



# Inyo County Behavioral Health Program Updates

## August 2025

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July DUI:

COMPLETIONS:

(W & R) = 0

First Offender-3 months = 1

Multiple Offender-9 months = 1

Multiple Offender-18 months = 0

Multiple Offender-12 of 18 months  
(eligible restricted license) = 2

### Staffing Update

Recruitment ongoing for Addiction Counselor and Addiction Counselor Supervisor.

### Challenges / Barriers

Having staff to cover all the different classes that have to be offered on a regular schedule if staff are out for vacation or illness and ensuring coverage for the classes after hours (after 5:00 PM).

## SUD Program Update – Carri Coudek

### Key Data / Statistics

Active SUD clients: 9

Drug Court clients: 6

ASAM Assessments in July 2025: 7

### Staffing Update

Recruitment ongoing for Addiction Counselor and Addiction Counselor Supervisor.

### Program Highlights:

Began enrollment into a new young adult program in collaboration with Probation to provide two weekly groups for individuals aged: 18-25.

Planning for outreach for participation in several outreaches:

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sun Fun and Sobriety August 23, 2025

Overdose Awareness Event August 25, 2025

September is Recovery Month-working with Crossroads to coordinate events

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## Wellness Center Updates – Vivian DeLaRiva

### Services Provided

- Bishop Wellness Center: Groups, showers, laundry, clothing & food pantry, Case Management, Supportive Services and Crisis/CCMU Response.
- Lone Pine Wellness Center: Showers, laundry, food pantry, Case Management & Supportive services.

### Key Data / Statistics

- Bishop Wellness Center: 285 clients,
- Lone Pine Wellness Center: 20 clients

### Staffing Update

- Interim Supervisor: Vivian DeLaRiva (coverage for Vanessa Ruggio)
- Part time positions available, Interviews 8/14/25

### Program Highlights

- Wellness Center Staff Engagement at c5 Studio
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ @ Bishop Wellness Center
- Pizza lunch by Olga & Pete, donation of supplies
- Government phones are available, orders being place & received for individuals
- IMAH Partnership (client clothing needs)
- Weekly fresh baked bread delivered & donated by CRUMB Club, Chris & Sydney
- Food donations from Starbucks & Great Basin
- IMACA bi-weekly food pick up and delivery to Bishop & LP Wellness Centers
- Bishop Wellness Center Groups are increasing in attendance
- On-Call Crisis Response- NIH-7, SIH-2, ICJ-1

### Challenges / Barriers

- Staffing- Recruitment for open part time positions

## Crisis Care Mobile Unit – Vivian DeLaRiva

### Services Provided

Mobile crisis services are a community-based intervention designed to provide de-escalation and relief to individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis wherever they are, including at home, work, school, or in the community. Mobile crisis services are provided by a multidisciplinary team of trained behavioral health professionals. Mobile crisis services provide rapid response, individual assessment and community-based stabilization to Medi-Cal members who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis. Mobile crisis services are designed to provide relief to members experiencing a behavioral health crisis, including through de-escalation and stabilization techniques; reduce the immediate

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risk of danger and subsequent harm; and avoid unnecessary emergency department care, psychiatric inpatient hospitalizations and law enforcement involvement.

### Key Data / Statistics

27 responses in the last year

- On-Call CCMU Response (July)- In field- 3

### Staffing Update

- Acting Supervisor: Vivian DeLaRiva (coverage for Vanessa Ruggio)
- Part time position available

### Program Highlights

Our CCMU Response team has proven to be successful thus far by providing a form of crisis response that is both unique and relatable. We strive to be progressive and intentional in our approach; ensuring the safety of our environment and gaining trust with crisis individuals. Providing de-escalation, assessment, intervention, stabilization and immediate access to BH resources and programs, as needed and/or available locally.

### A Crisis Met with Compassion

Imagine finding yourself in an unfamiliar town, knowing no one, gripped by fear and paranoia—convinced someone is out to harm you. This was the reality for one individual in crisis, a situation that called for immediate and compassionate intervention.

The Bishop Police Department reached out to the CCMU team for BH response. Upon arrival, CCMU skillfully de-escalated the situation and transported the individual to the Bishop Wellness Center. There, we provided a safe, welcoming space—offering a shower, clean clothing generously donated by IMAH, and other essential items to restore dignity and comfort.

Through collaboration with St. Vincent De Paul we secured a bus pass and a room for the night, ensuring the individual had both shelter and a path forward. The next day, CCMU transported them to Mojave, where they boarded a Greyhound bus to Baker and ultimately returned home to Las Vegas.

This episode is a powerful example of CCMU's mission in action—demonstrating the protocols, partnerships, and compassion that make our team an indispensable asset to the community.

### Challenges / Barriers

- Staffing- Recruitment for open part time position  
Supervisor out on extended leave

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## Progress House Updates – Kelly Nugent

### Key Data / Statistics

- 6 residents currently
- Most recent resident arrived in July

### Staffing Updates

- Position for the FT Residential Caregiver position recently filled; New staff member to start soon. PT Residential Caregiver position currently pending.

### Program Highlights

- Our program emphasizes continuous client support for resident activities of daily living and overall well-being. Providing support and encouragement to those facing challenges as well as those working towards their independence. Engagement in Wellness Center Groups 4 days a week. Scenic Summer drives and daily outings.

### Challenges Barriers

- Ongoing recruitment