

Sacramento County Behavioral Health Commission (BHC) Crisis & Justice Involved Continuum (CJIC) Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Time

Thursday, April 9, 2026
4:00PM – 5:30PM

Meeting Location

700 H Street
Hearing Room 3, 6th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Meeting Invitees

- CJIC Committee Members
- CJIC System Partners
- General Public

Crisis & Justice Involved Continuum (CJIC) Committee Members Attendance

Present: Donald Scherschligt, Melinda Avey, Ryan Raftery, Judith Mummert

Absent: Corrine McIntosh Sako

BHC County Staff/Liaisons Attendance

Present: Korlany Roche, Houa Yang, Stephanie Kelly, Dawn Williams, Melissa Dollar, Yolanda Adams, Shanece Okoro Duncan, Jacquenette Michael (Virtual)

Welcome and Introductions

Participants: CJIC Co-Chairs

Meeting Logistics

Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum

- Co-Chair Avey called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.
- Roll call was conducted; quorum was declared.
- Remote participation: None
- March 2026 Meeting Minutes Approval: Minutes were generated and maintained by Behavioral Health Services (BHS) staff as required by Article VI, Section 4, of the bylaws. No corrections were requested; minutes were deemed accurate and approved.

1. Public Comment on Matters Not on the Posted Agenda

Participants: Members of the Public

Public Comment

Public Comment

Written public comment submitted. No other public comment provided.

2. Presentation: Sacramento County Crisis Co-Response

Presenters: Captain Brian Morr, Sacramento Fire Department;

Dawn Williams & Jacquenette Michael, Health Program Managers, BHS

Presentation

Summary of Presentation

BHS Health Program Manager Dawn Williams provided an overview and orientation to the Sacramento County Co-Response Intervention Team (CCIT-Fire) program Dashboard for Quarter 2 of Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Key data points include total number of calls for service, diversion information, demographics, and trends. The Dashboards are linked as attachments to the minutes. Sacramento Fire Department Captain Brian Morr provided additional information and responded to questions posed by the committee.

Public Comment

No public comment.

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3. Chair Report/Announcements

Presenters: Co-Chairs Avey & Scherschligt

Discussion

Summary of Discussion

Co-Chair Avey shared the FAQ for Budget Engagement & Advisory Best Practices, provided as a handout and linked as an attachment to the minutes. Additionally, Co-Chair Avey recently attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) to be constructed by WellSpace Health. The MHRC will be operated by a third party.

Public Comment

No public comment.

4. Sacramento County SUPT Crisis & JI Update

Presenter: Shanece Okoro Duncan, Program Planner

Discussion

Summary of Discussion

Shanece Okoro Duncan, BHS Program Planner, provided an update on total number on referrals received from the jail, jail placements for residential treatment, and drug trend usage. She shared concerns regarding court delays resulting in follow-up screening, which further delays placement for treatment. Reminder about the Fentanyl Summit on May 12th. Shanece also responded to questions related to 290 registrants and residential placement.

Public Comment

No public comment.

5. 988, CWRT, and CRBH Updates

Presenters: WellSpace Health & Bay Area Community Services (BACS)

Discussion

Summary of Discussion

Representatives from WellSpace Health and BACS provided March program updates on 988, CWRT and CRBH, including success stories, call data, staffing numbers, and outreach efforts. Representatives also responded to questions from the committee.

Public Comment

- Christie Gonzales, with WellSpace Health, provided a public comment to clarify from her previous public comment at the general meeting that CRBH services were not traditionally funded by the formerly known Mental Health Services Act and therefore not written into the Behavioral Health Services Act Plan. She added that while 988 federal dollars allow WellSpace Health to answer calls, the coordination, data gathering, technology, etc. work is not included in the BHSA plan and will no longer be funded after July 1st.
- Stephanie Kelly with Sacramento County BHS clarified for the committee that the funding for the WellSpace Health Suicide Prevention and Crisis Line contract will no longer be funded after July 1st because it was replaced with 988, which is funded by the State. MOUs have been developed in collaboration with WellSpace Health and going to the Board to continue the strong collaboration between WellSpace Health 988 and CWRT, which will support ongoing coordination, data gathering, and access to CWRT technology (BHL).

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6. System Partner Updates

Presenters: CJIC System Partners

Discussion

Summary of Discussion

Member Mummert provided court updates, including the move to a new courthouse, new staff with the treatment court units, and the upcoming Chris Carlson award in June.

Public Comment

No public comment.

7. Future Agenda Items

Presenters: Co-Chairs Avey & Scherschligt

Discussion/Action

Summary of Discussion

- Co-Chair Avey proposed to discuss any budget concerns and ongoing support for crisis continuum programs through the creation of an ad hoc committee of three members. The appointed members to the ad hoc committee would be Co-Chairs Avey and Scherschligt and Commissioner Sako. The ad hoc committee will research the issue and bring back a recommendation to this committee.
- Co-Chair Avey referenced the written public comment submitted by Patricia Wentzel on restraining orders and NAMI and would like to address the legal questions, specifically learning more about restraining orders, how they are granted and how to support or help guide family members.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Motion/Vote

Agenda Item/Vote: Create an ad hoc committee to address funding issues for crisis continuum programs and to appoint three members: Co-Chairs Avey and Scherschligt and Commissioner Sako.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Raftery / Commissioner Mummert.

Yes: Commissioners Donald Scherschligt, Melinda Avey, Ryan Raftery, Judith Mummert.

No: None

Abstention: None

Motion: Passed

Meeting Conclusion

Presenters: Co-Chairs Avey & Scherschligt

Meeting Logistics

Co-Chair Avey adjourned the meeting at 5:29PM.

Recurring Meeting Schedule: Second Thursday of the Month, 4:00PM – 5:30PM (unless specified otherwise).

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