

Sacramento County Behavioral Health Commission Crisis & Justice Involved Continuum Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Time

Thursday, May 14, 2026
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Meeting Location

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

Meeting Invitees

- BHC CJIC Members
- BHC CJIC System Partners
- General Public

Crisis & Justice Involved Continuum (CJIC) Committee Members Attendance

Present: Donald Scherschligt, Melinda Avey, Corrine McIntosh Sako, Judith Mummert, Theresa Riviera

Absent: Ryan Raftery

BHC County Staff/Liaisons Attendance

Present: Houa Yang, Stephanie Kelly, Jenny Stoneburner, Jacquenette Michael, Kimberly Grimes

Note: The meeting was officially called to order at 4:00 PM; however, due to technical difficulties with the virtual connection, proceedings were delayed. The meeting resumed at 4:45 PM.

Welcome and Introductions

Presenters: 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

1. Public Comment on Matters Not on the Posted Agenda

Participants: Members of the Public

Public Comment

Public Comment

No public comment.

2. Crisis Continuum Funding and Services

Presenters: Christie Gonzales & Stephanie Kelly

Discussion

Summary of Presentation

WellSpace Chief Operating Officer, Christie Gonzales, presented on WellSpace funding and services and answered questions from the CJIC committee members.

Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Division Manager, Stephanie Kelly, presented a summary on the Community Wellness Response Team (CWRT) Quarterly Report and highlighted the County map of zip codes where mobile responses were dispatched the most.

Public Comment

No public comment.

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3. CJIC Ad Hoc Committee Report & Recommendations

Presenters: Co-Chairs Avey & Scherschligt & CJIC Committee Member McIntosh-Sako *Discussion/Action*

Summary of Discussion

The committee's ad hoc subcommittee, consisting of Co-Chairs Avey and Scherschligt, and CJIC Committee Member McIntosh-Sako, presented three formal recommendations developed through their research and collaborative discussions. The recommendations included utilizing Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Early Intervention funding to restore annual contract funding to WellSpace's 988 operations and restore 24/7/365 operations to the Mental Health Urgent Care Clinic (MHUCC) while increasing CRBH funding; consolidating the CWRT dispatchers into the existing 988 call center and support fiscal sustainability through budget-neutral or cost-savings approaches; developing clear diversion and referral guidelines with law enforcement partners for utilizing MHUCC and CRBH services in appropriate crisis situations.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Motion/Vote

Agenda Item/Vote: Approve the recommendations for forwarding to the full Behavioral Health Commission for consideration and implementation.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Riviera / Commissioner McIntosh-Sako

Yes: Commissioners Avey, McIntosh-Sako, Mummert, Riviera, Scherschligt

No: None

Abstention: None

Motion: Passed

4. Chair Report/Announcements

Presenters: Co-Chairs Avey & Scherschligt

Discussion/Action

Summary of Discussion

This item was not addressed due to lack of time.

Public Comment

No public comment.

5. Sacramento County SUPT* Crisis & JI Update

Presenter: Kimberly Grimes

Discussion

Summary of Discussion

BHS Health Program Manager, Kimberly Grimes, presented a referral flyer outlining the types of referrals accepted by the BHS Jail and Court Assessment Team, Substance Use Prevention and Treatment (SUPT) Services Specialty Court Services Team, and the Behavioral Health Services-Screening And Coordination (BHS-SAC) for Mental Health Diversion. Grimes also responded to questions from the CJIC committee members.

Public Comment

No public comment.

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6. 988, CWRT**, and CRBH*** Updates

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

Discussion

Summary of Presentation

A representative from BACS provided updates on CWRT, including continued program growth, increased calls and responses, and ongoing outreach efforts.

Public Comment

No public comment.

7. System Partner Updates

Presenters: CJIC System Partners

Discussion

Summary of Discussion

This item was not addressed due to lack of time.

Public Comment

No public comment.

8. Future Agenda Items

Presenters: Co-Chairs

Discussion/Action

Summary of Discussion

Co-Chair Avey reviewed topics for the upcoming month's agenda, including drug testing issues and a potential schedule change to begin meetings at 3:30PM instead of 4:00PM to allow more time for substantive discussion.

Meeting Conclusion

Presenters: Co-Chairs

Meeting Logistics

Co-Chair Avey adjourned the meeting at 5:30PM.

*SUPT – [Sacramento County Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Services](#)

**CWRT – [Community Wellness Response Team](#)

***CRBH – [Crisis Receiving for Behavioral Health](#)

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

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