

**Grants Partners Planning Group  
Meeting Minutes  
6/28/2023**

Start Time: 8:33 AM

Attendees: 23

<b>Stakeholders/Partners</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Attended</b>
Kristyne McPhail, Mental Health Support Specialist	Bonita Unified School District	
Mark Rodgers, Senior Director, Student Services	Bonita Unified School District	Y
Joshua Salazar, Student Identity Development & Education Coordinator, Pride Center	Cal Poly Pomona	
Ramon Coronado, Care Services Coordinator	Cal Poly Pomona	
Raquel Capacete	Cal Poly Pomona	Y
Weston Prisbey, Interim Assistant Dean for Health and Well-Being	Cal Poly Pomona	
Mike Cizek, Captain	Claremont Police Department	Y
Brad T. Cuff, Assistant Superintendent	Claremont Unified School District	
Lisa Banks-Toma, Mental Health Coordinator	Claremont Unified School District	
Ashley Cortez	Community member	
Ruben Cueva	Community member	
Enrique Villa, Director of Strategic Communications	Gente Organizada	
Anthony Hostetler, Credible Messenger	Just Us 4 Youth	
Eric Vasquez, Founder/CEO	Just Us 4 Youth	
Luis Antonio Orozco, ResQ Coordinator	Just Us 4 Youth	Y
Sulettma (Suly) Gutierrez, Credible Messenger	Just Us 4 Youth	
Tremale Ratcliffe, Program Supervisor (Youth & Young Adult Employment Services)	Just Us 4 Youth	
Isaura Campos-Argumosa, Supervisor	LA County Dept. of Child & Family Svs.	
Monica Rivas, Assistant Regional Administrator	LA County Dept. of Child & Family Svs.	
Sandra Sharma, Supervisor	LA County Dept. of Child & Family Svs.	
Ezequiel De La Torre, Coordinator I, Community Schools Initiative	LA County Office of Education	
Kim Griffin Esperon, Coordinator III, Community Schools Initiative	LA County Office of Education	
Yvette Meneses	Los Angeles County Office of Education	
Frank Cambero, Detective	La Verne Police Department	
Jay Alvarado, Sergeant	La Verne Police Department	
Christina Vera, President	National Alliance on Mental Illness-Pomona Valley	
Alyssa Bostrom, Lieutenant	Pomona Police Department	Y
Brad Paulson, Sergeant	Pomona Police Department	
Ernesto "Ernie" Rios, Sergeant	Pomona Police Department	
Ryan Rodriguez, Lieutenant	Pomona Police Department	

Frank Guzman, President	Pomona Pride Center	
Patti Azevedo, Program Administrator, Pupil & Community Services	Pomona Unified School District	
Angie Besiant	Pomona Valley Hospital	
Jennifer Curlowicz	Pomona Valley Hospital	
Janolyn (Jill) Trojanowski, Manager Social Work, Palliative Care and Spiritual Care Services	Pomona Valley Hospital ER	Y
Karissa Gonyea, Supervisor, Social Work and Palliative Care	Pomona Valley Hospital ER	Y
Elijah McCauley, Clinical Trainer SBHG	Stars Behavioral Health Group	
Alexandra Oliva, Director of Student Outreach and Engagement	The School of Arts and Enterprise	Y
Brittany Nguyen	Tri-City Mental Health Authority	
Dana Barford, Director of MHSA and Ethnic Services	Tri-City Mental Health Authority	Y
Debbie Johnson, Program Manager	Tri-City Mental Health Authority	Y
Elizabeth (Liz) Renteria, Chief Clinical Officer	Tri-City Mental Health Authority	Y
Erin Sapinoso, Program Analyst II (Grants)	Tri-City Mental Health Authority	Y
Jeri Sprewell, CWA Program Supervisor I	Tri-City Mental Health Authority	Y
Jessica Arellano, Administrative Assistant	Tri-City Mental Health Authority	Y
Jessie Funes, Sr. Mental Health Specialist	Tri-City Mental Health Authority	Y
Keith Colder, Clinical Wellness Advocate III	Tri-City Mental Health Authority	Y
Keri Zehm, Program and Outcomes Analyst Supervisor	Tri-City Mental Health Authority	Y
Kitha Torregano, Human Resources Manager	Tri-City Mental Health Authority	
Lisa Naranjo, MHSA Program Supervisor	Tri-City Mental Health Authority	
Marga Methu, Clinical Therapist I	Tri-City Mental Health Authority	Y
Markie Sterner, Clinical Supervisor	Tri-City Mental Health Authority	Y
Moriah Holmes, Program Analyst II	Tri-City Mental Health Authority	Y
Natalie Majors-Stewart, Chief Compliance Officer	Tri-City Mental Health Authority	
Nicholas Chang, Clinical Wellness Advocate II	Tri-City Mental Health Authority	Y
Nicole Lobato, PhD, Clinical Program Manager—ATC & TCG	Tri-City Mental Health Authority	
Octavio Hernandez, Clinical Supervisor I	Tri-City Mental Health Authority	
Raymond Zamudio, Clinical Therapist II	Tri-City Mental Health Authority	Y
Rimmi Hundal, Executive Director	Tri-City Mental Health Authority	
Shawn Smith, Med Support Team/Walk in Crisis/IOET/PACT Manager	Tri-City Mental Health Authority	
Trevor Bogle, Controller	Tri-City Mental Health Authority	
Adrienne Montero-Camacho, SOS Coordinator & Case Manager	University of La Verne	Y
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## Welcome and Introductions

- Hybrid meeting: in person and virtual

- Review of housekeeping rules, values, and agenda
- Introductions via chat and in person
- Anonymous demographic data survey (request for each attendee to complete at every meeting)
  - o Access via link (<https://forms.microsoft.com/r/j6r5jej7PE>) or QR code



### Crisis Care Mobile Units

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- DHCA approved Tri-City's CCMU Action Plan and \$300,000 request for vehicles.
- CCMU Action Plan will be made public and available for viewing.
- As DHCS develops Medi-Cal benefit for mobile crisis services, Tri-City continues to work with a consultant to develop its mobile crisis program.
- Guidelines include:
  - o DHCS Behavioral Health Information Notices
  - o Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Care Crisis Best Practice Toolkit; and
  - o California Health Care Foundation's Mobile Crisis Teams: A State Planning Guide for Medicaid Financed Crisis Response Services
- Each agency has different requirements. Tri-City is reviewing and reconciling all to organize its program and streamline its policies, processes, and procedures including decision trees, triage tools, and flow of different events/scenarios.
- Important dates:
  - o October 31, 2023—deadline to submit written mobile crisis implementation plan
  - o December 31, 2023—start of implementation
- Program name: an internal Tri-City team will review the top five names that resulted from the online survey to determine the final name of its mobile crisis program.
- Question: When will you be bringing in the psychiatric hospitals to discussion of the crisis mobile response team? The goal is for the client in crisis needing hospitalization not to be taken to the Emergency room unless they have physical injuries that need treatment.
  - o Answer: Staff will be reaching out to psychiatric hospitals (e.g., Aurora Charter Oak Hospital and Canyon Ridge Hospital) at the same time as law enforcement and fire department/emergency medical response.

### Mental Health Student Services Act

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- Sub-grant opportunity—six projects (five sub-grantees) selected
  - o Cal Poly Pomona
  - o Claremont Unified School District (2)
  - o Just Us 4 Youth
  - o Pomona Unified School District
  - o The School of Arts and Enterprise
- Staffing
  - o Two positions are vacant: MHSSA supervisor and Mental health Specialist; Tri-City is currently and actively recruiting for both.
- Referrals
  - o Tri-City has experienced a large increase in referrals compared to this time last year.
  - o Recent referrals have come largely from Pomona and Bonita Unified School Districts.
- Webinars

- MHSSA staff hosted two wellness events—one virtual and one hybrid (virtual and in-person)
- Attendance is still a challenge; staff will continue to innovate and collaborate with partners to bring in participants.
- Comment: Just Us 4 Youth is hosting Friday Night Lights events throughout the summer. Flyer is attached with these meeting minutes.
- Trainings
  - MHSSA staff will reach out to partners regarding notice and registration for upcoming trainings, the first of which is the Trevor Project in August and September.
- Survey
  - Tri-City staff will reach out to partners with a survey to obtain feedback on different types of events and activities to host and facilitate. Insight will be requested on:
    - Time of events
    - Topics
    - Swag for students
    - Possible incentives
    - How to promote event/activity
- Youth-specific engagement
  - MHSSA staff is collaborating with Mental Health Services Act staff and programs and city government youth council/commission to engage youth, obtain their feedback, and request their regular involvement

Next meeting is on Wednesday, June 28 at 8:30 AM.

End time: 11:06 AM



# Grants Partners Meeting #9

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Liz Renteria  
Chief Clinical Officer

Debbie Johnson  
Programs Manager

Erin Sapinoso  
Program Analyst II

June 28, 2023: 8:30 AM

**We will begin the meeting shortly.**



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# Housekeeping

## Zoom

- ▷ Remain on mute when not speaking; unmute when you would like to speak.
- ▷ Use the “Raise Hand” option to let us know you would like to say something.
- ▷ Chat is available for typing questions and comments and to participate in activities.

## In person

- ▷ Remain silent when not speaking.
- ▷ Raise hand to let us know you would like to say something.

# Values

- ▷ Mission-focused
- ▷ Organization; effective and efficient work
- ▷ Respect and being respectful
- ▷ Open-mindedness and out-of-the-box thinking
- ▷ Openness and honesty (“the good, the bad, the ugly”)
- ▷ Address challenges and acknowledge strengths
- ▷ Positive communication



# Agenda

- ▷ Welcome
  - ▷ Introductions
  - ▷ Demographic data
- ▷ CCMU
  - ▷ Status and updates
  - ▷ Policies and procedures
  - ▷ Preliminary staffing model
  - ▷ Program name
- ▷ MHSSA
  - ▷ “Student Wellness Services”
  - ▷ Sub-grant results
  - ▷ Staffing updates
  - ▷ Outreach
  - ▷ Marketing strategy
- ▷ Partner new and announcements



# Welcome

# Introductions

- ▷ Name
- ▷ Position
- ▷ Organization



# Data and Reporting

- ▷ Request for demographic information of planning partners
- ▷ Voluntary and anonymous survey
- ▷ Complete at every grants partners meeting
- ▷ Link: <https://forms.microsoft.com/r/j6r5jej7PE>
- ▷ QR code



# Mobile Crisis Program

# CCMU Grant Status

- ▷ DHCS approval received
  - Action Plan
  - CCMU base allocation (\$300,000)
  - Statement of Work
  - Project timeline

# Action Plan

- ▷ Public dissemination process
  - Update at Mental Health Commission and Governing Board meetings in July
  - Public viewing via agency website
  - Postings via social media platforms (e.g., Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, etc.)
  - Share with internal staff and external partners
  - Communications campaign for public awareness of new project

# Timeline of Activities

- Apr.-Sept. 2023 Finalize internal and external workflow (process mapping): protocols, policies, procedures.
- May-June 2023 Coordinate with law enforcement on crisis assessment and triage protocols, procedures, and workflow.
- July-Dec. 2023 Recruit, hire, and onboard team members.
- July-Dec. 2023 Purchase vehicles and equipment.
- Aug.-Sept. 2023 Coordinate with schools on crisis assessment and triage protocols, procedures, and workflow.

# Timeline of Activities (cont.)

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|---------------------|---|
| Sept.-Nov. 2023     | Establish hotline number.   |
| Sept.-Nov. 2023     | Create standardized dispatch tool.  |
| Sept.-Dec. 2023     | Create call center for three cities in service area.  |
| Sept.-Dec. 2023     | Develop communications (marketing/outreach) plan.   |
| Nov. 2023-Feb. 2024 | Create informational resources for public to use as references and guides regarding crisis care mobile response services. |
| Dec. 2023           | Mobile crisis response project operational.   |



# Important Dates

- ▷ October 31, 2023: Deadline to submit a written mobile crisis implementation plan to DHCS outlining mobile crisis services policies and procedures
- ▷ December 31, 2023: Implementation of the Medi-Cal Community-Based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services benefit

# Crisis Care Policies

Process

DHCS

Consultant

TCMHA

# National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care

## Best Practice Toolkit



# Toolkit

- ▷ Defining national guidelines in crisis care;
- ▷ Tips for implementing care that aligns with national guidelines; and
- ▷ Tools to evaluate alignment of systems to national guidelines.

# Mobile Crisis Teams: A State Planning Guide for Medicaid- Financed Crisis Response Services



California  
Health Care  
Foundation

January 2022



# Department of Health Care Services

## Requirements

- ▶ Medi-Cal behavioral health delivery system's mobile crisis services provider network;
- ▶ Coordination strategies across the county's MHP and DMC/DMC-ODS delivery systems;
- ▶ Participation of mobile crisis teams in required training;
- ▶ Dispatch policies and procedures, including an identified mobile crisis services hotline and standardized dispatch tool;

# Department of Health Care Services Requirements (cont.)

- ▷ Crisis assessment tool;
- ▷ Community engagement plan;
- ▷ Coordination with law enforcement, and strategies to reduce unnecessary law enforcement involvement;
- ▷ Coordination with the local EMS agency;
- ▷ Transportation policies and procedures;
- ▷ Oversight policies and procedures;
- ▷ Mechanisms to ensure culturally responsive and accessible care;

# Department of Health Care Services

## Requirements (cont.)

- ▷ Coordination with FURS and child welfare;
- ▷ Strategies for responding to children and youth;
- ▷ Engagement of 911, 988, and MCPs to engage in planning for Data exchange and develop related policies and procedures; Behavioral Health Information Notice No.: 22-064 Page 28 December 19, 2022
- ▷ Outreach to advise Medi-Cal beneficiaries on availability of the service and how to access it; and
- ▷ Other topics to be identified by DHCS and DHCS' training and technical assistance contractor



# TCMHA Progress

- ▷ 13 documents are in draft form
- ▷ Approximately 5 more for completion
- ▷ Awaiting further guidance from DHCS
- ▷ Anticipated completion Fall 2023

# Mobile Crisis Program Name

- ▷ Survey: 130 responses
- ▷ Top five names
  - Crisis Mobile Response Team (48)
  - Crisis Response Team (48)
  - Mobile Crisis Care (39)
  - We Care—Crisis Response Team (30)
  - Compassion in Crisis Team (20)
- ▷ Internal review and evaluation
- ▷ Final decision forthcoming

# Mental Health Student Services Act

# Sub-grant Opportunity

- ▷ Application period: February 1-March 31, 2023
- ▷ 10 applications submitted
- ▷ Six applications recommended for approval

# Results

## **Pomona Unified School District**

Training in Dr. Bruce Perry's Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics for four Pomona USD licensed clinicians and Neurosequential Model for Education for four Student Support/ Teacher Specialists each year for three years (total 24: 12 clinicians to be certified and 12 staff to become trainers)

## **Claremont Unified School District**

Mental health services and support: two part-time post-masters associate positions (one for grades K-8 and one for grades 9-12) for general education students during the 2023-2024 school year

## **Claremont Unified School District**

Culturally-relevant mentorship contract to connect 30 students needing Tier II/ III interventions with life coaches for a 10-week (2x/week) program at Claremont High starting fall 2023.

# Results

## **The School of Arts and Enterprise**

Student success and wellness for 6-12th grades: 1) substance abuse services and resources (intervention contract); 2) attendance strategy (consultation, conference, and outreach); 3) mental health awareness and services

## **Just Us 4 Youth**

RES'Q program: student recovery through outreach and mentoring; PACD program: parent and teen counseling (under supervision by licensed clinical psychologist); program costs include materials, marketing, and transportation

## **Cal Poly Pomona**

On-campus mental health fair within first 4 weeks of each semester: rentals, marketing and advertising, catering, and giveaways; space for on and off-campus providers; fund to reimburse mental health costs (e.g., transportation, intake, medication) for students seeking services off-campus

# Status

- ▷ June 21, 2023 TCMHA Governing Board meeting
- ▷ June-July, 2023 Execute agreements
- ▷ July 1, 2023 Contract effective date
- ▷ July (date TBD) Orientation

# Updates

- ▷ Staffing
- ▷ Referrals
- ▷ Webinars
- ▷ Trainings



# Staffing

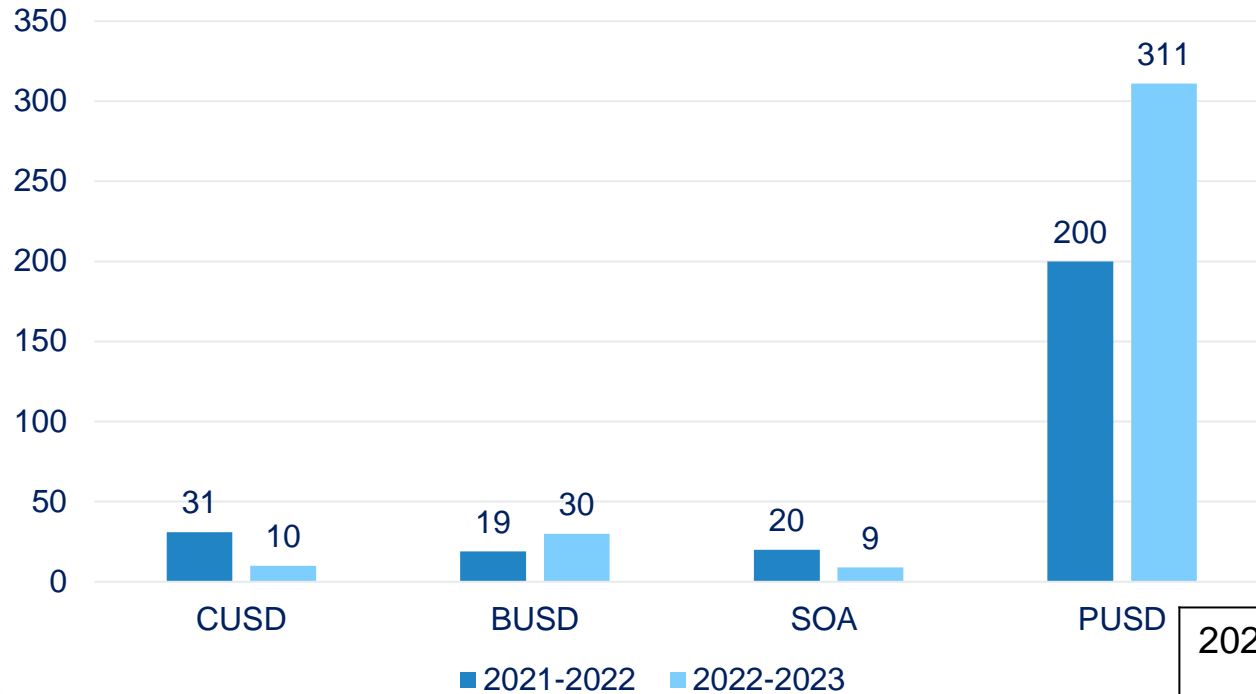
- ▷ Two resignations
- ▷ MHSSA supervisor
- ▷ Mental health Specialist

*Both positions have been posted and interviews will start July*

# School Referrals Overview

Months	2021-2022	2022-2023	Difference
March	43	63	46%
April	27	54	100%
May	25	67	96%
June	40	58* ( 6/26/23)	45%

# School Referrals Comparison 21-22 vs 22-23



2021-2022	270
2022- 2023	360

# Recap of Recent Events

## Let's Talk Student Wellness

Supporting your LGBTQ+ youth

Hybrid Event

Total of 9 participants

Goal :

Hosting more hybrid events to increase attendance

Partnering with community partners

# Events and Activities

- ▷ Partnership and collaboration
- ▷ Survey forthcoming
  - ▷ Time of events
  - ▷ Topics
  - ▷ Swag for students
  - ▷ Possible incentives

# Upcoming Trainings

- ▷ Trevor Project (in person)
  - ▷ Ally training: Wednesday, August 30
  - ▷ CARE: Wednesday, September 27
- ▷ Youth Mental Health First Aid
  - ▷ One in mid-August and one in mid-September
- ▷ Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS)
  - ▷ August—pending school partners availability
- ▷ Community Resiliency Model
  - Fall (date TBD)
  - Open to partners

# Youth/TAY Engagement

Collaboration with Mental Health Services Act

- ▷ Wellness Collaborative/Focus Group
- ▷ Pomona Youth Commission
- ▷ Claremont Youth Commission

# Marketing and Communications

Increasing awareness and access for MHSSA

- ▷ Incentives
- ▷ Podcast
- ▷ Event promotion



# Partner News and Announcements

# Next Meeting

8:30 AM Wednesday, August 16

# Comments or Questions?

# Thank you!

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Tips and resources for adults to better support youth mental health



# let's talk

student wellness series

This Month's Topic  
**Student & Family Wellness**



**July 20, 2023**  
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm



**Tri-City Wellness Center**  
1403 N Garey Ave, Pomona

**Join us on Zoom or in-person!**

**Every 3rd Thursday of the month**  
Open to educators, service providers, parents, caregivers and community

Come and learn how Tri-City's Wellness Center promotes wellness for youth, parents, and families!

**Have fun tapping into your creativity!**

Participants will also enjoy a guided wellness activity by the Tri-City's Therapeutic Community Garden (TCG) focusing on repurposing old mugs into succulent pots. Everyone will be provided a mug, succulent and fairy garden to make their own unique succulent pot.

The TCG team will also provide succulent care tips so your plant will stay happy and healthy.



**Register for free**

Scan the QR code or visit the link below:

[bit.ly/MHSSAwellness](https://bit.ly/MHSSAwellness)

**For more information**

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# FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

A SUMMERTIME EVENT SERIES



**MUSIC, FOOD, GAMES,  
PRIZES, RESOURCES,  
& WORKSHOPS!**

**TONY CERDA PARK ..... 6/16/23**

**ESPERANZA  
Y ALEGRIA ..... 6/23/23**

**GANESHA PARK ..... 6/30/23**

**MONTVUE PARK ..... 7/14/23**

**PALOMARES PARK ..... 7/28/23**

**WESTMONT PARK ..... 8/11/23**

**3:30PM-7:30PM**



OPEN TO ALL. PARKING IS LIMITED. WALKING TO EVENT IS ENCOURAGED.

