



**San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership
Desert Regional Steering Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Life
Church 12199 Industrial Blvd.
Victorville, CA 92395

**MEETING AGENDA:
DESERT REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE & CoC REGIONAL NETWORK**

**THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)**

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER
A. Call to Order (3 minutes) B. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation C. Welcome and Introductions (10 minutes) D. Protocols	Jaelen Spencer /Kevin Mahany
PUBLIC COMMENTS	
Open to the public for comments. Members of the public wishing to address the Regional Steering Committee Board will need to submit a request to speak before the time the Chair calls for public comment. The public can submit a <i>Public Comment Request form</i> or if virtual by typing in the <i>chat box</i> that you have a public comment. The Chair will call on you in the order that the requests are received. Once your name has been called, please stand, or unmute yourself and you will then have up to 3 minutes to speak.	Public
REPORTS & UPDATES (35 mins)	
E. Regional Board Member Representatives (3 mins each) (Designee = D) a. City of Hesperia Representative b. City of Barstow Representative c. Town of Apple Valley Representative d. Symba Center e. City of Adelanto f. Assemblymember Carrillo Representative g. Sheriff's HOPE Team h. GoGo Barstow i. High Desert Homeless Services j. Family Assistance Program k. Victor Valley Family Resource Center VVFRFC l. Rescue Mission	Melinda S/D Maribel H/D Kanisha W./D Antoinette J./D Stevevonna E./D Jaelen S./D Michael C. /D Elizabeth G./D Michael G./D Kevin M./D Sharon G./D Dawn Q./D
CONSENT CALENDAR (5 mins)	
F. Approve Minutes of April 8, 2025, Meeting Minutes	Jaelen/ Kevin
PRESENTATIONS (30 mins)	
G. Election of new committee co-chair representing a non-profit H. VVFRFC update on HHAP 3 grant purchasing housing (Victor Valley) I. Desert Manna update on HHAP 3 grant on housing (Barstow) J. Symba update on HHAP 4 grant (Victorville) – expand housing K. New Life Fellowship update on HHAP 4 grant (Barstow) – expand housing	Committee Sharon Green or Leslie Earl Eugene Butticci Antoinette Jackson Ron Beardshear

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DISCUSSIONS (30 mins)	
L. High Desert Homeless Services update on re-opening with TAY resources M. Update to April 23,2025 CoC board meeting, HOMEBASE Meeting proposed for Desert Region on May 27 th 2:30-4:00pm, 2025 PITC, other N. Update to Landlord Engagement Event for May 30, 2025 O. Update on Regional Coordinated Entry System grant by Inland So CAL United Way 211 & Symba implementation in Desert region P. Appendix – Proposition 1 funding of behavioral health for homeless	Michael Grabhorn OHS representative Antoinette Jackson Cynthia Fernandez Antoinette Jackson
CLOSING	
Q. Adjournment	HPN Members/Attendees Jaelen & Kevin
Next Meeting: High Desert Regional Steering Committee next meeting: Tuesday, June 10th, 2025, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	

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.*

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Minutes for San Bernardino County Office of Homeless Services Desert Regional Steering Committee Meeting

April 8, 2025
2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.
Life Community Church
12199 Industrial Blvd., Victorville, CA
92395

Minutes were recorded and transcribed by Kevin Mahany, committee co-chair, Family Assistance Program

	PRESENTER	OPENING REMARKS
Call to Order	Kevin Mahany & Jaelen Spencer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. ▪ Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance completed
Opening Prayer	Kevin Mahany & Michael Catalano	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attendees were welcomed and Committee Board Members introduced themselves
Invocation/Pledge		
Welcome/ Introductions		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Steevonna Evans – City of Adelanto ▪ Elizabeth Givens – GoGo Barstow ▪ Kevin Mahany – Family Assistance Program ▪ Maribel Hernandez – City of Barstow (absent) ▪ Antoinette “Nettie” Jackson – Symba Center ▪ Dawn Quigg – Victor Valley Rescue Mission ▪ Michael Grabhorn – High Desert Homeless Services ▪ Kanisha Withers - Town of Apple Valley (absent) ▪ Melinda Sayers – City of Hesperia (absent) ▪ Michael Catalano – HOPE- INNROADS Team ▪ Jaelen Spencer – Assemblymember Juan Carillo’s Office
Audience Introductions		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leslie Earl – Victor Valley Family Resource Center
Committee members attending achieve a quorum <i>(seven or more in attendance)</i>		

	Attendees	<p>Attendees introduce self and organizations and communities they represent.</p> <p>Amber Bobo – Restore Unity</p> <p>Aaron Castronuovo – Restore Unity</p> <p>Keith Billig – Foothill Aids Project</p> <p>Maria Rocha – San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health</p> <p>Desiree Lelless - San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health</p> <p>Claudia Doyle - County Office of Homeless Services (OHS)</p> <p>Jaysin Van Hook – County Office of Homeless Services (OHS)</p> <p>Rosario Rubio – County Office of Homeless Services (OHS)</p> <p>Erick Barker – KEYS Non-Profit</p> <p>Desiree Zenon – KEYS Non-Profit</p> <p>Cynthia Fernandez – Inland SoCal United Way - 211 CES</p> <p>Eddie Harris – Loving Gesture Inc.</p> <p>Kimberly Mesen – BOS District 1 Paul Cook</p> <p>Edward Lopez – US Vets</p> <p>Angelia Pasco – New Hope Village</p> <p>Manual Soto – Marsell Wellness Center – Victorville</p> <p>Enedina Alba – Operation Grace</p> <p>William Llamas – City of Victorville</p> <p>Elizabeth Cook – San Bernardino County Probation Dept.</p> <p>Sandy Studebacker – Women of Noble Character</p> <p>Kim Williams – STEP UP</p> <p>Dawn Quigg – Rescue Mission Alliance Victor Valley</p>
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PUBLIC COMMENT		
Public Comment	Elizabeth Cook	Update on success of Shelter Court in Barstow (hosted by New Life Fellowship on March 25, 2025) 40 tickets reduced and 170 people served. By clearing a homeless person's record, legal barriers are removed to obtaining housing and employment.
Meeting Minutes approved	Committee	Elizabeth Givens makes motion and Kevin Mahany seconds. Committee approves with Steveonna abstaining
	PRESENTER	REPORTS AND UPDATES

Use of HHAP 4 grants to expand shelter services	Antoinette Jackson, Symba Center	Reports having funds for Rapid re-housing and increasing collaboration with housing resources. Expects to be awarded a Desert regional CES contract that will further Symba’s outreach to perform CES including verification of homeless and enroll/edit their records in HMIS and provide admission and case management services.
	Ron Bearshear, New Life Fellowship	Serving 80-100 people every Tuesday at NLF Church (providing food) and hosted a successful Shelter Court on March 25. Working with legal counsel on HHAP 4 work to develop a shelter using a vacant building and working to meet the new City Manager, Ms. Clayton, and with City’s Homeward Bound committee.
Use of HHAP 3 grant to expand shelter services	Leslie Earl for Victor Valley Family Resource Center	No update provided.
	Eugene Butticci, Desert Manna	Working with Barstow College to provide life skills to clients and to spend the remaining \$10,000 working with homeless patients with Barstow Community Hospital. Collaboration with additional Barstow partners continues.
High Desert Homeless Services (HDHS)	Michael Grabhorn	Family Assistance Program’s “FAM SPOT” youth drop-in center is open and serving youth ages 14-24 with services including access to housing. Housing for youth below age 18 is available, no housing available (full) for youth ages 18 +. HDHS is accepting donations to open beds (serving homeless youth aged 18+) in 2025 – 2026.
Office of Homeless Services Update	Claudia Doyle	Reports CoC board meeting on April 23, 2025; working on updating strategic plan, developing kiosks and scanners.
US Vets	Edward Lopez	Reports establishing a High Desert office at the Symba Wellness Center in Victorville. Reports having funding for rapid rehousing for homeless Veterans.
Rescue Mission Alliance Victor Valley	Dawn Quigg	25 th Annual Gala a success. Thank you to all who supported our event raising funds for our men’s and women’s programs. Working with Azusa Pacific University’s High Desert campus to complete the annual Socks, Shoes and Salvation event.
GoGo Barstow	Elizabeth Givens	Relocated Barstow office. Served two (2) youth. Interested in partnering with a new Desert Region CES office.
Assemblymember Juan Carrillo	Jaelen Spencer	Working on twenty-five (25) bills. One bill is seeking to remove Housing First and additional bills are pushing for increased accountability of grants addressing homelessness

Motion was made and approved to end the meeting at 3:05pm

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT - HOMELESSNESS
SOLUTIONS AND HOUSING

WELLNESS CENTER QUARTERLY REPORT

JANUARY-MARCH

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OVERVIEW



This quarter, the Victorville Wellness Center continued to solidify its role as the High Desert's premier facility for addressing homelessness, proudly standing as the only recuperative care and interim shelter of its magnitude in the region. The City expanded our services with the addition of Rapid Rehousing funding, allowing enhanced efforts to transition individuals and families into permanent housing. The City's first City-sponsored motel voucher program launched successfully, providing emergency shelter during cold weather and resulting in placements across interim, transitional, and permanent housing. On the medical front, the City upgraded the clinic with advanced diagnostic tools, including a Piccolo analyzer that delivers blood test results in just 12.5 minutes, and introduced ultrasound services to better serve client health needs.

The City also deepened outreach efforts by increasing street medicine capacity and deploying additional Symba Center outreach workers. The Homeless Engagement Team was further strengthened with enhanced tools to improve geographic mapping and case management coordination. Meanwhile, the Wellness Center advanced into the next planning stage of its community garden project, reinforcing our holistic approach to healing and stability. The Wellness Center team continued to focus on income acquisition for clients through consistent and strategic intake practices. Finally, the City experienced outstanding community participation during this year's Point-in-Time Count, with 53 volunteers—ranging from City staff to the Office of Homeless Services and the Sheriff's Department—contributing to a successful effort that reflected a significant reduction in unsheltered homelessness. These milestones underscore the Wellness Center's leadership in delivering impactful, integrated solutions for our region's most vulnerable residents.

EMPLOYEE *Spotlight*

Jon has worked at the Wellness Center since its inception. During his tenure, there has not been a more hardworking individual. Having lived experience, Jon has been able to connect with the clients, and provide them with empathetic customer service. He is always going above and beyond to help participants and his knowledge is priceless. Jon lives by the motto, "We're all getting well at the Wellness Center," and shows up every single day, making all our participants feel safe, seen, and heard.



JON SEIXAS
Lead Client Service Monitor



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THE MISSION

EMPLOYEE *Spotlight*

We are pleased to highlight Brittney Massie, LMFT for this quarterly report. She serves as Symba Center's Mental Health Clinical Supervisor for the Wellness Center Campus. Through a wealth of knowledge, experience, and compassion, Brittney continues to provide quality care and mental health support directly to program participants as well as offer key insights for trauma informed care and crisis deescalation with our wraparound teams. Brittney's expertise represents key elements necessary to address homelessness with our community members and we are grateful for the commitment and passion she brings to the Wellness Campus.



BRITTNEY MASSIE
Lead Therapist



LEGAL AID SERVICES

The Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino has begun providing on-site legal services to individuals at the Wellness Center. As an organization serving over 19,000 low-income residents annually across San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, Legal Aid Society plays a vital role in removing legal barriers that often contribute to or prolong homelessness. A paralegal is now available at the Wellness Center at least one time per month. Services offered include support with expungements, eviction defense, debt collection, and family law matters—ensuring clients receive critical legal assistance directly where they receive care and housing support.



On-Site Access to Justice

Having the Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino embedded within the shelter ensures clients have immediate access to legal assistance, helping them address barriers such as identity document replacement and unlawful evictions—all of which can delay housing stability.



Empower Through Advocacy

Legal support empowers clients to assert their rights, navigate complex systems, and resolve legal issues that often contribute to or prolong homelessness, fostering greater self-sufficiency and confidence in rebuilding their lives.



Integrated Service Model

Embedding legal aid within a shelter environment promotes a holistic, wraparound service approach—ensuring legal support is coordinated with case management, housing navigation, and behavioral health services to accelerate clients' paths toward permanent housing.

4 On-Site Service Days

During this reporting period

U.S. VETS

U.S. VETS is one of the nation's largest nonprofit organizations dedicated to ending veteran homelessness and they have joined the Wellness Center to provide on-site services tailored to the needs of former service members. Founded in 1993, U.S.VETS has a long-standing history of supporting veterans and their families through a comprehensive array of programs, including housing assistance, mental health counseling, workforce development, and case management.

As part of this partnership, Edward Lopez, Outreach Specialist with U.S.VETS – Inland Empire, is now stationed at the Wellness Center every Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. He provides direct housing navigation and supportive services to veterans enrolled at the site. This collaboration ensures that veteran clients receive the specialized care and resources they need to achieve long-term stability and independence, reinforcing the Center's commitment to serving all populations experiencing "homelessness."



Specialized Veteran Support:

U.S.VETS addresses the unique needs of veterans, including access to VAF benefits, housing, and trauma-informed care.



Streamlined Services

Their presence accelerates connections to HUD-VASH, SSVF, and other veteran-specific housing and health programs.



Trusted Engagement

As a veteran-led organization, U.S.VETS builds trust and encourages participation through shared experience and targeted outreach.

7 Veterans Receiving Services

During this reporting period



COMMUNITY GARDEN

Planning and implementation of the community garden at the Wellness Center has progressed with support from the CalFresh Healthy Living Grant. Through this funding, the Center received materials for six standard wooden garden beds and two ADA-compliant raised beds, as well as soil, components for two drip irrigation systems, and essential gardening tools including shovels and hand tools. A garden tool caddy and additional small tools have also been ordered.

In collaboration with University of California Cooperative Extension, San Bernardino and the Master Gardener Program, project planning meetings have taken place to finalize next steps, including additional soil needs, irrigation installation, and plant/seed selection. Coordination efforts continue to ensure the garden is fully integrated into the Wellness Center's holistic approach to wellness and recovery.

CITY EFFORTS RAPID RE-HOUSING

Rapid Rehousing is a critical intervention designed to quickly connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness with permanent housing. In broad terms, rapid re-housing means helping someone move out of a shelter or off the streets and into their own home quickly by providing short-term rental assistance and supportive services like case management and housing navigation. It's a practical, cost-effective solution that stabilizes lives and reduces the risk of long-term homelessness.



City Efforts

Analyze needs and outcomes to guide expansion and demonstrate impact. Customize services to meet the needs of specific populations and communities.



Housing Opportunities

Symba's team has taken proactive steps to build relationships with local landlords, a critical component of the Rapid Rehousing model. By strengthening these partnerships, they are helping to expand the pool of available housing units and reduce barriers for clients with limited rental history or financial challenges.

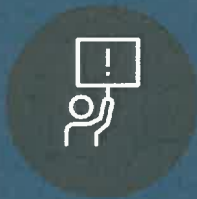


Continued Investment

Continued investment in Rapid Rehousing is essential to providing those in need with a clear, supported pathway to housing stability and long-term independence.

CITY MOTEL VOUCHER PROGRAM

For cities addressing homelessness, motel vouchers are a critical tool. They provide flexible, immediate shelter options for those who might otherwise remain unsheltered, particularly in regions where shelter capacity is limited. By prioritizing dignity, safety, and rapid connection to services, Victorville's Motel Voucher Program exemplifies a compassionate and strategic approach to addressing homelessness in real time.



High-Need Situations

The City's Motel Voucher Program has served as a critical safety net for individuals and families unable to access the Wellness Center due to space or other barriers, with a focus on those facing exigent circumstances—especially during cold weather.



Stabilize and Service Connection

During the winter months, the program provided immediate shelter to dozens of people, while also linking them to case management and housing navigation services for continued support.



Pathway to Housing

Many voucher recipients have since transitioned to longer-term housing, demonstrating the program's value not just as an emergency solution, but as a key step toward permanent stability.

39
Individuals
Sheltered

16 Transitioned
to positive
destinations

6 Families
assisted

Client Success

Tanc and Herman's journey is a powerful testament to resilience, partnership, and the life-changing impact of coordinated care. After experiencing homelessness for over three years, the couple was engaged by the City's Homeless Outreach Team in January 2025 and agreed to accept services. They were enrolled in the City's Motel Voucher Program, where they began receiving intensive case management support from the Symba Center. In February, they transitioned into the Wellness Center, where they continued to thrive with wraparound services, including counseling, job training, and housing navigation. With the support of Symba Center and Hope The Mission, both Tanc and Herman began rebuilding their lives—Herman secured employment and began working, while Tanc enrolled in a CNA certification program, which she is on track to complete by May 31. Together, they have now secured permanent housing through the Rapid Rehousing Program and are scheduled to move into their new home in May. To help them settle into their new space, Herman will also receive household setup support through IEHP funding. Despite years of hardship, Tanc and Herman have remained focused and determined, and today, they stand on the brink of a new beginning—one filled with hope, stability, and opportunity.



Tanc and Herman

DATA HIGHLIGHTS

At the Wellness Center Majority of Chronically Homeless Enter Shelter Without Income, Struggling with Co-Occurring Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders

31%

Have mental health diagnosis

25%

Substance Use Disorder

40%

Chronically Homeless

59%

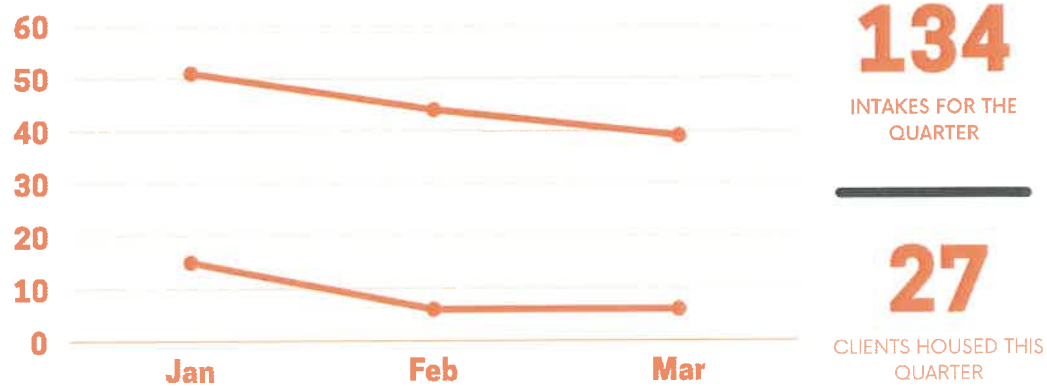
Entered with no income



Client engagement is essential to the Wellness Center's success, with peer supports playing a central role. Their lived experience fosters trust, builds connection, and empowers clients to actively participate in their own path to stability and healing.

INTAKE AND HOUSED

SUCCESS WITH CLIENTS IN INTERIM SHELTER AND PERMANENCY



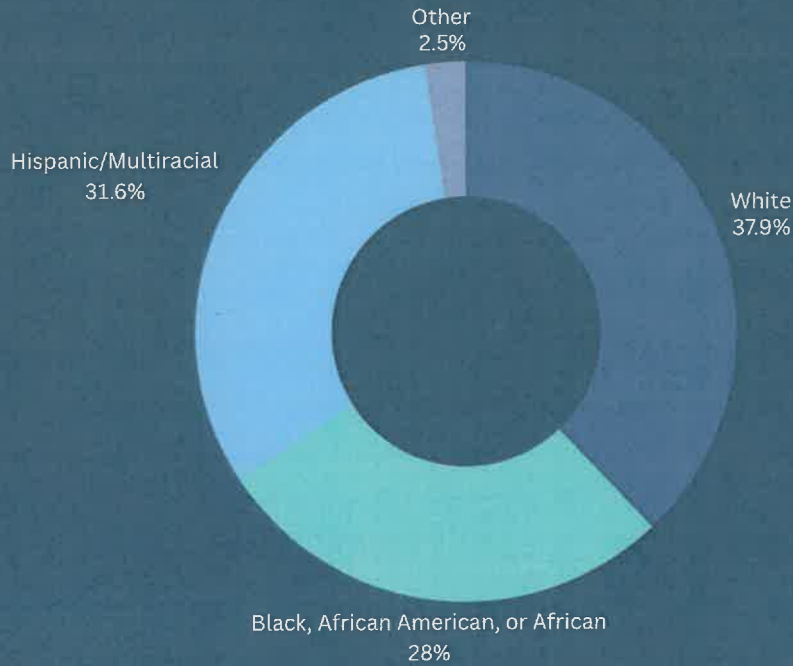
The Wellness Center continues to see steady client intakes and remains a critical stabilizing resource for individuals who may return for additional support. While permanent housing placements have recently slowed, increased investment in Rapid Rehousing and expanded supportive services is expected to improve housing outcomes in the coming months.

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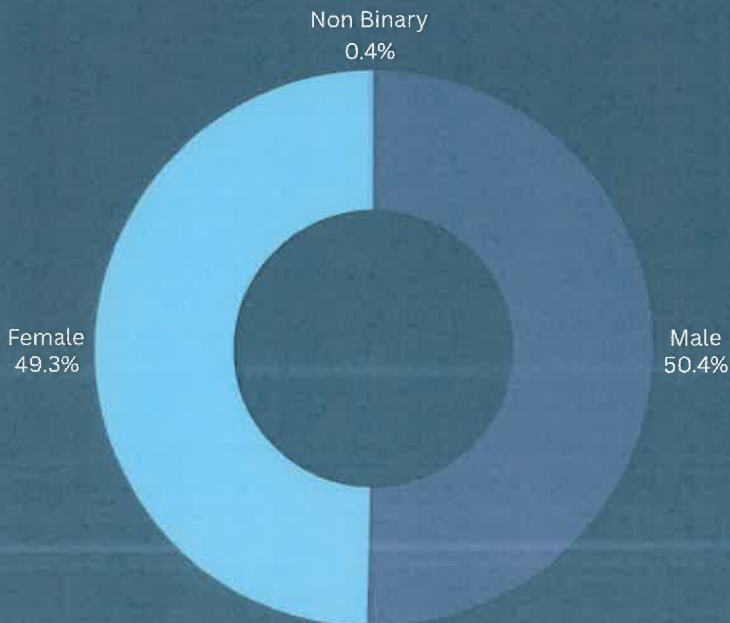
Average Recuperative Care Beds utilized this quarter

DEMOGRAPHICS

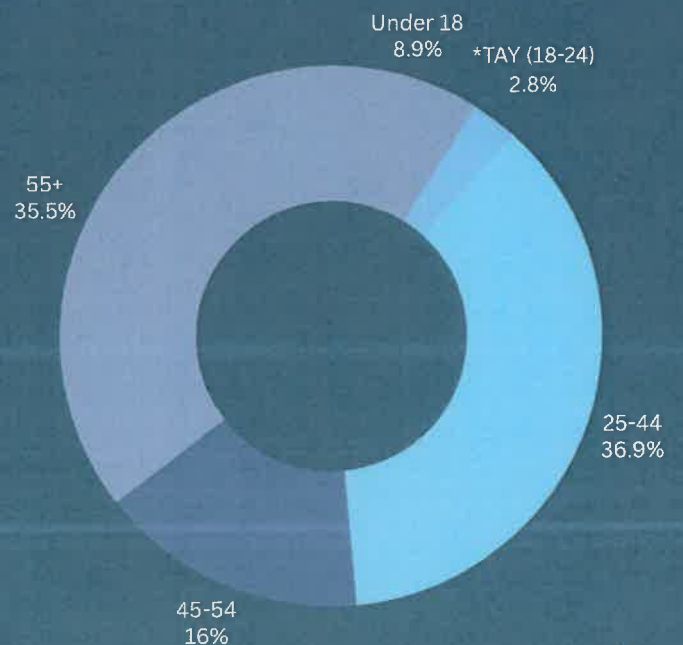
Race Data



Gender Data



Age Range



*TAY - transitional-aged youth

ENHANCED MEDICAL

The Wellness Center continues to raise the bar in delivering comprehensive, on-site healthcare services by adding two powerful diagnostic tools to its medical clinic: the Abbott Piccolo Xpress blood chemistry analyzer and a portable ultrasound unit. These additions mark a major step forward in providing real-time, point-of-care diagnostics on an interim shelter campus—an uncommon and innovative feature for shelters in the region.



PICCOLO XPRESS

The Piccolo Xpress delivers lab-accurate results in just 12 minutes and supports 31 different blood chemistry tests, including liver and kidney function, lipids, and metabolic markers. This technology allows clinicians to make immediate, informed decisions about treatment and care—without requiring off-site lab services or delays.



ULTRASOUND EQUIPMENT

The new ultrasound equipment provides essential imaging capabilities, further enhancing the clinic's ability to diagnose and monitor conditions on-site.

Together, these tools improve operational efficiency, patient outcomes, and client satisfaction. Their presence underscores the City's commitment to not only sheltering individuals, but also addressing their comprehensive physical and behavioral health needs with dignity, speed, and precision.

POINT IN TIME COUNT 2025

The Point-in-Time (PIT) Count is an annual, federally mandated census that captures a snapshot of the number of people experiencing homelessness on a single night in communities across the country. This count is vital for understanding local trends, securing federal and state funding, and shaping effective homelessness policies and programs.

This year, the City of Victorville had a strong showing of community collaboration, with 53 volunteers participating in the effort—including representatives from the Office of Homeless Services, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, and dedicated City staff. Their combined efforts ensured a thorough and compassionate count.

Most notably, the City recorded a 50% decrease in the number of individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness, bringing the total to its lowest level in seven years. This milestone reflects the continued impact of targeted outreach, shelter access, and supportive housing efforts underway through the City and its partners.

DATE	PRELIMINARY NUMBERS	VOLUNTEERS
1/23/25	140 UNSHELTERED	53



OUR WELLNESS JOURNEY CONTINUES

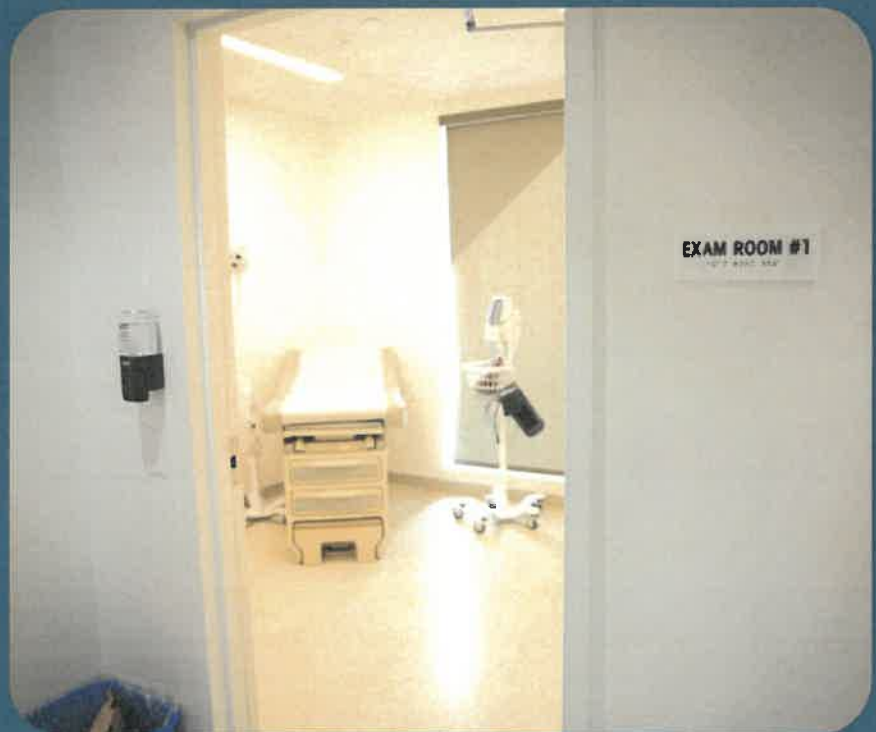
IN THE NEXT QUARTER WE PLAN TO WORK
TOWARD THE FOLLOWING MILESTONES:

LANDLORD
FAIR

CARE ACT
PETITIONS

ENHANCED
TRAINING

WC PHASE 2
WORKSHOP



**Special meeting of Desert Region Proposed for meeting with Homebase on May 27th
2:30pm-4:00pm**

Dear Desert Region Steering Committee and meeting attendees,

[Homebase](#) will be in San Bernardino County at the end of the month.

They will present the CoC's Strategic Planning process and plans for engaging stakeholders at the CoC Full Membership meeting on May 28.

This presentation will cover the timeline, and its goals.

While they are visiting San Bernardino County, Homebase wants to **hold 60–90-minute sessions** with each RSC in person.

These sessions will allow **Homebase to hear directly from the community about what's working, what's missing, and where there are gaps. The meetings will be open to the public and will follow the Brown Act.**

Homebase is looking to maximize regional participation, including all board members.

Homebase agenda for each meeting is:

- Brief introduction by Homebase about the focus group's purpose and a few reminders.
- Targeted questions about the region's homeless system, its bottlenecks, gaps, and attendees' hopes;
- Unsolicited comments and questions from the audience.

We would appreciate your help confirming a date and time for Homebase to meet with your region.

Desert Region Session is proposed for **May 27th 2:30-4:00 at Life Church** at 12199 Industrial Blvd. Victorville, CA 92395



SYMBA

In collaboration with the City of Victorville

Presents



LANDLORD ENGAGEMENT EVENT



9:30 AM - 1:30 PM



May 30th 2025

LIGHT BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROVIDED



HILTON GARDEN INN

12603 MARIPOSA RD

VICTORVILLE, CA 92385



SCAN to Register



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DEDICATED
CASE MANAGEMENT



SOCIAL SERVICE
ACHIEVEMENT



MAINTAINED
HOUSING

MHSA Administration

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY Behavioral Health

Proposition 1: Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)

Overview

Maribel Gutierrez
Deputy Director
Community Engagement and Equity Services

Tan Sapharodom
Deputy Director
Administrative and Fiscal Services

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MHSA Administration

Agenda

- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) History
- MHSA to Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)
- Funding Allocation Shift
- Integrated Plan
- Community Planning Process
- Timeline
- Questions



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BHSA Behavioral Health Landscape in California

	County BH	Managed Care Plans (MCPS)	Commercial Insurance
Populations Served	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Med-Cal members experiencing “serious mental illness” (SMI) • Medi-Cal members experiencing a Substance Use Disorders (SUD) • Anyone who requires immediate stabilization via mobile crisis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medi-Cal members experiencing “mild to moderate mental illness” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone who has commercial insurance, typically through their job. Non-Medi-Cal

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MHSA Brief History

- November 2004: California voters approved Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)
- Purpose: To improve the lives of those adults afflicted with serious and persistent mental illness, and children with serious emotional disturbances by transforming the public mental health system
- Established a 1% tax to incomes over a million dollars
- Required counties to work with local community approval to develop three-year spending plans to provide services for individuals with mental health conditions in the following components:
 - Community Services and Supports (CSS)
 - Minimum of 51% must be spent on full-service partnerships
 - Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)
 - Minimum of 51% must be spent on children and youth aged 25 and younger
 - Innovation
 - Workforce Education and Training
 - Capital Facilities and Technological Needs

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MHSA Today

MHSA funding makes up 49% of the departments, approximately \$700 million budget.

- Funds 836 positions

Programs

- CSS
 - Crisis System of Care
 - Peer Support Programs
 - Outreach , Access, and Engagement Programs
 - Homeless Services, Long-Term Supports, and Transitional Care Programs
 - Full-Service Partnerships
- PEI
 - Stigma and Discrimination Reduction
 - Outreach for Increasing Recognition of Early Signs of Mental Illness
 - Access and Linkage to Treatment
 - Prevention only
 - Prevention and Early Intervention
 - Suicide Prevention
- INN
 - Eating Disorder Collaborative
 - Progressive Integrated Care Collaborative

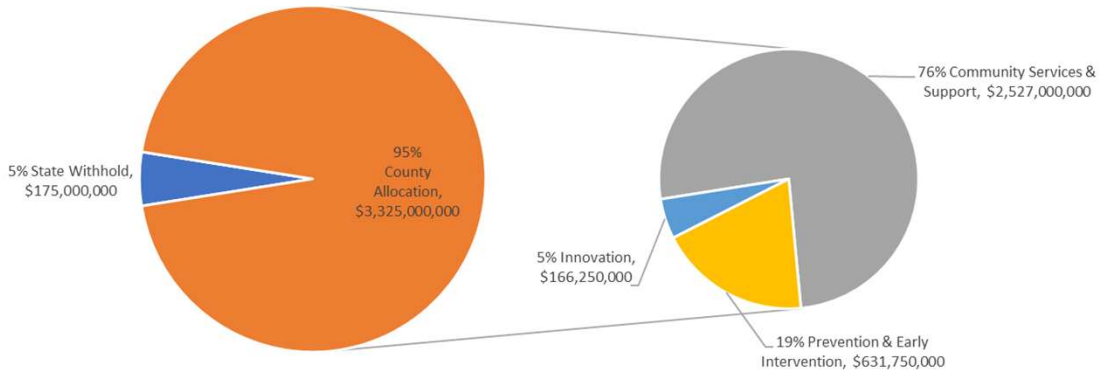
MHSA to BHSA 2026

- **Proposition 1 was approved by voters in March of 2024**
 - Major structural reform to the MHSA for the first time in nearly two decades
- **Budget Change: Changes how millionaire's tax funds are spent**
 - Doubles current state allocation from 5% to 10%
 - Directs funding to three new major components
- **Policy change: Change in populations and services offered**
 - Includes allowance for treatment for people with substance use disorders
- **Accountability: Increases and expands reporting requirements**
 - Integrated Plan will include all behavioral health programs & funding sources
- **Infrastructure: Established a new infrastructure bond \$6.4B**

MHSA Administration

BHSA Funding Allocation **Shift**

Current Allocation



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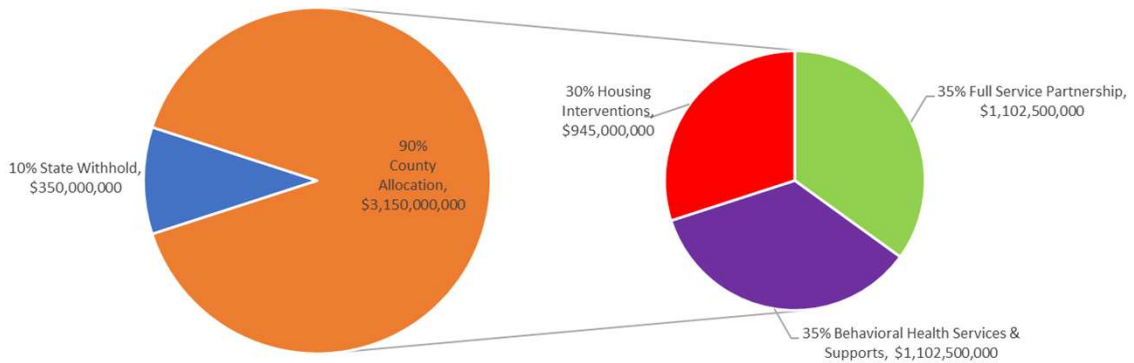
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MHSA Administration

BHSA Funding Allocation **Shift**

Proposed Allocation



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MHSA Administration

BHSA Funding Allocation **Shift**

Pre-Prop 1: MHSA	Post Prop 1: BHSA
76% for Community Services and Supports	35% for Full-Service Partnership
19% for Prevention & Early Intervention	35% for BH Services and Supports
5% for Innovation	30% for Housing Intervention

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MHSA Administration

BHSA Components and Funding **Allocation**

Housing Interventions (30%)	Includes rental subsidies, operating subsidies, shared housing, family housing for eligible children and youth, the nonfederal share for transitional rent, capital development projects, and project-based housing assistance. Housing interventions will not be limited to those in FSP or those enrolled in Medi-Cal.
Full-Service Partnerships (35%)	Includes mental health services, supportive services, and substance use disorder treatment services, to be provided pursuant to a whole-person approach that is trauma informed, age appropriate, and in partnership with families or an individual's natural supports. Services are provided in a streamlined and coordinated manner to help reduce any barriers to services.
Behavioral Health Services and Supports (35%)	Includes services for the children's system of care and for the adult and older adult system of care (excluding housing intervention services and FSPs), early intervention programs, outreach and engagement, WET, CFTN, and INN projects.

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Priority Populations for **BHSA**

BHSA targets individuals living with a range of behavioral health needs and prioritizes those disproportionately affected by mental health and SUD challenges with unmet needs. These priority populations mirror those for other statewide behavioral health initiatives and programs.



Individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness



Justice-involved individuals or individuals at risk of criminal justice system involvement



Children and youth, including those involved in the child welfare system



Individuals in or leaving institutional settings, or those at risk of institutionalization

Per California Welfare and Institutions Code § 5892.(d)(1) & § 5892.(d)(2)

MHSA Plans vs BHSA Integrated **Plan**

MHSA

- The Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan focused on MHSA funding only (Prospective and Arrears).
- Goal is to collect and report on local county MHSA data, promote stakeholder engagement and improve local outcomes.
- Plans are developed every three years.
- Annual updates required.
- Requires stakeholder engagement.
- Last MHSA 3-year plan update is due to DHCS by June 30, 2025.

BHSA

- A Prospective plan and budget for all County Behavioral Health services.
- Goal is to standardize data collection and reporting, promote stakeholder engagement and improve local outcomes.
- Plan is developed every three years.
- Requires engagement from an expanded list of stakeholders.
- First BHSA Integrated Plan is due to DHCS by June 30, 2026.

MHSA Administration

BHSA Community Planning Process

WIC Section 5963.03 (a)(1) Each Integrated Plan shall be developed with local Stakeholders, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

Eligible adults and older adults	Families of eligible children and youth , eligible adults, and eligible older adults	Youths or youth mental health or substance use disorder organizations	Providers of mental health services and substance use disorder treatment services	Public safety partners, including juvenile justice agencies	Local education agencies
Higher education partners	Early childhood organizations	Local public health jurisdictions	County social services and child welfare agencies	Local representative organizations	Veterans
Representative from Veterans organizations	Health care organizations, including hospitals	Health care service plans, including Medi-Cal managed plans	Disability insurers	Tribal and Indian Health Program designees	The five most populous cities in counties with a population greater than 200,000
Area agencies on aging	Independent living centers	Continuums of care, including representatives from the homeless service provider community	Regional centers	Emergency medical services	Community-based organizations serving culturally and linguistically diverse constituents

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BHSA Community Planning Process

Collaboration Requirements and Shared Purpose

- Must work with community partners to address key local health issues
 - Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs)
 - Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans (MCP)
- Community Health Assessment (CHA) describes the status of population health within a jurisdiction.
- Community Health Implementation Plan (CHIP) identifies how the public health entity will work with community partners to address key issues elevated in the CHA.
- Medi-Cal Community Supports

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BHSA What's Next

- Current MHSA Programs and services will continue as approved through June 30, 2026
- Stakeholder opportunities
[Mental Health Services Act \(MHSA\) – DBH Internet Website](#)
- Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act opportunities
- **January 2025** counties begin collaboration with MCPs and LHJs
- **February 2025** DHCS Policy Guidance Modules released, Module 1
- **June 2026** First County Integrated Plan due



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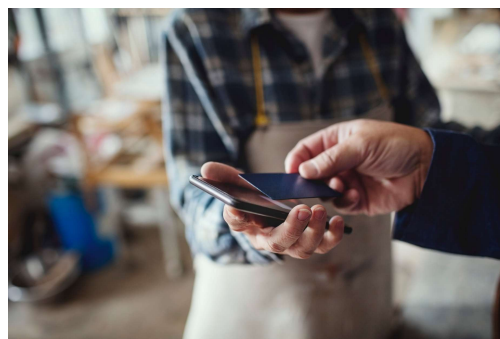
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<p>Access Unit (Behavioral Health Helpline) (888) 743-1478</p>	<p>Screening Assessment and Referral Center (Substance Use Disorder Helpline) (800) 968-2636</p>	<p>Community Crisis Response Teams Call (800) 398-0018 or text (909) 420-0560</p>
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