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**MISSION:** *By understanding the needs of consumers and families, Tri-City Mental Health Authority provides high quality, culturally competent behavioral health care treatment, prevention and education in the diverse cities of Pomona, Claremont, and La Verne.*

## TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

### MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

#### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025 AT 3:30 P.M.

**Meeting Location: MHSA Administration Building  
2001 North Garey Avenue, Pomona, CA 91767**

**To join the meeting on-line click on the following link:**

**<https://tricitymhs-org.zoom.us/j/87932180988?pwd=a88EdklUYr7fo3vmfoNxODmCRhJcxu.1>**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Henderson calls the meeting to Order.

## **ROLL CALL**

Anne Henderson – *Chair*  
Wray Ryback – *Vice-Chair*  
Carolyn Cockrell – GB Liaison  
Clarence D. Cernal

Sandra Christensen  
Mildred Garcia  
Ethel Gardner  
Frank Guzman

Laura Mundy  
Janet R. Roy  
Toni L. Watson  
Danette E. Wilkerson

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

- I. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 11, 2025 MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION REGULAR JOINT MEETING**
- II. **PRESENTATION – OVERVIEW OF MENTAL HEALTH STUDENT SERVICES ACT (MHSSA) SUB-GRANT: ROUND 3**
- III. **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.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next Regular Meeting of the **Mental Health Commission** will be held on **Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 3:30 p.m.**, in the MHSA Administrative Office, 2001 North Garey Avenue, Pomona, California.

MICAELA P. OLMOS  
JPA ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK



## **MINUTES**

### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION February 11, 2025 – 3:30 P.M.**

The Mental Health Commission meeting was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 3:38 p.m. in the MHSA Administration Building located at 2001 North Garey Avenue, Pomona, CA 91767.

**CALL TO ORDER** Chair Henderson called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** Roll call was taken by JPA Clerk/Administrator Olmos.

#### **MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**

**PRESENT:** Anne Henderson, Chair  
Wray Ryback, Vice-Chair  
Clarence D. Cernal  
Ethel Gardner  
Frank Guzman  
Laura Mundy  
Danette E. Wilkerson

**ABSENT:** Carolyn Cockrell, GB Member Liaison  
Sandra Christensen  
Mildred Garcia  
Janet R. Roy  
Toni L. Watson

#### **STAFF**

**PRESENT:** Ontson Placide, Executive Director  
Elizabeth Renteria, Chief Clinical Officer  
Dana Barford, Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services  
Mica Olmos, JPA Clerk/Administrator

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

#### **I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 18, 2024 GOVERNING BOARD AND MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION REGULAR JOINT MEETING**

There being no comment, Commissioner Guzman moved, and Commissioner Mundy seconded, to approve the Minutes from the December 18, 2024 Governing Board and Mental Health Commission Regular Joint Meeting. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Commissioners Cernal, Gardner, Guzman, Mundy, and Wilkerson; Vice-Chair Ryback; and Chair Henderson. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: GB Liaison Cockrell; Commissioners Christensen, Garcia, Roy, and Watson.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. I**

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 15, 2025, GOVERNING BOARD AND MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION SPECIAL JOINT MEETING**

There being no comment, Commissioner Cernal moved, and Vice-Chair Ryback seconded, to approve the Minutes from the January 15, 2025 Governing Board and Mental Health Commission Special Joint Meeting. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Commissioners Cernal, Gardner, Guzman, Mundy, and Wilkerson; Vice-Chair Ryback; and Chair Henderson. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: GB Liaison Cockrell; Commissioners Christensen, Garcia, Roy, and Watson.

## **III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MONTHLY REPORT**

Executive Director Placide stated February was Black History Month and acknowledged the resilience, strength, and perseverance of Black communities throughout history. He then reported that during the Community Forum Stakeholder Meeting held on January 29, 2025, a total of seventy-three attendees were given the option to vote on the six concepts selected by both the Mental Health Commission and the Governing Board during its joint meeting held last month regarding the BHTA and reversion items, and provided the following order of importance as decided by the voters:

1. Purchase existing building to create Homeless Bridge Housing (OC Model)
2. Developing an Internship, Residency, and Training Department at Tri-City Mental Health Authority
3. Scattered Site Housing
4. Purchase existing building to create a Drop-In Center and PSH for 25 adults (Riverside Model)
5. Purchase existing building - Combine with an Enhanced Emergency Shelter Program (LA Model)
6. Expand FSP - Tri-City Mental Health Authority's Homeless Outreach Multi-Disciplinary Team (HOT-MDT)

Vice-Chair Ryback commended the turn out of the Stakeholder Meeting, commenting on the good engagement.

Commissioner Wilkerson inquired if the approval was to move forward with all six projects. Executive Director Placide stated the next steps will be presenting the stakeholders vote to the Governing Board for review and approval, then move forward with the Stakeholder Process with plans. Commissioner Wilkerson further inquired if only one project would be presented to the Board. Executive Director Placide stated all six projects will be presented in order of priority, noting that fiscal feasibility will be also taken into consideration.

Commissioner Mundy clarified the items are listed in priority order, but execution will be dependent on feasibility.

Vice-Chair Ryback asked what the percentage of votes that each proposed project received. Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services Barford stated that percentages were not calculated; however, reported that Item #1 received ten votes; Item #2 received six votes; Item #3 received four votes; Item #4 received three votes; Item #5 received two votes; and that Item #6 received zero votes.

Commissioner Mundy clarified every attendee that chose to vote received only one vote.

Commissioner Guzman sought clarification regarding the voting online during the stakeholder meeting, noting that he was not able to figure out if he had joined the meeting or not. Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services Barford explained that on-line attendees were also allowed to vote. Chief Clinical Officer Renteria recommended for future meetings asking a test question to online attendees to confirm the platform was working.

Sara Rodriguez, MHSA Programs Manager, confirmed the audience were asked to select the items that were their priority via Q&A, and based on their vote the order of priority was selected, noting that on-line responses were confirmed. Vice-Chair Ryback asked if attendees provided their top choice or top three choices. Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services Barford stated stakeholders provided their top three choices by selecting which items were their first choice and so on.

Commissioner Cernal inquired about the difference was between Items #1 and #5. Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services Barford explained that the OC Model in Item #1 is a bridge housing model providing interim shelter and life skills, allowing community members to stay up to 18 months; and that Item #5's LA Model is more of a club house serving as urgent housing for TAY 18-25, which would provide hygiene, sleep, and food for up to 16 nights and will work to identify more permanent housing. Executive Director Placide added staff will work on identifying a basis for the unserved population.

Commissioner Gardner inquired if the community members staying up to 18 months will have any requirements or accountability. Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services Barford stated that it is currently a skeleton program and the requirements would be decided later on, noting that the program would be adjusted based on need and it will be a collaboration with Clinical and Wellness Center staff.

Commissioner Wilkerson stressed the need for accountability, stating she heard of an issue with a facility in Pomona and inquired about the outcome. Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services Barford stated the facility was Hope4Home and is not TCMHA owned; however, a meeting to discuss the matter had been arranged and to also find out how TCMHA can further assist in the future.

Executive Director Placide sought additional feedback from the MHC in connection with the proposed project or the selection process in general.

Chair Henderson reminded the MHC that the Governing Board would discuss the ideas further at its next meeting and encouraged the Commissioners to attend and observe.

Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services Barford talked about the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Community Wellbeing Grants and announced that today the Information Meeting about the grants would take place and that a mandatory Bidder's Conference would be held for those that submit an Application. She encouraged the Commission to inform anyone that might be interested, especially considering government funding is unsure and the grants are assured funds.

Commissioner Wilkerson inquired if they were annual grants. Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services Barford stated they are annual, and individuals can apply annually, up to three years.

Commissioner Cernal asked if the grants are for established programs or new programs, and how much money is available. Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services Barford stated that the grants are for communities that support wellbeing so it varies, noting that the grant is worth it to apply because with guidance a community can qualify, and that grants are up to \$10,000.

Commissioner Guzman stated his organization had applied twice, and they have used the funding to start a program and launch their efforts until they obtained alternative funding, and stated that TCMHA started the seed.

Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services Barford stated that one of the goals of the CWB grant is to also learn how to apply for other grants.

MHSA Program Manager Rodriguez distributed flyers for the CWB grant Information Night and Bidder's Conference. Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services Barford stated that electronic flyers would be also distributed.

Executive Director Placide then talked about the Wellness Center activities and other programs offered to the community.

### **COMMISSION ITEMS AND REPORTS**

Vice-Chair Ryback reported that the Pomona Valley Hospital had started discussions about partnering with the TCMHA Mobile Crisis Care Unit.

Commissioner Gardner stated that since TCMHA has crisis procedures and was in contact with Violence Prevention in the City of Pomona, if TCMHA received notification or data of overdoses or shootings. Chief Clinical Officer Renteria stated TCMHA sometimes received notification, but the Mobile Crisis Care Team is partnering with all law enforcement agencies, school districts, and other agencies to figure out how to work together and receive notifications. Executive Director Placide stated the police departments all work differently and it will take time to see how the cities work.

Commissioner Cernal stated that on January 30th, the Claremont Jocelyn Center toured the Therapeutic Community Garden and gave great reviews and expressed appreciation for the tour and activities.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no comment.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:08 p.m., on consensus of the Mental Health Commission its meeting of February 11, 2025, was adjourned. The next Regular Meeting of the Mental Health Commission will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 3:30 p.m., in the MHSA Administrative Office, 2001 North Garey Avenue, Pomona, California.



**II. PRESENTATION - OVERVIEW OF MENTAL HEALTH STUDENT SERVICES ACT (MHSSA) SUB-GRANT: ROUND 3**

Presenters: Liz Renteria, LCSW, Chief Clinical Officer





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

**DATE: March 11, 2025**

**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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**UPDATE ON THE MHSA to BHSA REVERSION AND TRANSFORMATION PLANNING**

On February 19, 2025 the Tri-City MHA Governing Board met and given the recommendations of the January 29, 2025 a Community Forum (Stakeholder Meeting) and priorities identified. The Governing Board agreed and accepted the priority list. In addition, it was identified that Tri-City Executive team further the conversation with the 3 cities to gather additional potential projects that fit under the categories identified. Those additional ideas would be submitted onto the plan that would post for public comment and then eventually brought back to the Commission as well as the Governing board for further review and finalization which will be sent to the State in an amended MHSA Plan.

The ideas are listed per city below.

Pomona

- 1) FSP Treatment Teams (MH General and MH Housing)
- 2) Rehab Abandoned Motel(s) – Emergency Shelter, Interim Housing
- 3) Increase services with Hope for Home (Beds and Facility)
- 4) Homeless Outreach Team – Nights, Evening, Weekends team
- 5) Resource Center and/or Interim Housing for Teen Mothers & TAY
- 6) Scattered Site Housing – long history of relationships with landlords

Claremont

- 1) FSP Treatment Teams (MH General and MH Housing)
- 2) Crisis Outreach & Homeless Outreach Team – Nights, Evening, Weekends team
- 3) Increase in Reserved Beds/Services with Hope for Home Shelter
- 4) Emergency/Interim/Permanent Housing Site –TBA (designated property)
- 5) Additional Rental Assistance and supportive services

La Verne

- 1) FSP Treatment Teams (MH General and MH Housing)
- 2) Supportive Services for a Coordinated MH and Homeless Response Project – Hub for dedicated Services/Treatment, Clinical Training / Collab with ULV, City of LV, etc.
- 3) Crisis Outreach & Homeless Outreach Team – Nights, Evening, Weekends team
- 4) Increase in Reserved Beds/Services with Hope for Home Shelter

- 5) Integrated communication portal for communication with City of LV, Tri-City, others re: Unhoused, Crisis MH services
- 6) Increase in MH trainings for City of LV

The next steps are to include the concepts in an MHSA Plan, posting the MHSA Plan for a 30-day public comment period, presentation of the MHSA Plan during a Public Hearing in April and then ultimately presenting the MHSA Plan to the governing Board in April

### **IMPORTANT POLICY LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION – MEDIA ROUNDUP/UPDATES**

- 1. Building California’s Behavioral Health Infrastructure: Progress Update and Opportunities for the Proposition 1 Bond** - This report assesses \$1.8 billion in behavioral health infrastructure grants awarded in 2022 and 2023 to help the Legislature conduct oversight over \$4.4 billion in additional grants funded by the Proposition 1 bond expected to be awarded beginning May 2025. <https://lao.ca.gov/Publications/Detail/4954> (CBHDA Contact: *Nikki Paschal*)
- 2. Feb. 4: How Is California’s Controversial Approach To Mental Health Working? We Look At One County** - Gov. Gavin Newsom sought to provide mental health treatment to those facing homelessness through a controversial program that established what is known as “CARE Courts.” Little data exists to know whether the program has been meeting its goals so far. But in today’s episode, we look at how it’s working in Stanislaus County. We speak with reporter Marijke Rowland from our partner, Central Valley Journalism Collaborative. <https://www.kvpr.org/podcast/central-valley-daily/2025-02-04/feb-4-how-is-californias-controversial-approach-to-mental-health-working-we-look-at-one-county> (CBHDA Contact: *Nikki Paschal*)
- 3. Report Shows California Making Progress on Mental Health Care Shortage** - California has made clear progress since 2021 in its quest to close the gap in mental health treatment options, according to a new report, but new facilities often aren’t being built where they’re needed most. <https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/2025/02/california-mental-health-care-shortage-00202748> (CBHDA Contact: *Nikki Paschal*)

### **UPCOMING TRI-CITY MARCH EVENTS**

- **March – Summer Wellness Camp Sign- ups start**
- **March 17-21 - Green Ribbon Week**
- **March 6 – CRM Training**
- **March 11 – Wellness Center Maxim Healthcare**

- **March 24 – Senior Movie Night**
- **March 25 – Youth Movie Night**
- **March 26** - Tri-City Mental Health is partnering with Project Return Peer Support Network (PRPSN) for a 90-minute listening session to better understand and support the mental health needs of individuals in recovery from substance use, and those who support people in recovery.
- **Tri-City Staff Lunch Hour at the Therapeutic Community Garden (TCG)**  
Enjoy your lunch in the revitalized Therapeutic Community Garden! Present your staff badge to the guard on duty at the South Entrance Gate to enter the garden space. Contact the TCG team at [tcg@tricitymhs.org](mailto:tcg@tricitymhs.org) for questions and more information about the garden.
  - When: Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12 PM-1 PM
  - Where: Therapeutic Community Garden (2008 N Garey Ave, Pomona, CA 91767)

## **TRI-CITY COMMUNITY MINI-GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS AVAILABLE NOW THROUGH MARCH 21**

In collaboration with the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA), we're excited to announce a [community-based mini-grant funding opportunity of up to \\$10,000](#) for local organizations and individuals serving black, indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) and LGBTQIA+ communities in Pomona, La Verne, and Claremont. We would appreciate your help with spreading the word and sharing this amazing opportunity to your community partners. For more information, view the [PDF CalMHSA Tri-City Grant Flyer](#) and [Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#).

### Grant Purpose

This grant is designed to support non-clinical, community-driven approaches to achieving mental wellness and stigma reduction for diverse communities in the Tri-City area. Successful applicants will organize events or activities aligned with Mental Health Awareness Month (May) and/or Pride Month (June) to foster mental health awareness and well-being.

### Eligibility

- Non-profit organizations, schools, cultural centers, and grassroots and advocacy groups with a focus on underrepresented communities
- Artists, educators, students, and community leaders engaged in mental health who are seeking to host inclusive and community-centered events
- Collaborative groups or networks focused on promoting mental wellness within underrepresented communities

Application Details

- **How to Apply:** Applications must be submitted through [CalMHSA's eProcurement portal](#)
- **Where to Start:** Visit [CalMHSA's Bids and Opportunities](#) for more information on how to access and complete the application
- **Bidders Conference (optional):** Recording will be made available through CalMHSA's eProcurement portal
- **Application Deadline:** Friday, March 21, 2025 by 5 PM PST

For More Information

Please contact CalMHSA Senior Program Coordinator, Candice Medina at [Candice.medina@calmhsa.org](mailto:Candice.medina@calmhsa.org).