



In-Person Community Forum
August 14, 2024
Westchester Training Room



Focus: BHSR Reform Updates

Total Meeting Attendance	15
Total Survey Responses	9
Total Completion Rate	60%



Age Group:		Sexual Orientation:	
0-15	0	Straight/Heterosexual	6
16-25	0	Gay or Lesbian	1
26-59	7	Questioning or Unsure	0
60 or Older	2	Queer	0
Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	6	Asexual	0
Gender assigned at birth:		Bisexual	2
Male	5	Pansexual	0
Female	4	Another Sexual Orientation	0
Intersex	0	Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	6
Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	6	Race:	
Gender Currently Identified with:		Asian	0
Male (Cis Male)	4	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0
Female (Cis Female)	4	Black/African American	0
Transgender/other	0	Latino/Hispanic	6
Genderqueer	0	Tribal/Native American	0
Non-Binary	0	White/Caucasian	2
Genderfluid	0	Two or More Races:	0
Questioning or Unsure	0	Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	7
Other Gender Identity	1	Ethnicity:	
Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	6	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	5	Vietnamese	0
Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	8	European	0
Veteran Status:		Filipino	0
Yes, I Am a Veteran	0	Japanese	0
No, I Am Not a Veteran	9	Caribbean	0
Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	6	Central American	1
Primary Language:		Mexican/Mexican American/Chicano	6
Only English	6	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	8
Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	6	<i>Two or More: n/a</i>	

*Group/Category		*Population you feel is most unserved/underserved in the above-mentioned community	
<i>Client/Consumer/Person with Mental Illness</i>	2	Children/Families	2
<i>Family Member of a Client or Person with Mental Illness</i>	2	Transitional Aged Youth (16-25)	2
<i>KernBHRS Staff</i>	4	Older Adults	3
<i>Law Enforcement</i>	0	Homeless or At Risk of Homelessness	5
<i>Veteran Services</i>	0	Those in Rural Kern Areas	1
<i>Senior Services</i>	1	Veterans	0
<i>Education/Schools</i>	0	Those with Substance Use Disorders	1
<i>Community Member</i>	3	Latino/Hispanic	1
<i>County Agency Staff (Not KernBHRS Staff)</i>	0	Asian/Pacific Islander	1
<i>Behavioral Health Provider (Not KernBHRS Staff)</i>	0	Black/African American	1
<i>Medical Care Provider</i>	0	American Indian / Alaska Native	2
<i>Other</i>	1	LGBTQ+	3
<i>Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey</i>	6	Other	0
<i>Describe other: Volunteer/Peer Specialist</i>		Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	6
*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	1	Prevention	1
Bakersfield	9	Early Intervention	4
Delano/McFarland	0	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	2
Buttonwillow/Lost Hills	0	Peer-Based Services	3
Oildale	0	Intensive Outpatient Treatment	0
Kern River Valley	1	Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	6
Tehachapi	0		
Ridgecrest	1		
Taft	0		
Frazier Park/Mountain Communities	0		
Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	6		

*Participants may select more than one answer to survey questions.

Do you have any questions, comments, or concerns?	
Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	12
Answered	3
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unserved/Underserved populations: all lacking various levels of socialization and support including health and wellness. 2. TAY Housing, I am seeing more and more homeless youth barely 18, family facing evictions and then the 18-year-old gets left without housing, and parents go to shelters or halfway housing. Older Adults often are left without transportation or are in care or unwilling family members to help with treatment. Handicaps, we have no transportation/most of our buildings do not have ADA Compliance ramps or doors. 3. I'm a parent of mental health son. Thankful for the funding, the programs, and classes. I am looking forward to participating. 	

ANNOUNCEMENTS	
Rural Express Enrollments – Summer / Fall 2024 Bakersfield College offers enrollment services in Arvin and Lamont. For more information, contact BC at (661) 395-4704	Help those in Crisis – Volunteer Recruitment For more information contact Cassie Deras-Coker at (661)332-7479 or CDeras-Coker@kernbhrs.org
Mariachi and Ballet Folklorico Workshops for Students On September 7, 2024 Bakersfield High School 8 AM to 3 PM	Psychiatric Health Facilities Update New PHF for Adults and Minors located at 718 Workman Street and 702 Workman Street
A Decade of Hope – SALT Walk Saturday, September 7, 2024 Registration starts at 8 AM Walk starts at 9 AM Riverwalk Park	Prepare U Contact MHSA Team at MHSATeam@kernbhrs.org for more information
Would you like to participate in our Cultural Competence Resource Committee? For more information, please contact at CulturalCompetence@KernBHRS.org	

Program & Special Presentations

Presentation #1

Presentation: Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Education

Presenter: Camden Trapp, Program Specialist

Description: 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 were recorded for this section.

Presentation #2

Presentation: Behavioral Health Service Act Reform

Presenter: Tia Flores, Program Specialist

Description: Flores presented how stakeholder involvement at our local level will change as the Proposition 1 transition continues.

Questions from the audience after the presentation:

- Q:** Are the stakeholders' meetings happening at a regional level or is that still in the works?
A: (Flores)- There are no updates, but she will get more information at her next meeting.
- Q:** Is the allotted funding for housing services be contracted out or is KernBHRS handling it?
A: (Flores) It will probably be done both ways and we have been looking into exactly how it will be handled.
- Q:** Is 2026 still the deadline for a full transition to BHSA?
A: (Flores) Yes, it is.
- Q:** Will more education be provided to us (KernBHRS staff)? They would like to know about resources available for someone in recovery. Additional trainings will help them educate themselves and to be the best version of themselves for their clients.
A: (Flores) Relias Training is available for staff and contractors. You can find training depending on your needs.

Listening Session

Presentation: Listening Session

Presenter: Tia Flores, Program Specialist

Description: Flores opened the floor to facilitate the listening session

Questions from the audience after the presentation:

1. A stakeholder from the audience mentioned they did the PrepareU training and enjoyed it very much.
2. A stakeholder from the audience mentioned that the Tejon Pow Wow will be held at Bakersfield College on September 28th. They agreed to forward information to the MHSA Team at MHSA Team@kernbhrs.org
3. "A City of Bakersfield representative shared their appreciation for the therapist and resources made available. They are thankful for the partnership at the outreach for people in need, specifically the homeless people who migrated down from the river. He also mentioned he has received comments and concerns from residents and co-workers about the MET response time. He would like to suggest we look into using the Bond money from Proposition 1 in a psychiatric emergency room. In his opinion, they have an immediate need for mental services help. He would also like to suggest the money be used for a residential substance program on a large scale for people in need".

BHSA Stakeholder Feedback Forms Received

- "I have not heard of, and sincerely hope there will be no end or cessation to the MHSA/BHSA funding for mental health services and development."
- "Did the widgets cause the SmartCare meltdown? Are there any updates about the SmartCare backup option?"
- "I would like to get more info from Tia for mental health programs."
- "Great job Aunt Flowers."
- "The City of Bakersfield greatly appreciates the partnership of BHRS at the BLNC and the Kern River Medical outreach pilot. We have heard concerns about MET response times. We are excited about Proposition 1. There is an opportunity for a psychiatric emergency room to address the amount of time our police officers have to stay with 5150s as they are admitted to emergency rooms plus the

opportunity to get individuals medically assisted treatment. We also believe Prop 1 provides an opportunity with bond money to set up a large-scale residential SUDs treatment facility.”

- “I feel like the investment on the widgets should have gone to improving SmartCare”
- “Do they need volunteers for the SALT and MADD walks?”

CPPP Incentive Program

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

To qualify for the BHSA/CPPP Incentive Program, interested consumers/clients, family members, and other BHSA program participants must pre-register to attend the BHSA Community Forum. Upon pre-registration, BHSA 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 BHSA Community Forum, BHSA 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.

CPPP Incentive Program will be discontinued effective August 21, 2024.

Action Steps

Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services will continue its commitment to inform, engage, take feedback, and reach out to its communities. This will be achieved through the collaborative efforts of offering BHSA-funded programs and services in partnership with community organizations and contract service providers throughout Kern County.

BHSA recorded a total of **15** attendees during this presentation; the total excludes *BHSA Coordination team members and presenters*.

In this meeting, BHSA provided an overview of the ongoing Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Transformation (formerly referred to as MHSA and Proposition 1) update. This transformation is a collective effort, and BHSA will continue to provide updates as information is received.

During the Stakeholder meeting, we had **two** presentations and **no** voting items.

BHSA will:

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- a) Continue to provide education and updates on legislative and policy changes on BHSA funding and how that impacts the programs and services given to Kern County residents.

- b) Investigate ways of gaining stakeholder feedback and participation (giveaways, treats, etc.) during the next meetings.
- c) Continue researching ways of gaining a greater number of clients/families, and public participation during stakeholder meetings.

No further action steps.