



In-Person Community Forum
November 13, 2024
Kern Linkage Training Room



Focus: BHSA Reform Updates,

Total Meeting Attendance	6
Total Survey Responses	4
Total Completion Rate	67%



Age Group:		Sexual Orientation:	
0-15	0	Straight/Heterosexual	2
16-25	0	Gay or Lesbian	0
26-59	3	Questioning or Unsure	0
60 or Older	1	Queer	0
Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	2	Asexual	0
Gender assigned at birth:		Bisexual	1
Male	2	Pansexual	0
Female	1	Another Sexual Orientation	0
Intersex	0	Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	3
Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	3	Race:	
Gender Currently Identified with:		Asian	0
Male (Cis Male)	1	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0
Female (Cis Female)	1	Black/African American	0
Transgender/other	0	Latino/Hispanic	1
Genderqueer	1	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	3
Other Gender Identity	0	Ethnicity:	
Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	3	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	1
Mobility/Physical	0	Korean	0
Chronic Medical Illness	0	Middle Eastern	0
None	2	Vietnamese	0
Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	3	European	0
Veteran Status:		Filipino	0
Yes, I Am a Veteran	0	Japanese	0
No, I Am Not a Veteran	3	Caribbean	0
Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	3	Central American	0
Primary Language:		Mexican/Mexican American/Chicano	3
Only English	4	Puerto Rican	0
Only Spanish	0	South American	0
Both English and Spanish	0	Two or More Ethnicities (see below)	0
Another Language (Hindi)	0	Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	5
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	
<i>Client/Consumer/Person with Mental Illness</i>	0	Children/Families	0
<i>Family Member of a Client or Person with Mental Illness</i>	2	Transitional Aged Youth (16-25)	0
<i>KernBHRS Staff</i>	1	Older Adults	1
<i>Law Enforcement</i>	0	Homeless or At Risk of Homelessness	3
<i>Veteran Services</i>	0	Those in Rural Kern Areas	1
<i>Senior Services</i>	0	Veterans	1
<i>Education/Schools</i>	0	Those with Substance Use Disorders	1
<i>Community Member</i>	2	Latino/Hispanic	0
<i>County Agency Staff (Not KernBHRS Staff)</i>	1	Asian/Pacific Islander	0
<i>Behavioral Health Provider (Not KernBHRS Staff)</i>	2	Black/African American	0
<i>Medical Care Provider</i>	0	American Indian / Alaska Native	1
<i>Other</i>	0	LGBTQ+	1
<i>Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey</i>	2	Other	0
<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	2	Prevention	0
Bakersfield	4	Early Intervention	0
Delano/McFarland	1	Outreach for Recognizing the Early Signs of Mental Illness	2
California City/Mojave/Rosamond	1	Stigma and Discrimination Reduction	1
Wasco/Shafter	1	Access and Linkage to Care	2
Buttonwillow/Lost Hills	1	Peer-Based Services	0
Oildale	1	Intensive Outpatient Treatment	0
Kern River Valley	2	Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	2
Tehachapi	1		
Ridgecrest	1		
Taft	1		
Frazier Park/Mountain Communities	1		
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?

Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	4
Answered	2
1. None. 2. Great job! Quiet informative.	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winter Wellness Wonderland Coat Drive Donation deadline: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 Drop off donations at 2900 Buck Owens Blvd.	Help those in Crisis – Volunteer Recruitment For more information contact Cassie Deras-Coker at (661)332-7479 or CDeras-Coker@kernbhrs.org
Winter Wellness Wonderland – Coat Giveaway Saturday, December 7, 2024, from 4 – 8 PM Kern Family Health Care at 2900 Buck Owens Blvd.	Psychiatric Health Facilities Update New PHF for Adults and Minors located at 718 Workman Street and 702 Workman Street
Would you like to participate in our Cultural Competence Resource Committee? For more information, please contact CulturalCompetence@KernBHRS.org	Prepare U Contact MHSa Team at MHSATeam@kernbhrs.org for more information

MHSA & Behavioral Health Transformation Education

Presenter: Tia Flores, Program Specialist

Description: Flores presented the MHSA origins and how the 5 funding streams work to improve mental health outcomes. Flores provided an update on Behavioral Health Transformation / Prop 1

Questions from the Audience after the presentation: No questions were recorded for this section.

Program Presentations and Updates

Presentation #1

Presentation: Zero Suicide

Presenter: Liz Bailey, Department Supports Division Administrator

Description: Bailey presented an overview of Zero Suicide's accomplishments and how its framework is a system-wide, organizational commitment to safer suicide care in health and behavioral healthcare systems. The Zero Suicide team is sunsetting soon as its MHSA funding transitions to Behavioral Health Transformation / Prop 1.

Questions from the Audience after the presentation: No questions were recorded for this section.

Listening Session

Presentation: Listening Session

Presenter: Tia Flores, Program Specialist

Description: Flores opened to facilitate the listening session

Questions from the audience after the presentation:

- Q:** Regarding Prop 1 and the new transition, what are *allocations rolling over*, and what does that process look like? Will there be RFPs by that time, or what will happen? What percentage will be available or what will be used up?

A: Bailey states everything is still evolving, but as mentioned earlier, many of the existing Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) programs will have to shift or be absorbed by other programs/funding. Regarding the buckets and what will be left over, there is no anticipation for any to be left over. This is due to how much money it will have to be allocated.
- Q:** Do you have anything coming out of MHSA for housing now?

A: (Bailey) We have specific programs that we have put in place that coordinate with what the state will allow, so we do have some items that we anticipate we will be able to utilize in that area.
- Q:** Do you plan on going after Bond 1 and using the funding from the housing bucket for BHSA and staffing purposes?

A: Bailey states she needs to share that information specifically. We are looking to put out a survey to see the community's needs and the best course of action to serve those needs.
- Q:** Regarding the housing bucket. You mentioned it wouldn't cover services, so is this just for the infrastructure?

A: Bailey explained that 25% of that funding is for capital development, and the other aspects are looking at housing support such as vouchers and things like that. The main goal will be to assist people already housed in their homes and placements.

BHSA Stakeholder Feedback Forms Received

- “Great session! Please add me to your mailing list. Thank you!”

- “Thank you for the cheese pizzas. It is good to incorporate public feedback and keep us informed.”
- “Great job Tia and Liz!”

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 **6** 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 one program presentation and no voting items.

BHSA will:

General

We will continue to provide education and updates on legislative and policy changes regarding BHSA funding and how that impacts the programs and services provided to Kern County residents.

Investigate ways of gaining stakeholder feedback and participation (giveaways, treats, etc.) during the next meetings.

Continue researching ways of gaining more clients/families and public participation during stakeholder meetings.

No further action steps.