

MHSA Minutes



Mental Health Services Act Stakeholder Forum/Quality Improvement Committee Joint Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 3rd, 2025 | Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Location: Redwood Valley Training Center, 8207 East Road, Redwood Valley CA 95470
And TEAMS

BHRS Staff in Attendance:

Rena Ford
Jesus Rojas

Kelly Ford
Will Riley

Non BHRS Attendees: Remote 10 & In Person 7

	Discussion Item	Action Item/Next Steps	Date Completed
1.	Introductions, News and Handouts MHSA and QA/QIC staff introduced, and Stakeholders welcomed to the Forum. • Handouts MHSA Training, MHSA Data Report, Issue Resolution English & Spanish, Forum Attendee Survey, Forum Agenda, Stakeholder Forum Schedule 2025/2026, QIC Data Reports, Grievance, Appeals & Expedited Appeal English & Spanish, and MHSA & QIC Meeting Minutes 10/2/2025, • Education regarding purpose of stakeholder meetings and Community Program Planning Process Presented by Rena Ford • Provider news and changes None reported		
2.	Consumer, Provider and Public Feedback Stakeholders are invited to comment on MHSA and QA/QI. • Questions & Comments: In Person		

	• Attendee read a personal testimony about how the RCS Stepping Stones program has helped him learn confidence, independence, etc. • Stakeholder stated he feels Bus Passes would benefit people, help them to attend programs without having to worry about transportation. • Stakeholder inquired about “cheat sheets” that includes the services our Providers offer. MHSA staff stated we have “snapshots” and could send one out to Stakeholder. • Stakeholder suggested a service for people who miss appointments due to no pet care. • Stakeholder stated they had heard of a Mobile Services Van and wanted to know what ages are served. • Attendee inquired if Whitmore Lane is currently being facilitated? Response from another attendee; No, but should be open for Public to tour before opening in Spring 2026. Reminded attendees that once the building is open it’s not open to tour due to confidentiality. • Stakeholder reiterated that lack of transportation is a barrier for many people to attend appointments. MHSA staff stated Medi-Cal will pay for Transportation for medical appointments, but not for things like a ride to a Wellness Center. But if you ask, and make an appointment, someone will come get you and take you to a Wellness Center. • Attendee asked if the Quality of Life Outcome Measure from the list of approved State Outcome measures for the Integrated Plan covers everything? Response from staff, No. • Stakeholder inquired if transportation costs will be under BHSS? Response: Yes, but the BHSS portion will be very competitive. • Attendee stated they heard the State hires outside contractors for population based prevention and inquired if that is good? MHSA Staff Response: Not sure they are going to be able to connect with the public or provide the kind of nuanced care that local agencies could provide. MHSA Staff also noted that the way prevention programs from the state will be provided to California residents is still in development. Questions & Comments: Remote No remote questions/comments		
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3.	QIC Report • QA/QI staff presented the QA/QI MHP Utilization Reports. • See QIC Meeting Minutes	None	
4.	MHSA Report • Announcements • Issue Resolution Education • Feedback Opportunities • BHSA Transformation Questions asked during the BHSA transformation presentation included the following: • Stakeholder inquired how the Clubhouse model Wellness Centers will compare to current standard? Response: State hasn't yet given definitive guidelines, however with Clubhouse Model, participants will be required to have 'volunteer jobs,' and focus on client agency and advocacy. Tightening of Medi-Cal billable FSP, which is our core program. • Attendee asked if PEI would come out of housing under BHSA, MHSA staff responded No. • Stakeholder asked if we are moving from services that are now Medi-Cal eligible to services not covered by Medi-Cal? Response: Under BHSA, the state would like Medi-Cal billable services to be billed under Medi-Cal. • Attendee asked if someone is not Medi-Cal eligible, will they qualify for FSP? Response: MHSA, soon to be BHSA has some eligibility requirements. MHSA covers those who are apparently eligible to Medi-Cal but who don't have it (i.e. they meet the income test, but have other factors that keep them from receiving Medi-Cal, such as immigration status, already receiving out of state Medicaid, etc.). MHSA regulation does not allow for the consideration of immigration status, so individuals not receiving Medi-Cal due only to immigration status, would be eligible to MHSA funds. •	None	
5.	Approval of Meeting Minutes • Reviewed and Approved Minutes from October 2, 2025 • Feedback & Questions	None	

	None		
6.	Next Meeting Date and Location Thursday, February 5, 2026, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Ukiah Public Health, 1120 South Dora Street, Ukiah, CA 95482	None	

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