



In-Person Community Forum
September 11, 2024
Westchester Training Room



Focus: BHSR Reform Updates

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| Total Meeting Attendance | 9 |
| Total Survey Responses | 7 |
| Total Completion Rate | 78% |



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

| *Group/Category | | *Population you feel is most unserved/underserved in the above-mentioned community | |
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| Client/Consumer/Person with Mental Illness | 2 | Children/Families | 0 |
| Family Member of a Client or Person with Mental Illness | 2 | Transitional Aged Youth (16-25) | 1 |
| KernBHRS Staff | 4 | Older Adults | 1 |
| Law Enforcement | 1 | Homeless or At Risk of Homelessness | 2 |
| Veteran Services | 0 | Those in Rural Kern Areas | 1 |
| Senior Services | 1 | Veterans | 0 |
| Education/Schools | 0 | Those with Substance Use Disorders | 0 |
| Community Member | 3 | Latino/Hispanic | 0 |
| County Agency Staff (Not KernBHRS Staff) | 0 | Asian/Pacific Islander | 0 |
| Behavioral Health Provider (Not KernBHRS Staff) | 0 | Black/African American | 1 |
| Medical Care Provider | 0 | American Indian / Alaska Native | 3 |
| Other | 0 | LGBTQ+ | 2 |
| Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey | 2 | Other | 3 |
| <i>Describe other: N/A</i> | | Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey | 2 |
| *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 | 3 |
| Bakersfield | 7 | Early Intervention | 4 |
| Delano/McFarland | 0 | Outreach for Recognizing the Early Signs of Mental Illness | 3 |
| California City/Mojave/Rosamond | 0 | Stigma and Discrimination Reduction | 3 |
| Wasco/Shafter | 0 | Access and Linkage to Care | 3 |
| Buttonwillow/Lost Hills | 0 | Peer-Based Services | 3 |
| Oildale | 1 | Intensive Outpatient Treatment | 1 |
| Kern River Valley | 1 | Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey | 3 |
| Tehachapi | 0 | | |
| Ridgecrest | 0 | | |
| Taft | 0 | | |
| Frazier Park/Mountain Communities | 0 | | |
| Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey | 2 | | |

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

Do you have any questions, comments, or concerns?

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| Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey | 6 |
| Answered | 3 |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is difficult at times to connect with groups, agencies and/or other seniors in Kern County, either because of regulations, perceptions or access points. Personal history may be overemphasized in a town we more see as buildings, cars and streets just being dramatic! 2. Lake Isabella needs supportive activities. Maybe a community-based program! 3. Why do I seriously do not understand basics about where the monies are going? There is just percentage and not the budget proposed for all services and not the overall as if I could not understand where the monies are placed at what to use it for Mantalla Sep 11, 2024 | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| <p>Suicide Prevention & Recovery Month 2024 Provided a calendar of events happening around the county. For more information, message the MHSA Team at mhsateam@kernbhrs.org</p> | <p>Help those in Crisis – Volunteer Recruitment For more information contact Cassie Deras-Coker at (661)332-7479 or CDeras-Coker@kernbhrs.org</p> |
| <p>Kickin’ It With Behavioral Health Wednesday, September 11, 2024 CSUB Soccer Field – 276 Rowdy Way The game starts at 7 PM</p> | <p>Psychiatric Health Facilities Update New PHF for Adults and Minors located at 718 Workman Street and 702 Workman Street</p> |
| <p>Walk Like Madd Saturday, September 21, 2024 Walk starts at 9 AM Riverwalk Park</p> | <p>Prepare U Contact MHSA Team at MHSATeam@kernbhrs.org for more information</p> |
| <p>Would you like to participate in our Cultural Competence Resource Committee? For more information, please contact at CulturalCompetence@KernBHRs.org</p> | |

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:** For those (programs) that are currently funded through MHSA, will the funding roll over to BHSA, or will they have to reapply?

A: (Flores)- It will roll over. There will be no reapplying, just the name is changing.
- Q:** Should we expect separate funding for a housing crisis?

A: (Flores) We are not sure how the new funding will be allocated with the transition. It is still being planned as to where it will go.
- Q:** Do you plan on using the MHSA budget to fund the Aegis matches?

A: (Liz Bailey, Administrator) I don't have an answer for you at this time but when I get more information, I will share it with you.
- Q:** Is it more of a merge or complete transition that is happening from mental health to behavioral health or is it more a merge that is happening?

A: (Flores) It is a straight across transition. The name and funding will change. The whole transition will be complete by 2026.

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: No questions were recorded for this section.

BHSA Stakeholder Feedback Forms Received

- “Great job.”
- “I think the County Health activities are receiving a good allotment of funds for treatment and outcomes for challenged citizens”

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 **9** 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.