



**In-Person Community Forum**  
**December 11, 2024**  
**Commonwealth - East Training Room**



Focus: BHSA Reform Updates,

Total Meeting Attendance	14
Total Survey Responses	12
Total Completion Rate	87%



Age Group:		Sexual Orientation:	
0-15	0	Straight/Heterosexual	12
16-25	1	Gay or Lesbian	0
26-59	10	Questioning or Unsure	0
60 or Older	1	Queer	0
Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	2	Asexual	0
Gender assigned at birth:		Bisexual	0
Male	2	Pansexual	0
Female	10	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	0
Male (Cis Male)	2	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0
Female (Cis Female)	10	Black/African American	1
Transgender/other	0	Latino/Hispanic	4
Genderqueer	0	Tribal/Native American	0
Non-Binary	0	White/Caucasian	5
Genderfluid	0	Two or More Races:	2
Questioning or Unsure	0	Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	2
Other Gender Identity	0	Ethnicity:	
Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	2	African	1
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	0	Middle Eastern	0
None	10	Vietnamese	0
Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	3	European	2
Veteran Status:		Filipino	0
Yes, I Am a Veteran	1	Japanese	0
No, I Am Not a Veteran	11	Caribbean	0
Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	2	Central American	0
Primary Language:		Mexican/Mexican American/Chicano	5
Only English	11	Puerto Rican	0
Only Spanish	0	South American	1
Both English and Spanish	1	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>	

<b>*Group/Category</b>		<b>*Population you feel is most unserved/underserved in the above-mentioned community</b>	
<i>Client/Consumer/Person with Mental Illness</i>	<b>0</b>	Children/Families	<b>2</b>
<i>Family Member of a Client or Person with Mental Illness</i>	<b>1</b>	Transitional Aged Youth (16-25)	<b>3</b>
<i>KernBHRS Staff</i>	<b>4</b>	Older Adults	<b>2</b>
<i>Law Enforcement</i>	<b>0</b>	Homeless or At Risk of Homelessness	<b>6</b>
<i>Veteran Services</i>	<b>0</b>	Those in Rural Kern Areas	<b>3</b>
<i>Senior Services</i>	<b>0</b>	Veterans	<b>3</b>
<i>Education/Schools</i>	<b>0</b>	Those with Substance Use Disorders	<b>3</b>
<i>Community Member</i>	<b>0</b>	Latino/Hispanic	<b>0</b>
<i>County Agency Staff (Not KernBHRS Staff)</i>	<b>1</b>	Asian/Pacific Islander	<b>0</b>
<i>Behavioral Health Provider (Not KernBHRS Staff)</i>	<b>5</b>	Black/African American	<b>0</b>
<i>Medical Care Provider</i>	<b>0</b>	American Indian / Alaska Native	<b>0</b>
<i>Other</i>	<b>1</b>	LGBTQ+	<b>0</b>
<i>Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey</i>	<b>3</b>	Other	<b>0</b>
<i>Describe other: N/A</i>		Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	<b>3</b>
<b>*Region of the County you are most involved</b>		<b>*Please indicate the types of services or programs that would be appropriate to service the above-mentioned population</b>	
Arvin/Lamont	<b>2</b>	Prevention	<b>4</b>
Bakersfield	<b>11</b>	Early Intervention	<b>4</b>
Delano/McFarland	<b>3</b>	Outreach for Recognizing the Early Signs of Mental Illness	<b>4</b>
California City/Mojave/Rosamond	<b>1</b>	Stigma and Discrimination Reduction	<b>3</b>
Wasco/Shafter	<b>2</b>	Access and Linkage to Care	<b>3</b>
Buttonwillow/Lost Hills	<b>1</b>	Peer-Based Services	<b>1</b>
Oildale	<b>1</b>	Intensive Outpatient Treatment	<b>2</b>
Kern River Valley	<b>1</b>	Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	<b>4</b>
Tehachapi	<b>1</b>		
Ridgecrest	<b>1</b>		
Taft	<b>1</b>		
Frazier Park/Mountain Communities	<b>1</b>		
Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey	<b>3</b>		

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

**Do you have any questions, comments, or concerns?**

<b>Declined/Did Not Submit a Survey</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Answered</b>	<b>2</b>
<p>1. To help engage people please avoid using abbreviations that only employees would know. Avoid assuming the public is knowledgeable of basic understandings of mental health.</p> <p>2. The biggest deficit in system of care is housing for our elderly mental health population.</p>	

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<p><b>Kern County Emergency Alert System – Ready Kern</b> Visit <a href="http://www.ReadyKern.com">www.ReadyKern.com</a> to sign up for emergency notification.</p>	<p><b>Psychiatric Health Facilities Update</b> New PHF for Adults and Minors located at 718 Workman Street and 702 Workman Street</p>
<p><b>Would you like to participate in our Cultural Competence Resource Committee?</b> For more information, please contact <a href="mailto:CulturalCompetence@KernBHRS.org">CulturalCompetence@KernBHRS.org</a></p>	<p><b>Prepare U</b> Contact MHSA Team at <a href="mailto:MHSATeam@kernbhers.org">MHSATeam@kernbhers.org</a> for more information</p>
<p><b>Help those in Crisis – Volunteer Recruitment</b> For more information contact Cassie Deras-Coker at (661)332-7479 or <a href="mailto:CDeras-Coker@kernbhers.org">CDeras-Coker@kernbhers.org</a></p>	

**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:** Sunsetting MHSA Programs

**Presenter:** Mark Kimmel, Behavioral Health Services Act Program Supervisor

**Description:** Kimmel presented an overview of programs set to sunset as their MHSA funding transitions to Behavioral Health Transformation / Prop 1.

Programs to Sunset in January 2025:

- Full-Service Partnership (FSP):
  - Bakersfield Referral Team
    - KernBHRS (*part of the Adult WRAP team*)

Programs to Sunset in June 2025:

- **Prevention And Early Intervention (PEI):**
  - Help Me Grow
    - Contract with First 5
  - Community Referral Network
    - Contracts with Clarvida (College Community), and Clinica Sierra Vista
    - *Areas: Delano, Lake Isabella, Lamont, and Taft*
  - Reengagement
    - Contracts with Clarvida/College Community, Child Guidance, and Clinica Sierra Vista
    - *Areas: Bakersfield, Central Bakersfield, Delano, Lake Isabella, Lamont/Lebec, and N. Bakersfield areas*
  - Youth Brief Treatment
    - *KernBHRS Team - East Bakersfield – Oswell*
    - *Contracts with Clardiva (College Community), Child Guidance, and Clinica Sierra Vista*
    - *Areas: Bakersfield-South, North, and West, Delano, and Lamont/Lebec*
  - TAY Self Sufficiency
    - *Contract with KCSOS – Dream Center*
- **Full-Service Partnership (FSP):**
  - Youth WRAP
    - Contracts with Clarvida (College Community), Child Guidance, and Clinica Sierra Vista.
    - *Areas: Bakersfield-South, North, and West, Delano, Lake Isabella, Lamont/Lebec, Mojave/Tehachapi, Ridgecrest, Taft, and Wasco*
- **General System Development (SD):**
  - Access & Assessment
    - KernBHRS Team

**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:** No questions were recorded for this section.

### BHSA Stakeholder Feedback Forms Received

- “Stop using abbreviations please!”

### 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 **14** 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.