





## CULTURAL COMPETENCE RESOURCE TEAM SUMMARY NOTES

May 2, 2025 | 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM | Virtual

**In Attendance:** Mina Arthman (NAMI), Alexander Ball (NAMI), Bahar Berens (BHS-P&S), Juan Camarena (SDSU), Andrea Duron (BHS-P&S), Veronica Gallacher (), Piedad Garcia (BHS-P&S), Natanya Glezer (BHS), Wanjiru Golly (CRA-BHS), Rick Heller Robert Cook (HH), (HSRC), Celeste Hunter (UPAC), Rosa Ana Lozada (), Elizabeth Lou (), Liz Miles (BHS-PH), Danyte Mockus-Valenzuela (BHS-P&S), Edith Mohler (BHS-P&S), Erick Mora (), Shane Padamada (SOCE), Carmen Pat (UPAC), Lily Payton (BHS-C&E), Jennifer Rusit (BHS-HO), Alyssa Salter (NAMI), Charity White-Voth (BHS).

AGENDA ITEM	SUMMARY	ACTION
<b>I. Welcome and Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Piedad Garcia.</li> </ul>	
<b>II. Review of April 2025 Summary Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rosa Ana provided informational item on meeting with HHSA director Kim Giardina related to CYF advocacy efforts.</li> <li>Juan made minor edit under CRA-BHS update.</li> </ul>	
<b>III. Public Input</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No public input.</li> </ul>	



<p><b>IV. Presentations CY 2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Engagement - Katherine Briggs (March) – <i>Completed</i></li> <li>• System of Care-BHS Justice Involved Population – Melissa Quiroz (April) – <i>Completed</i></li> <li>• Children/Youth &amp; Family Trauma - Laura Vleugels, MD (June)</li> <li>• Growing Older Adult population – TBD</li> <li>• Behavioral Health Act and SB 43 Reform - TBD</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Vleugels Children/Youth &amp; Family Trauma presentation has been moved to our June meeting.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>V. Chair’s Report</b> (Piedad Garcia)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BHS Updates             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BHAB Director’s Report</li> <li>- SB 43</li> <li>- BH Connect</li> <li>- BHS</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>BHAB Director’s Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May BHAB meeting was the first meeting that Nadia Privara chair, alongside the BHAB chair, attended as Acting Director.</li> <li>• One of the major discussions was the presentation on the operational budget for FY 25-26 (see under action item) and the MHSA update.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ The county’s budget is 8.6 billion dollars, the HHS budget is 3.5 billion dollars, and BHS budget is approximately 1.2 billion dollars.</li> <li>➢ In the budget, Nadia Privara mentioned for fiscal year 25-26, that there will be an increase of services, to include substance use and opioid treatment.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>SB 43</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing major to report on capacity or demand issues. BHS is tracking data.</li> <li>• SB 43 focus is on expanded 5150s to include severe substance use as a primary diagnosis. Law Enforcement and CSUs have been trained.</li> <li>• BHS will continue to monitor the first quarter data. We don’t foresee many clients</li> </ul>	<p><u>Action Item</u></p> <p>BHAB Budget Presentation:</p>  <p>Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 CAO Reconn</p> <p>May 2025 Directors Report:</p>  <p>May 2025 Directors Report.pdf</p>



	<p>meeting the primary diagnosis of severe substance use and 5150.</p> <p><b>BH CONNECT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under BH CONNECT, BHS will have ACT Services, AS the first evidence-based practice that will be launched. Dr. Garcia’s team is working on master SOW.</li> <li>• State will be doing the fidelity evaluation via the Centers of Excellence.</li> </ul> <p><b>BHSA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BHSA/Prop 1 reform implementation is different than BH CONNECT as the State policy guidance addresses different levels of services for BHS Plan across the State It is in lieu of MHSA.</li> <li>• Housing is one of the major components that is going to be new for San Diego and requires a 30% commitment from the BHS.</li> <li>• Funding will be reallocated from Behavioral Health Services to Housing supports.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>VI. Action Items</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No action items.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>VII. Informational Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Engagement report out update (<b>Lily Payton</b>)</li> <li>• CCRT Committees:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Education &amp; Training/Update on Annual Goals (<b>Natanya Glezer</b>)</li> <li>✓ Children’s Update (<b>Edith Mohler</b>)</li> <li>✓ Cultural Responsive Academy – Behavioral Health Services (CRA-BHS) - Academy for Professional Excellence (<b>Wanjiru Golly</b>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Community Engagement report out update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connecting South Bay to Mental Health Resources – Upcoming Community Event titled "Let's Talk About: Connecting South Bay to Mental Health Resources" on Thursday, May 15, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. at the MAAC Community Center in Chula Vista. This event will highlight crisis response services such as the Access &amp; Crisis Line/9-8-8 Lifeline, Mobile Crisis Response Teams, and other local mental health services. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet service representatives, take part in an interactive input activity, and connect with local organizations at a mini resource fair. Spanish interpretation, refreshments,</li> </ul>	



	<p>and children’s activity booth will be provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025</li> <li>➤ Time: 6:00PM – 7:30PM</li> <li>➤ Location: MAAC Community Center (1387 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, CA, 91911)</li> <li>➤ Register at the following link:  <a href="https://bit.ly/4iMhjQ">https://bit.ly/4iMhjQ</a>  <a href="https://bit.ly/42yFsVH">https://bit.ly/42yFsVH</a> </li> </ul> <p><b>Children’s Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAMI San Diego's Mental Health &amp; Well-Being Celebration will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025, from 2:00 to 6:00 PM in the main courtyard of Grossmont Center.</li> <li>• NAMI will be celebrating National Children, Youth, and Families Mental Health Week and honoring the theme of “That's a WRAP: Wellness, Resilience, Action, &amp; Purpose!” from the National Federation of Families.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cultural Responsive Academy – Behavioral Health Services (CRA-BHS) - Academy for Professional Excellence update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CRA graduation is scheduled on June 11th and would like to extend an invitation to the CCRT team members to join.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There will be 14 graduates, who will be presenting their projects on how to incorporate cultural sponsored practice right in their agency.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• In preparation for next fiscal year, CRA has deployed their needs assessment survey. Sent out mid-April.</li> </ul> <p><b>Education &amp; Training/Update on Annual Goals update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates.</li> </ul>	
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<p><b>VIII. Federal Policies Impact</b> (Dr. Piedad Garcia)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on the impact of Federal Policies under the current administration, the media is displaying across the country the impact on immigration policy, Medi-Cal potential reductions and requirements. The HHS is monitoring closely as things are changing day by day. At a client level a Substance Use contractor that represents a residential treatment program said that an individual that was not documented, receiving substance use treatment, left because he was afraid that ICE was going to come after him in the residential treatment program.</li> <li>• Our system and community are being impacted, and we need to be aware on how we can as community agencies support children and youth that are going to school and are traumatized by ICE actions impacting their families.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>IX. Announcements</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No announcements made.</li> </ul>	

**NEXT MEETING: June 6, 2025 | 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM | Virtual**

**CY 2025 Presentations**

- Social Determinants of Health/Behavioral Health Equity Index – UCSD (February) – Completed**
- Community Engagement - Katherine Briggs (March) – Completed**
- System of Care on Prison cultural/Jail System – Melissa Quiroz (April) – Completed**
- Children/Youth & Family Trauma - Laura Vleugels, MD (June)**
- Growing Older Adult population - TBD**
- Behavioral Health Act and SB 43 Reform - TBD**



**CCRT Goals CY 2025**

There are 11 CCRT meetings in CY 2025, the Education and Training (E&T) Subcommittee meets 10 times during the CY.

- BH Monthly Director’s Report
- CARE Program, SB 43, Implementation and Data Analysis
- Federal and State Policy Impact on Communities and Behavioral Health Services/Perspectives from Community Stakeholders
- Health Care Disparities
- BHSA Reform Implementation
- Community Engagement Team participation and report out

**Presentations - TBD**

- CARE Program
- SB 43
- Case management
- Crisis Services

**2024-2025 Presentations**

- Community Engagement - Katherine Briggs/UCSD (March) – Completed**
- Workforce Development for University students - Nilanie Ramos (June) – Completed**
- Reimagining Crisis Response Presentation - Melissa Penaflor and Faeth Jackson (October) – Completed**
- Suicide Prevention – Linda Puebla (November) – Completed**
- Behavioral Health Services Directory of Resources – Piedad Garcia (December) – Completed**

**CCRT Goals FY 2024 -2025**

- 1. Cultural Competence (CC) Plan Review – completed**
  - a. Review of 3 SU LE’s practices in implementing CLAS Standards in their programs - Completed
    - Request CC plans from representative sample of SU LE including different size LE
    - E&T workgroup to complete reviews of CC plans and provide overall feedback to CCRT
    - BHS to make recommendations for LE
    - Approximate Timeline:
      - Request CC plans in January 2024, review February/March 2024, and present findings in April/May 2024;

- Provide input and feedback to BHS, including COR and QA, as well as Summary of Findings to Executive team (one pager) following each administration/review

**2. Health Care Disparities – completed and ongoing**

- a. Community Experience Partnership / Community Engagement - ongoing
  - CCRT participation in community engagement focus groups
  - Outreach to Prevention and Community Engagement regarding participation
  - Participants: 1-2 members from E&T Workgroup to participate and provide updates to CCRT meeting as needed/available
- b. Behavioral Health Equity Index (Liz Miles – completed)
  - In partnership with the Data Science team, E&T workgroup will review selected dashboard metrics (including one MH and SU) to inform membership of regional and system disparities
    - Include dashboard to address intersection between law enforcement and mental health
    - Include dashboard to address data gathered from implementation of CARE Court.
  - E&T to provide findings, including high level analysis of both strengths and areas for further development to CCRT
    - June 2024
    - Participants: E&T subcommittee
    - Input and Feedback provided to BHS

**3. Coordinated Efforts/Enhanced Cross Threading - ongoing**

- a. Expanding membership of CCRT
  - Initial outreach efforts to increase representation on CCRT
    - SU
    - CYF (AMSA)
    - Consider other groups to outreach to as representatives on CCRT such as CBO's
- b. Groups to Present to CCRT to increase cross threading across the SOC
- c. Efforts to be ongoing throughout 2024

BHS Resources Guide: [Behavioral Health Services \(sandiegocounty.gov\)](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov)