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## TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

#### MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026 AT 3:30 P.M.  
MHSA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
2001 NORTH GAREY AVENUE, POMONA, CA 91767

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Henderson calls the meeting to Order.

**ROLL CALL**

Anne Henderson – <i>Chair</i>	Clarence D. Cernal	Laura Mundy
Wray Ryback – <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Sandra Christensen	Janet R. Roy
Sandra Grajeda – <i>GB Liaison</i>	Kyoni Cummings	Christina Vera
Aaron Baker	Mildred Garcia	Hansley C. Wang
Patricia Carrillo	Frank Guzman	Danette E. Wilkerson

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**REGULAR BUSINESS**

- I. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF NEW MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEMBERS**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2026, REGULAR MEETING OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**
- III. PRESENTATION – OVERVIEW OF TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY'S PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (PSH)**
- IV. ONTSON PLACIDE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MONTHLY REPORT**

**COMMISSION ITEMS AND REPORTS**

Commissioners are encouraged to make brief comments or request information about mental health needs, services, facilities, or special problems that may need to be placed on a future Mental Health Commission Agenda. In addition, this is an opportunity to provide reports on their activities.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Public may speak regarding any Tri-City Mental Health Authority related issue. No action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the Agenda. The Chair reserves the right to place limits on duration of comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Mental Health Commission will meet next in a Regular Meeting to be held on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 3:30 p.m.** in the MHSA Administrative Office, 2001 North Garey Avenue, Pomona, California.



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ONTSON PLACIDE, MA, LMFT  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



## **I. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF NEW MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Presenter: Ontson Placide, MA, LMFT, Executive Director



## **MINUTES**

### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION June 9, 2026 – 3:30 P.M.**

The Mental Health Commission Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. in the MHSA Administrative Office located at 2001 North Garey Avenue, Pomona, California.

**CALL TO ORDER** Chair Henderson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Azzam.

#### **MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**

**PRESENT:** Anne Henderson, Chair  
Wray Ryback, Vice-Chair  
Sandra Grajeda, GB Member Liaison  
Clarence D. Cernal  
Sandra Christensen  
Frank Guzman (arrived at 3:39 p.m.)  
Laura Mundy  
Janet R. Roy

**ABSENT:** Mildred Garcia  
Danette E. Wilkerson

#### **STAFF**

**PRESENT:** Ontson Placide, Executive Director  
Liz Renteria, Chief Clinical Officer  
Sara Azzam, Administrative Assistant

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

#### **I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2026 REGULAR JOING MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD AND MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**

Commissioner Cernal noted a correction on the minutes was needed, stating the adjournment information for the meeting was incorrect. Administrative Assistant Azzam confirmed a correction would be made before publication.

Chair Henderson opened the meeting to Public Comment; there was none.

At 3:39 p.m., Commissioner Guzman arrived to the meeting.

There being no discussion or public comment, Commissioner Cernal moved, and GB Liaison Grajeda seconded, to approve the Minutes from the May 20, 2026, Regular Joint Meeting of the Governing Board and Mental Health Commission. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: GB Liaison Grajeda; Commissioner Cernal, Guzman, Mundy, and Roy; Vice-Chair Ryback, and Chair Henderson. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Commissioner Christensen. ABSENT: Commissioners Garcia and Wilkerson.

## **II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MONTHLY REPORT**

Executive Director Placide provided an update on BHSA transformation efforts, including recruitment, organizational restructuring, staff training, workforce development, and implementation of new programs. He announced that Chief Program Officer Renteria has assumed her new role. He reported that the second draft of the Integrated Plan had been approved and that the final draft would be presented to the Governing Board for approval the following week, with no substantive changes since the Commission's prior review.

Executive Director Placide reported that five applications had been received for Mental Health Commission vacancies. GB Liaison Grajeda expressed confidence in the candidate pool and noted a positive overall impression. Executive Director Placide stated that the Commission continues to meet the youth member requirement. Commissioner Guzman expressed concern regarding maintaining a quorum, and Administrative Assistant Azzam clarified that a quorum consists of nine members.

Executive Director Placide encouraged Commissioners to share recruitment materials for TCMHA through community networks and digital platforms. Commissioner Cernal asked how Commissioners could assist with recruitment, and Executive Director Placide encouraged broad distribution of recruitment materials and stated that information would be sent to Commissioners by email.

### **COMMISSION ITEMS AND REPORTS**

Vice-Chair Ryback reported that the Psychiatric Advance Directives (PADs) Project continues to move forward with training being developed for hospital staff. Executive Director Placide expressed enthusiasm for the project's progress. Chair Henderson noted that the project materials are useful resources for community distribution.

Chair Henderson reported that TCMHA recently presented at a Partnership for Positive Pomona meeting. She also shared information regarding a movie showing of Imperfect Mothers Club with Foothill Family, about postpartum depression.

Commissioner Roy announced that she had completed her schooling.

Commissioner Mundy reported she will be participating on a panel for Disability:IN in the month of July for physical and mental wellness.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chief Program Officer Renteria reported that Tri-City Mental Health Authority was the first agency in Claremont to receive the Richard Kirkenball Service Award in recognition of its work supporting

children, youth, and families. The award acknowledged the agency's longstanding commitment to serving the community and advancing behavioral health services for youth and families across the Tri-City area.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:00 p.m., on consensus of the Mental Health Commission, its meeting of June 9, 2026, was adjourned. The next Regular Meeting of the Mental Health Commission will be held on **Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 3:30 p.m.**, in the MHSA Administrative Office, 2001 North Garey Avenue, Pomona, California.

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Ontson Placide, MA, LMFT  
Executive Director

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## **II. PRESENTATION – OVERVIEW OF OVERVIEW OF TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY’S PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (PSH)**

Presenter: Mary Monzon, Housing Manager



**Tri-City Mental Health Authority  
MONTHLY STAFF REPORT**

**DATE:** July 14, 2026  
**TO:** Mental Health Commission of Tri-City Mental Health Authority  
**FROM:** Ontson Placide, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** Executive Director's Monthly Report

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**I. MHSA to BHSA PLANNING**

I am pleased to report that the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has formally accepted Tri-City Mental Health Authority's BHSA Integrated Plan in its entirety. With DHCS approval secured, the plan now serves as Tri-City's official operational framework for implementation of Behavioral Health Services Act programs and services.

Over the past year, the Authority has engaged in extensive strategic and programmatic planning to prepare for the transition from the former Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) structure to the new BHSA framework. With state approval now complete, this planning phase has concluded, and implementation planning is fully underway.

Agency leadership and program staff are actively engaged in building the infrastructure necessary to support successful implementation. Key activities currently in progress include workforce recruitment, program design and development, policy and procedure alignment, operational workflow creation, fiscal planning, and collaboration with state and national Centers of Excellence. Tri-City is also working closely with county, state, and community partners to ensure that new and enhanced services are implemented in accordance with BHSA requirements and best practices.

The implementation effort represents one of the most significant operational initiatives undertaken by the Authority in recent years and will continue to be a major focus throughout Fiscal Year 2026-27.

**II. Mental Health Commission Appointments – WELCOME!!!!**

At its June 2026 meeting, the Governing Board approved the appointment of all five recommended candidates to serve on the Tri-City Mental Health Commission. These appointments represent an important milestone in strengthening community representation and engagement as the Authority transitions into the BHSA era.

The newly appointed Commissioners will officially begin their service in July 2026. Staff are currently coordinating onboarding activities and support materials to ensure each Commissioner has the information necessary to effectively fulfill their role.

To assist with orientation and integration into the Commission, the Executive Director will conduct individual orientation meetings with each newly appointed Commissioner. These sessions will provide an overview of Tri-City's governance structure, programs and services, BHSA implementation efforts, Commission responsibilities, Brown Act requirements, and key strategic priorities for the Authority.

The addition of these new Commissioners brings valuable community perspectives and strengthens the Commission's ability to support Tri-City's mission and evolving behavioral health system.

### **III. Proposed Transition from Mental Health Commission to Behavioral Health Commission**

Consistent with statewide trends and the evolving scope of behavioral health services in California, a resolution will be presented to the Governing Board in July 2026 proposing the renaming of the Mental Health Commission to the Behavioral Health Commission.

The proposed name change reflects the broader direction of the Behavioral Health Services Act and recognizes the increasing integration of mental health, substance use disorder (SUD), prevention, recovery, and other behavioral health services within public behavioral health systems.

While the Commission's advisory role and responsibilities would remain unchanged, the proposed name more accurately reflects the comprehensive behavioral health continuum that Tri-City now supports. The change would also align the Commission's identity with emerging state and local behavioral health practices and reinforce Tri-City's commitment to providing an integrated system of care that addresses the full spectrum of community behavioral health needs.

Additional information regarding the proposed resolution will be provided following Governing Board consideration.

#### IV. NATIONAL & STATEWIDE UPDATES IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

***A Medicaid Waiver That Reimburses Traditional Healing for Native Americans in California Is Up for Renewal This Year. Here's Why It Matters.***- In 2024, Native healthcare achieved a milestone: Arizona, California, Oregon, and New Mexico became the first states approved to offer Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage for traditional healing practices for Native people. Of the four states that have waivers for traditional healing, California's will be the first to expire, on Dec. 31, 2026. [Native News Online](#)

##### **State Budget & Policy**

***June taxes exceed May Revision estimates; Most revenue gains between now and next May probably will go to school funding-*** Preliminary data from California's tax agencies shows that personal and corporate income taxes (income taxes) in April through June exceeded the Newsom administration's May Revision estimate by \$1.3 billion (0.7%). This includes a \$1.0 billion (3.4%) gain above the May Revision estimate for the key revenue month of June: entirely the result of corporate taxes coming in stronger than projected. Personal income tax withholding trends held steady through June and were close to estimates, the Legislative Analyst's Office reported. [#CA Budget – Substack](#)

***California gives \$5 million to CenCal for behavioral wellness services-*** With funding from California's recently adopted budget, health care providers in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties will see increased training to better support mental health patients. Santa Barbara County Behavioral Wellness Department Director Toni Navarro told the Sun the \$5 million given to CenCal Health will strengthen services in non-specialty care areas. Her department is accustomed to training employees to manage severe cases, but now the focus is shifting to providers who work in lower levels of care. [Santa Maria Sun](#)

***Teri Sforza: Dark threats from state Attorney General imperil OC cities' sober laws-*** Assume the zombie stance: Stagger forward, arms outstretched, and croak "All sober homes are good and I'll eat your brain if you disagree" in a terrifying monotone. Then, flash your badge! California's willful blinders on the issue of sober homes and their placement in residential communities are epic, infuriating and deadly: Despite the overdoses, insurance fraud and general mayhem that poorly run rehabs and sober living homes have inflicted on patients and neighborhoods in sunny SoCal, Attorney General Rob Bonta and the Newsom administration are again threatening cities trying to oversee them. The list of cities that might be sued include Costa Mesa, Mission Viejo, Fountain Valley and many more. [Orange County Register](#)

***Naloxone Is a Proven Fix for Overdoses. So Why Can't Teens Access It?-*** Last August, a bunch of students from Seattle's Garfield High went day-drinking. The party was pretty standard: outdoors, lots of jungle juice, a collective post-finals sigh. In an instant, though, things took a scary turn when a classmate was found unconscious. That's when Rilan Springer — adorned with a handmade purple crown denoting that she was there to help anyone who needed, and armed with Narcan, a nasal-spray form of the opioid antidote naloxone — leaped into action. She administered the medication: one puff up a nostril, just like that. Minutes later, the teen was whisked away to a local medical tent for further treatment. [Rolling Stone](#)

**Eviction averted for thousands of formerly homeless people losing housing vouchers-** Thousands of formerly homeless people whose housing subsidies will expire in December are no longer at risk of eviction, local housing officials announced Thursday. [Los Angeles Times](#)

**Berkeley slashes 2 safety net programs — a mental health crisis team and a homeless shelter-** City leaders are closing a 47-year-old crisis team a year after ending a similar non-police crisis response unit launched post-George Floyd. They're asking Alameda County to pick up the slack without extra funding. [Berkeleyside](#)

**END OF REPORT**