



High Desert Regional Steering Committee

Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 3:00pm – 5:00pm

**City of Victorville, Conference Room “A”.
14343 Civic Dr. Victorville, CA 92392**

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To address the Committee regarding an item on the agenda, or an item within its jurisdiction but not on the agenda, please complete and submit a Public Comment Request form or if you are joining us virtually, indicate by typing “Public Comment” in the chat box. Requests must be submitted before the item is called for consideration. Speakers may address the committee for up to three (3) minutes on Public Comment, up to three (3) minutes on each item on the Discussion agenda, and up to three (3) minutes on the Consent Calendar.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER
A. Call to Order (3 minutes) B. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation C. Roll Call D. Round Table Introductions (Name and Organization)	Antoinette (Nettie) Jackson and Amanda Uptegrove Co-Chairs
PUBLIC COMMENT	
E. Any member of the public may address the Committee on any matter not on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee.	
CONSENT CALENDAR	
F. Approve Special Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2026.	Antoinette (Nettie) Jackson
PRESENTATIONS (15 mins)	
G. Receive an update on the City of Victorville’s event on the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act.	William Lamas
H. Receive a presentation on the Transparency and Reporting Statement of Understanding for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 5	Antoinette (Nettie) Jackson
I. Receive updates from regional providers on their Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) awarded funding rounds 3 & 4 1. Desert Manna – Eugene Buttici 2. Go-Go Barstow – Elizabeth Givins 3. Family Assistance Program – High Desert Homeless Services – Jimmy Waldron 4. Symba Center – Antoinette (Nettie) Jackson 5. New Life Fellowship - Ron/Rose Bearshear	

DISCUSSIONS (30 mins)

- J. Selection and appointment of a new secretary for the Committee.
- K. Discussion and approval of changes to the meeting date and time of Committee meetings.

Antoinette (Nettie) Jackson

CLOSING

- L. Individual Committee Member Comments (3 mins. each) or at the end of the agenda under closing.
 - a. City of Adelanto
 - b. Town of Apple Valley
 - c. City of Barstow
 - d. City of Hesperia
 - e. 1st Board of Supervisor District Representative
 - f. Family Assistance program
 - g. GoGo Barstow
 - h. High Desert Homeless Services
 - i. Moses House
 - j. Symba Center
 - k. Victor Valley Family Resource Center (VVFRC)
- M. Adjournment

- a. Amanda U.
- b. Kanisha W.
- c. Maribel H./D
- d. Melinda S.
- e. Samuel S.
- f. Shannon W.
- g. Elizabeth G.
- h. Michael G./D
- i. Dawn Q.
- j. Antoinette J.
- k. Sharon G

**Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting will be on
September 8, 2026, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
City of Victorville, Conference Room “A”
14343 Civic DR, Victorville, CA 92392**

Mission Statement: *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.*

The San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership meeting facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you require reasonable modification or accommodation for a disability in order to participate in the public meeting, requests should be made through the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) at least three (3) business days prior to the partnership meeting. The OHS telephone number is (909)501-0610 and the office is located at 560 E. Hospitality Lane suite 200. San Bernardino ca 92415. Agenda and documentation can be obtained there or by email.

OHS@HSS.SBCOUNTY.GOV



Minutes for High Desert Regional Steering Committee Meeting – **Special meeting**

June 10, 2026

2:00pm – 4:00pm

14343 Civic Drive – City Of Victorville Conference Room A

Victorville, CA 92395

Minutes were recorded and transcribed by **Antoinette (Nettie) Jackson, Co-Chair Special Projects Advisor, Symba Center**

TOPIC	PRESENTER	OPENING REMARKS
Call to Order	Antoinette (Nettie) Jackson	The meeting was called to order at 2:07pm
Roll Call		The following Committee Members or their alternates were present at the meeting: Antoinette (Nettie) Jackson – Symba Center – Chair Elizabeth Givens – Go Go Barstow Pastor Sharon Green – Victor Valley Family Resource Center Jimmy Waldron – High Desert Homeless Services Shannon Waldron – Family Assistance Program Kanisha Withers – Town of Apple Valley Rochelle Clayton – City of Barstow Members absent: Amanda Uptergrove – City of Adelanto, Melinda Sayers City of Hesperia, Mike Catalano – Sheriff’s HOPE Team/INNROADS – Moses House, Dawn Quigg

		PUBLIC COMMENT
		Item E: The Chair opened the floor to Public Comments: Elizabeth Cook provided update on Barstow Shelter Court: 151 people serviced, 243 cases resolved. Next Shelter Court scheduled for June 25 in San Bernardino.
		CONSENT ITEMS
Meeting Minutes	Antoinette (Nettie) Jackson	Item F: The Chair opened the consent calendar portion of the agenda. The Chair opened the item for public comments. No Public comments were made. Pastor Green made a motion to approve the consent calendar and was seconded by Shannon Waldron.

		• Approval of March 10, 2026, minutes. • Motion made and approved unanimously after quorum confirmed. • Note: Previous minutes had missing records due to secretary's transition.
	PRESENTER	PRESENTATIONS
Update from the City of Victorville	William Lamas	Item G: • Since opening Dec 12, 2023: 933 individuals served, 274 graduated into permanent housing. • Current occupancy: 95% capacity, including 8 families. • Demographics: 71% with disabilities, 53% chronically homeless, 40% with mental health disorders, one-third with substance use disorder. • Workforce development program funded by Caltrans to employ 15 individuals. • Strong partnerships with Victor Valley Family Resource Center, Family Assistance Program, and Symba. Item H: • HHAP 3 funding used for emergency motel vouchers (ended April 15). Clients transitioned to New Life Fellowship under HHAP 4. • Property prepared for navigation center; ADA compliance upgrades completed. • HHAP 3 funds expended; awaiting final documentation approval. • HHAP 4 active: transitional housing provided, 10 individuals housed, 3 graduated. • HHAP 3 funds expended on roof and parking lot upgrades for senior housing project. • Additional \$300,000 grant requested. • HHAP 3 (\$199,000) expended for supportive services at Wellness Center. • HHAP 4: \$85,000 remaining, exploring evidence-based programs (interactive journaling, motivational interviewing). • Plans to train staff and expand program consistency. • HHAP 4 funded in March 2026. • 15 clients served (including families); 3 permanently housed, 3 returned home via bus passes. • Weekly Tuesday dinners serving 100–200 meals. • Collaboration with Desert Manna and EPS for client transfers. • Motel partnerships expanding capacity.
Desert Manna	Eugen Buttici	
Go Go Barstow	Elizabeth Givens	
Family Assistance Program	Jimmy Waldron	
Symba Center	Symba Center	
New Life Fellowship	Ronald Bearshear	

TOPIC	PRESENTER	DISCUSSION ITEM ACTION/OUTCOME
Presentation on the San Bernardino County 2026 Point-In-Time Count for the High Desert Numbers.	William Lamas	Item I: The Chair opened the Item I and asked William Lamas from the City of Victorville to Present on the 2026 Point In Time Count for High Desert William presented the numbers for the following cities: • Adelanto: 38 (2025) → 49 (2026). • Apple Valley: 18 → 37. • Barstow: 96 → 136. • Hesperia: 70 → 80. • Victorville: 148 → 440. • Victorville Wellness Center reduced unsheltered homelessness from 141 to 100 (68% decrease since 2023). Antoinette (Nettie) Jackson raised concerns for uncounted areas (Sun Valley, Pinon Hills and Lucerne Valley). Discussion regarding Lucerne Valley asking for support from surrounding communities as their numbers are rising for unsheltered homeless. Antoinette informed the committee that this discussion happened at the last CoC Board meeting with the County acknowledged responsibility for unincorporated areas.
Presentation of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 5 awardees.		Item J did not discuss. Motion made by the Chair, Antoinette (Nettie) Jackson, Shannon Waldron, second. All members agreed to move forward without presentation as we needed time for presentation of Item K
Presentation on the San Bernardino Continuum of Care Regional Action Plan on Homelessness.	Esther Wilch for William Early	Item K: • Strategic plan developed over 18 months for San Bernardino COC. • Vision: All individuals and families have access to safe, stable, affordable housing and supportive services. • Mission: Collaborate across regions using person-centered approaches. • Guiding principles: housing as a human right, data-driven decision making, valuing lived experience. • Goals: expand permanent housing, improve coordination, increase shelter access, strengthen prevention/diversion, enhance data and performance.
		Item L: Due to the Board no longer meeting quorum as board Member Jimmy Waldron had to leave, the board could not officially vote and/or appoint a new secretary

		Item M: Due to the Board no longer meeting quorum as board Member Jimmy Waldron had to leave, the board could not officially vote and/or discuss changes to the date and time of committee meetings
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		ADJOURNMENT
Adjournment	Antoinette (Nettie) Jackson	Item O: the motion to the committee to adjourn as we were no longer a quorum and that there were no further business and/or comments to be made. Pastor Green seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:50pm The next meeting for the Desert Regional Steering Committee July 14, 2026 City of Victorville 14343 Civic Drive - Conference Room A Victorville, CA 92392



State and Local Leaders Convene to Strengthen CARE Act Implementation in San Bernardino County

[Blog](#), [Featured](#) / July 14, 2026

What you need to know: State, county and local partners are coming together to strengthen implementation of the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act, one component of a larger effort to transform California’s behavioral health system. Through training, outreach and close collaboration, partners are connecting Californians in need with critical behavioral health services and support across San Bernardino County’s High Desert region.

VICTORVILLE, Calif. — Leaders from the California Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS), San Bernardino County, and the City of Victorville convened last week at Victorville City Hall to strengthen implementation of the CARE Act, underscoring a shared commitment to building stronger pathways to behavioral health treatment and services in San Bernardino County.

The CARE Act is a new tool within the continuum of California’s behavioral health system, the landmark program that is making meaningful strides in building stronger pathways to care for Californians. The convening on CARE brought together state, county and local partners to provide training on the CARE Act process, increase awareness of available resources, and strengthen coordinated referral pathways for eligible individuals and families. The training also highlighted the importance of multi-agency partnerships in connecting people to long-term recovery supports as California continues to accelerate CARE Act implementation statewide.

*“CARE Act implementation is gaining momentum statewide,” said **Stephanie Welch, CalHHS Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health**. “Across California, we are seeing state, county, city and community partners come together in new ways, making meaningful progress in strengthening the systems of support that help individuals and families connect to CARE and access services they need.”*

CARE is Building Pathways to Support in San Bernardino County

The CARE Act provides the least restrictive structured pathway to connect eligible participants suffering from untreated or undertreated schizophrenia or other psychotic disorders with behavioral health treatment, housing support and recovery services. The CARE Act process begins with a petition to determine eligibility, which can be submitted by a family member, first responder or mental health professional. Eligible participants are connected with a team of providers under the guidance of a civil court judge to ensure the participant’s success. In San Bernardino County, CARE Act petitions are filed through the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino. The San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) plays a key role in supporting eligible individuals and connecting them to appropriate services and supports.

*“San Bernardino County (DBH) is committed to partnering with state, court, city and community partners to support successful CARE Act implementation,” said **Dr. Alyce Belford-Saldana, Deputy Director, San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health**. “Training opportunities like this help ensure our partners understand the process, know where to turn for support, and can help connect eligible individuals to the services they need.”*

*“The City of Victorville was proud to host this important training at City Hall,” said **Victorville Mayor Liz Becerra**. “We are taking the initiative to ensure our community and local service providers are aware of the CARE Act and its importance in addressing behavioral health needs, especially for unhoused residents.” The July 7 convening reflects a shared commitment by the state, San Bernardino County and the City of Victorville to support public education, implementation readiness and collaboration across the region.*

CARE Act Implementation Continues to Gain Momentum in San Bernardino County

To continue supporting community awareness as implementation gains momentum, the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) will host a public **CARE Act Information Session virtually on Wednesday, July 15, from noon to 1 p.m.** The information session is open to community members, family members, service providers and community partners and will provide an overview of the CARE Act, eligibility, available resources and what to expect during future CARE Act office hours.

DBH will also host a virtual **CARE Act Office Hour on Thursday, July 30, from noon to 1 p.m.** The office hour will offer a welcoming space for attendees to ask questions, receive updates and learn more about CARE Act implementation in San Bernardino County.

Learn more about CARE in San Bernardino County at the [San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health website](#).

For questions about CARE Act process, contact DBH-CAREQuestions@dbh.sbcounty.gov.

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High Desert Regional Steering Committee

HHAP-5 Transparency & Reporting Statement of Understanding

Purpose

This Statement of Understanding (SOU) describes the High Desert Regional Steering Committee's expectations regarding transparency, reporting, and regional coordination for HHAP-5-funded activities within the High Desert Region. The SOU is intended to promote communication, accountability, and collaboration among regional partners. This SOU does not create or modify any rights, obligations, or funding requirements.

1. Monthly Reporting Requirement

Agencies acknowledge the High Desert Regional Steering Committee's expectation that monthly reports be submitted. Reports must include:

- **Expenditures to date**
- **Funds expended during the reporting month**
- **Remaining balance**
- **Number of individuals served**
- **Types of services provided**
- **CES assessments completed**
- **Referrals to interim or permanent housing**
- **HMIS data updates**
- **Any motel placements, outreach contacts, or stabilization activities**
- **Progress toward contracted deliverables**
- **Identified barriers, delays, or corrective actions**

Reports should be submitted **no later than the 10th of each month** for the preceding month's activities.

2. Participation in Regional Coordination

Participating agencies acknowledge the High Desert Regional Steering Committee's expectation that they will:

- **Attend monthly High Desert Regional Steering Committee meetings or designated subcommittee meetings**
- **Present their monthly report during the meeting**
- **Participate in case conferencing when applicable**



San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership
High Desert Regional Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2026,
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

***New location* City of Victorville, Conference Room "A".**
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- Coordinate referrals and service delivery with regional partners
- Support CES integration and HMIS data quality

3. Transparency and Accountability

The agency acknowledges that the High Desert Regional Steering Committee values:

- Transparency
- Timely communication
- Accurate reporting
- Cooperation

The High Desert Regional Steering Committee will consider an agency's participation in regional coordination and transparency efforts when developing regional recommendations to the Continuum of Care Board..

Acknowledgment & Signature

By signing below, the agency affirms that it has received and reviewed this SOU and intends to participate in regional transparency and coordination efforts consistent with the expectations described herein. The agency further acknowledges that this SOU is not a contract and does not create legally binding obligations.

Agency Name: _____

Authorized Representative: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____