
Declined/Did not submit a survey	17
Answered	1
1. My concern is that there will be too much funding (<i>moving</i>) from MH (<i>mental health</i>) to other services.	

ANNOUNCEMENTS	
2024 May is Mental Health Awareness Calendar of Activities KernBHRS calendar is inclusive of other partner agencies	Break the Stigma & Celebrate Resiliency Friday, May 17, 2024 BAIHP (501 40 th Street) 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM RSVP at (661)327-4030 or BAIHPCommunity@BakersfieldAIHP.org
College Community Services (CCS) – Mental Health Awareness Month CCS Community Events for May 2024	Spring Resource Fair Saturday, May 18, 2024 CAPK East Kern Family Resource Center (15662 K Street, Mojave, CA) 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Coping Craft Fair - Child Guidance Clinic Parking Lot & Playground Thursday, May 2, 2024 3638 Stockdale Hwy 3:00 – 5:00 PM	Invitation to Join the KernBHRS Cultural Competence Resource Committee For more information, contact CulturalCompetence@KernBHRS.org
“May the Fourth Be with You” Family Day at CALM Saturday, May 4, 2024 California Living Museum (CALM) 10500 Alfred Harrell Hwy 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	KernBHRS Volunteer Recruitment On-going For more information, contact Cassie at (661) 868-6727 or email CDeras-Coker@KernBHRS.org
NAMI Mental Health Gala & Black-tie Celebration Saturday, May 4, 2024 CityServe (3201 F Street) Starts at 6:00 PM	PHF Update Address: 702 Workman Street
Together for Mental Health Workshops Thursday, May 16, 2024 CFLC (2001 28 th Street) 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	

PROGRAM & SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Program Presentation #1

Presentation: Recovery Station Update (Voting Item)

Presenter: Heather Hornibrook, LMFT

Heather Hornibrook presented information about the Bakersfield Recovery Station and answered questions for stakeholders.

Questions from the Audience after the presentation:

1. **Q:** Is there any information on outcomes?

A: Yes, there is a monthly Stakeholders meeting enroute if you are interested in that we are going to discuss the data at that time. I can give this information and discuss the data. Just a guess there were 1500 up to 2000 members, but that number dropped because of roof problems so we could not take many more and it then dropped to 1600. If you give me your information I can get that information for you.

VOTING ITEM:

<i>Are you in favor of spending MHSA funds for the Healing Project (Recovery Station)?</i>	
Yes	12 (80%)
No	0 (0%)
Declined to Answer	3 (20 %)
Total	15 (100%)

Program Presentation #2

Presentation: Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Education

Presenter: Camden Trapp, MHSA Program Specialist

Camden Trapp presented the MHSA origins and how the 5 funding streams work to improve mental health outcomes.

Questions from the Audience after the presentation:

No questions recorded for this section.

Program Presentation #3

Presentation: Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Reform/Proposition 1

Presenters: Liz Bailey, KernBHRS Administrator & MHSA Coordinator and Tia Flores, MHSA Program Specialist

Liz Bailey and Tia Flores presented an update on Governor Newsom's proposed MHSA Reform and Proposition 1 timeline.

Questions from the Audience after the presentation:

1. Q: Is there any process to establish citizenship? He needs help finding agencies to help with certain individual citizenship.

A: Was provided with 211 number and GBLA agency. The audience provided information for him to contact the United Farm Workers organization who might be able to help.

2. Q: Will these meetings continue after the new rules are in effect for Stakeholder meetings? Will there be more meetings and staff that are higher ups attending?

A: Yes, different people involvement will continue on a monthly basis both in English and in Spanish.

LISTENING SESSION

Presentation: Listening Session

Presenter: Tia Flores, MHSA Program Specialist

Tia Flores opened the floor to facilitate the listening session.

Questions from the Audience after the presentation:

No questions recorded for this section.

MHSA STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK FORMS RECEIVED

1. **"Great!"**
2. **"The meeting was brief and informative. I would have liked more information on the Healing Project before being asked to a vote. There were no questions at the end. I recommend having sample questions to give folks ideas of what we can ask. Asking for questions and then closing the floor felt rushed"**
3. **"Suicide. How are things being changed at this point. It is the leading cause of death"**
4. **"I am interested in learning about the impact programs are having on the challenges they are designed to address"**
5. **"It might be prudent to take funding for the "Healing Project" from biggest and most dependable blocks of funding from which best qualified concerns might present"**

CPPP Incentive Program

The MHSA/CPPP Incentive Program started on December 1, 2021. This incentive program offers a \$20 gift card for consumers/clients, their families, and other MHSA program participants.

To qualify for the MHSA/CPPP Incentive Program, interested consumers/clients, family members, and other MHSA program participants must first pre-register to attend the MHSA Community Forum. Upon pre-registration, MHSA staff will ensure that those who pre-register know the location of the meeting (*for In-Person meetings*) or have reliable access to Zoom (*for Virtual meetings*).

During the MHSA Community Forum, MHSA staff will confirm attendance. Then, approximately within one business day, the \$20 gift card will be mailed to the address they provided during pre-registration.

ACTION STEPS

Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services will continue its commitment to inform, engage, take feedback, and provide outreach to the communities it serves through the provision of MHSAs-funded programs and services in collaboration with community organizations and contract service providers throughout Kern County.

In this meeting, MHSAs provided an overview of MHSAs Reform/Proposition 1 update. MHSAs will continue to provide updates as information is received.

MHSAs recorded a total of **18** attendees during this presentation; the total excludes *MHSAs Coordination team members and presenters*.

During the Stakeholder meeting, we had **3** presentations and **1** voting item.

VOTING SUMMARY:

1. Are you in favor of spending MHSAs funds for the Healing Project (Recovery Station)?

Voting Results: **APPROVED** (YES –80%; NO – 0%; Unsure/Decline – 20%)

MHSAs determined the following action steps/findings after reviewing verbal responses from stakeholders, polling questions, and surveys.

MHSAs will:

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- a) MHSAs will continue to provide education and updates on legislative and policy changes on MHSAs funding and how that impacts the programs and services given to Kern County residents.
- b) MHSAs will investigate ways of gaining stakeholder feedback and participation (giveaways, treats, etc.) during the next meetings.
- c) MHSAs will continue researching ways of gaining a greater number of clients/ family, and public participation during stakeholder meetings.

No further action steps.