



East Desert Regional Steering Committee Meeting (EDRSC)
 Thursday, April 17, 2025, • 10:00 to 11:30am
 Joshua Tree Community Center
 6171 Sunburst Street, Joshua Tree, CA 92252

MEETING AGENDA

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER
A. Call to Order (3 minutes) B. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation C. Welcome and Introductions (10 minutes) D. Public Comment	Stone James Designee Board Members
REPORTS & UPDATES	
E. Regional Board Member Representatives (3 mins each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Town of Yucca Valley Representative b. Supervisor Dawn Rowe's office c. City of 29 Palms Representative d. City of 29 Palms Representative e. Molding Hearts f. Morongo Basin Conservation Association g. Reach Out Morongo Basin h. Rescue + Residence i. CoC update 	Curtis Yakimow Glen Harris Stone James April Ramirez Lakita Johnson Janet Johnston Robin Schlosser Daniel Belew Claudia Doyle
CONSENT ITEMS (2 mins)	
F. Approve Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2025	Stone James
PRESENTATIONS (15 mins)	
G. Presentation of the Office of Homeless Services (OHS)	Chris Salazar, Admin Manager
DISCUSSIONS (15 mins)	
H. Location of Future EDRSC meetings	Stone James
I. Meeting Operations and Procedure Review	Christina Benton
J. Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 4 funding	Stone James
CLOSING	
K. Future Agenda Items Presentation by Inn Roads and Presentation by Inland Housing Solutions L. Adjournment	Committee members
Next Meeting: <div style="text-align: center;"> Thursday, May 15, 2025 Joshua Tree Community Center 6171 Sunburst Street, Joshua Tree, CA 92252 </div>	

The Mission of the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership is to provide a system of care that is inclusive, well-planned, coordinated and evaluated and is accessible to all who are homeless and those at-risk of becoming homeless.

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East Desert Regional Sterring Committee (ERDSC) Meeting

March 20, 2025

March 20, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes Recorded and Transcribed by Christina Benton, Secretary for EDRSC

TOPIC		
<p>A. Call to Order</p> <p>B. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation</p> <p>C. Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>D. Public Comment-</p>		<p>Co-Chair Stone James called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.</p> <p>Co-Chair Robin Schlosser let the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no Invocation.</p> <p>The following EDRSE Board Members were present: Stone James, Curtis Yakimow, Robin Schlosser, Glen Harris, Lakita Johnson, Janet Johnston, April Ramirez Absent: Daniel Belew 20 members of the public attended in-person; they introduced themselves.</p> <p>Co-Chair Stone James opened the floor to Public Comments</p> <p>Public comments were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Marjorie Smith – VOAD / COAD / RED CROSS Event April 12, 2025. ● Astrid Johnson – Morongo Basin Arch update. ● Eduardo Castillo – U.S. Vets introduction. ● Sheree Fansler – Morongo Basin Healthcare District – Community Health and Resource Fair . <p>Co-Chair Stone James closed Public Comment.</p>
BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS	Reports and Updates	
<p>E. Regional Board Member Representatives (3 minutes each)</p>		<p>Co-Chair Stone James opened the floor for comment from the EDRSC Board members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board Member Curtis Yakimow said the Town of Yucca Valley is continuing to develop a process for identifying a provider partner to provide additional homeless wrap around services for Yucca centric which they hope to have that in place this year. He thanked the Flying Doctor’s for a successful event. ● Board Member Glen Harris said Assessor Recorder Clerk services will now be offered in Joshua Tree on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month 8am -12pm and 1pm – 5pm. San Bernardino Veterans Affairs will be available on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Board of Supervisor meetings occur every two weeks on Tuesdays, and the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 25th at 10am will be live fed at the Bob Burke Building and moving to Joshua Tree Community Center April 8. ● Co-Chair Stone James gave an update on the Molding Hearts partnership. He said upgrades have

		<p>been made to the doors at Freedom Plaza Community Center safety and security. The City of Twentynine Palms will host an Emergency Preparedness event on May 17, 2025, at 9am at Freedom Plaza. Free Cert Classes are currently offered on Saturdays, March 8th through April 12. Coachella Valley Habitat for Humanity offers other services besides building homes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member April Ramirez said she is pursuing San Bernardino County to make the EDRSC meetings available via Zoom. She mentioned HHAP Grant Funding disbursement and wanted to know how can we provide the information to the public about what agencies received the grant, suggesting a resource page for those who need services. • Board Member Lakita Johnson gave an update on Molding Hearts, who partnered with Twentynine Palms to help with their unhoused situation successfully assisting 34 individuals with their move in and the Transitional Aged Youth program (18 – 24 years of age) offered them training to obtain jobs. • Board Member Janet Johnston said the first meeting of the Morongo Basin Housing Solutions Team was on March 18th, where 18 people were in attendance. She mentioned the next Continuum of Care Meeting will be held on March 26, 2025, and you must attend the meeting to become a voting member. At that meeting Chris Salazar will present information regarding the Office of Homeless Services (OHS). • Co-Chair Robin Schlosser said Reach out Morongo Basin-received an Emergency Assistance Grant from SCAN HealthPlan to assist seniors with “out of the box” needs the limit is \$750 per senior. They are also in the process of working on the Family Caregiver Support Service Grant. • Claudia Doyal, Program Specialist II, Office of Homeless Services San Bernardino County (non-board member) said the Continuum of Care (COC) Full Membership Meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2025, at the Water of Life Community Church in Fontana. They will meet every other month. She said there were not any updates on US ICH and there is no anticipated date to release the results of the Point In Time Count, although she does hear that it could be in April. She said their email address was updated to ohs@hss.sbcounty.gov.
CONSENT ITEMS	PRESENTER	
F. Approve Minutes of the February 20, 2025, EDRSC Meeting	Stone James, Co-Chair	<p>Board Member Curtis Yakimow made a motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Glen Harris.</p> <p>Consensus of the Board was to approve the minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ayes: Board Member Curtis Yakimow, Board Member Glen Harris, Board Member April Ramirez, Board Member Lakita Johnson, Board Member Janet Johnston, Co-Chair Robin Schlosser • Absent: Board Member Daniel Bele • Abstain: Co-Chair Stone James (as he was not in attendance for the February 20, 2025, EDRSC meeting)
PRESENTATIONS	PRESENTER	
G. Presentation of the Symba Center / Victorville Wellness Center	Antoinette (Nettie) Jackson, MA, MS Special Projects Advisor	Antoinette Jackson provided a detailed presentation explaining the Victorville Wellness Center and the services Symba Center offer to participants and how these services support the goal of ending homelessness. The presentation covered Outreach, Recuperative Care, Short-Term Post Hospitalization, Case Management and Rapid Re-Housing/Housing Tenancy.

DISCUSSIONS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
H. Location of Future EDRSC meetings	Co-Chair Stone James	<p>Co-Chair Stone James presented the item and said he was considering if there is a better or lower cost facility to hold the monthly EDRSC meeting. In the interest of time, he asked all present for a show of hands to identify where the majority of meeting attendees are driving in from.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twentynine Palms – 6 • Joshua Tree – 4 • Yucca Valley – 10 • Morongo Valley – 0 • Out of the Area – 5 <p>Co-Chair Stone James provided the following location options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Old” Joshua Tree Elementary School, Joshua Tree, CA (No Charge) • Patriotic Hall at Luckie Park, Twentynine Palms, CA (No Charge) • Conference Room at Town Hall, Yucca Valley, CA (No Charge) <p>Board Member Lakita Johnson suggested that there are alternate meeting locations, 6 months in Yucca Valley and 6 months in Twentynine Palms, as this would give residents who do not normally attend an opportunity to attend the EDRSC meeting where they live.</p>
I. PITC/UPDATE	Co-Chair Stone James	This item was not discussed as during Board Member Comments Claudia Doyle, Program Specialist II, Office of Homeless Services San Bernardino County, announced that at this time there is no anticipated date to release the results of the Point in Time Count, although she does hear that it could be in April.
CLOSING		
J. Future Agenda Items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Salazar/OHS-April 17th. • Board Member Janet Johnston requested two future agenda items to include a presentation by Inroads and Inland Housing Solutions.
K. Adjournment		Co-Chair Stone James adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.
Next Meeting		<p>The next EDRSC meeting will be held as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, April 17, 2025 10:00 am – 11:00 am Joshua Tree Community Center 6171 Sunburst Street, Joshua Tree, CA 92252</p>



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Valley Star
Community Services



About Us

Valley Star Behavioral Health operates its Community Services to provide outpatient mental health services throughout the County in various locations. In addition, Valley Star operates Crisis Walk In Centers (CWICs) and Crisis Residential Treatment facilities (CRTs) for Transition Age Youth (TAY) and adults.

Valley Star Behavioral Health is a Stars Behavioral Health Group (SBHG) agency. SBHG is a respected provider that serves more than 40,000 children, youth and families each year in several California counties. Valley Star provides mental health services under a contract with the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health. Adult Full Service Partnership services are funded by Medi-Cal and the Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63).

Valley Star Community Services Adult FSP has two offices:

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Yucca Valley, CA 92284
Phone: (760) 853-4755

Victorville Center
12188 Hesperia Road
Victorville, CA 92395
(760) 477-2199

San Bernardino Center
1738 N. Waterman Avenue, Suite 1 & 2
San Bernardino, CA 92404
(909) 693-3302



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Full Service Partnership (FSP) for Adults



About Our Program

Valley Star serves adults through a person-centered Full Service Partnership (FSP) program. The FSP program works with underserved adults ages 18-59 and families who have a mental illness or condition, have been hospitalized (or are at risk), and those who need individualized mental health services and linkages to services.

Valley Star's individual services are mainly delivered in the home or community, with groups, classes and psychiatry offered in our convenient, community-based locations.

An FSP team will provide:

- ★ Individual and Family Counseling
- ★ Psychiatric Care
- ★ Medication Management
- ★ Crisis Intervention Services
- ★ Housing & Vocational Support
- ★ Independent Living Skills Development
- ★ Activities to develop social connectedness

Treatment includes involving the consumer in their own goal-setting and planning related to employment, education, living situations, and more. They will also develop their own personal toolkit with coping techniques.



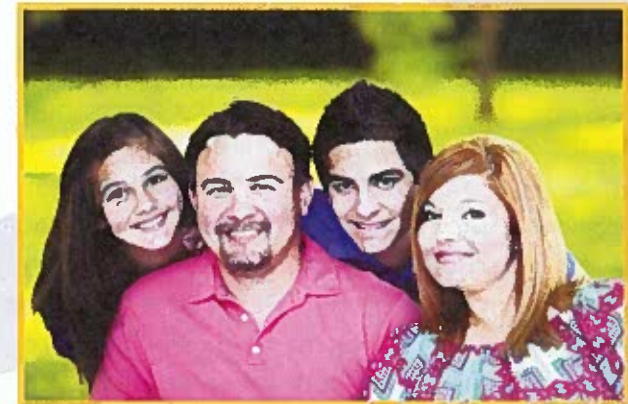
Our Approach

Valley Star supports consumers and caregivers to help them deal with the challenges they might face each day. Our staff works from the belief that consumers and their families or caregivers should participate in treatment as a family.

We offer a team approach to treatment that is based on establishing relationships with families and others who know the consumer best. Care is provided by dedicated and experienced staff including licensed psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and therapists. Our staff is bilingual and bicultural, and services are respectful of the culture of the consumer and their families and caregivers.

We work with consumers and families in the following ways:

- ★ Provide training and techniques to help with problem solving, behavior and anger management, social skills, communication, and more.
- ★ Work with adults to improve peer and family interactions, as well as provide school or employment support and participation.
- ★ Provide individual counseling for consumers, families and caregivers, including services for those who may have a history of trauma or have other mental health needs.
- ★ Connect people with community resources including vocational resources.

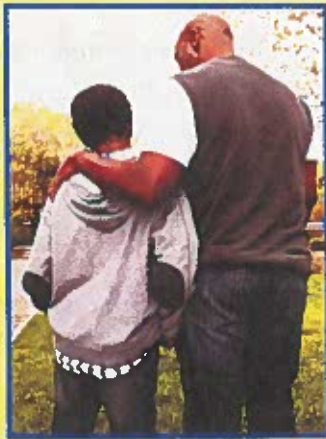




Obtaining Services & Referrals

The TAY One Stop is a resource for youth ages 16-25 in the Morongo Basin of San Bernardino County who are recovering from mental and/or emotional problems and who may be emancipated from Foster Care, Group Homes, or the Juvenile Justice System.

For referrals, call (760) 853-4888



About Us

- Valley Star Community Services is a program of Stars Behavioral Health Group, a provider of mental health, child welfare, special education, and other social services since 1988. We employ more than 1,700 behavioral health workers including psychiatrists, social workers, teachers, and therapists. We serve approximately 30,000 children, youth, and their families annually throughout California at numerous different program sites.

Our Core Values

- Equip people with skills and appreciate their strengths
- Enhance the lives of individuals and families
- Embrace cultural diversity
- Act with integrity

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Valley Star One Stop TAY Center is a provider of mental health services under contract with the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health .

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TAY One Stop

58471 29 Palms Hwy, Suite 102, Yucca Valley



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One Stop

TAY Center



**A Center for
Transitional Age Youth
(TAY)
in the Morongo Basin
of San Bernardino County**



TAY One Stop Overview

Late adolescence and early adulthood can be a period of excitement, uncertainty, risk-taking and resilience for many young people. This time can be even more confusing for Transition Age Youth (TAY) who are challenged with mental health issues. The Valley Star Community Services One Stop TAY Center in Morongo Basin is a warm, welcoming, and safe place where TAY can seek counseling and can access an array of supportive mental health, substance abuse, employment and educational services. The **TAY One Stop** helps young adults to focus on their goals for employment and career, community life functioning, educational opportunities, and living situations. Amenities like showers, laundry, phone and internet services are also available onsite.

The One Stop TAY Center is designed for the specific needs of TAY (ages 16-25) who need a nurturing environment that supports them and teaches them independence and important skills.

SAFE ZONE

This is a safe place to talk about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning and heterosexual issues and concerns.

The One Stop TAY Center also provides services to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) community, creating a welcoming and respectful experience.



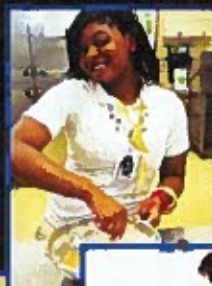
Providing Support

The **TAY One Stop** provides:

- Vocational support
- Education support
- Parenting and independent living skills workshops
- Housing referrals
- Art, fitness, and cooking classes
- Mental health services

The **TAY One Stop** features:

- Library/computer lounge
- Adjunctive therapy room
- Training kitchen



Changing Lives

In addition to a staff of licensed and experienced professionals, the One Stop TAY Center employs peer mentors who are dedicated to helping other young people become confident and independent. The One Stop TAY Center team plans a monthly calendar that is packed with activities and educational opportunities.

The center provides numerous services to assist youth in areas such as:

- Developing community living skills
- Recovery from substance abuse
- Feeling empowered in their lives
- Developing supportive relationships
- Identifying and accessing community resources
- Obtaining and maintaining safe, stable housing



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10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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La Comisión Juvenil de la Ciudad de Yucca Valley está organizando la "Zona de Diversión" para los más jóvenes. ¡Las actividades son entretenidas, variadas y diseñadas para desafiar a niños y adolescentes!

Este evento es presentado por el Distrito de Atención Médica de Morongo Basin y la Ciudad de Yucca Valley, quienes se han asociado para promover tu salud y bienestar.

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

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- ▶ Environmental Prevention Programs
- ▶ Protective & Intervention Policies
- ▶ Morongo Basin Community Coalition
- ▶ Opioid Overdose Response Training
- ▶ Community Resources

- ▶ Parent Classes
- ▶ Youth Leadership Academy
- ▶ Medication-Assisted Treatment Program
- ▶ Community-based Educational Interventions

YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The 5-week program offers participants valuable insights into financial responsibility, interpersonal skills, substance use prevention, and career advice. It emphasizes the development of leadership skills through active engagement in volunteering, field trips, and interactions with guest speakers.

Youth Leadership benefits include:

**Free Resume Building Classes • Guest Speakers • Mentorship • Field Trips
Community Volunteer Hours • College Recommendation Letters**

MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT PROGRAM

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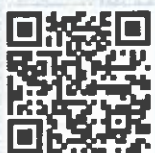
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