

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Date: April 8, 2026

Time: 2:30 PM

Location: Bishop COB Room 140, Lone Pine Wellness Center (satellite/virtual) and via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting began at 2:38 pm. All attendees introduced themselves.

MEMBERSHIP IN ATTENDANCE

In Person: Supervisor William Wadelton, Michelle Saenz

Virtual: none

COMMUNITY & STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

In Person: Lori Bengochia, Joshua Vega, Lucy Vincent, Melissa Best-Baker,

Virtual: Manuel Fletes Medina

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

none

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION ITEM) – TABLED FOR LACK OF QUORUM

Minutes from January 14, 2026 meeting.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR NEW YEAR (ACTION ITEM) – TABLED FOR LACK OF QUORUM

5. BHAB MEMBERSHIP UPDATE (STANDING INFORMATIONAL ITEM)

Mrs. Best-Baker explained BHAB membership recruitment and the requirements if we exceed 5 members. She will request a press release. Wellness Center has also been helping in recruitment efforts.

6. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM UPDATE (INFORMATIONAL ITEM)

Mrs. Best-Baker shared the following recruitment updates:

- There are 2 new full-time staff starting at Progress House tomorrow.
- Wellness Center is almost fully staffed – 2 part-timers will join the team. (1 returning and a new staff-member pending).
- Position is being flown for Family Strengthening Team.
- A student clinician trainee will be joining us in June.
- Adult team has a new case manager.

7. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (BHSA) (STANDING INFORMATIONAL ITEM)

Mrs. Bengochia and Mrs. Best-Baker have been working hard on the BHSA. It has been submitted to the state as required. Mrs. Best-Baker presented the attached PowerPoint. The BHSA Plan can be found on the County of Inyo Website. Inyo County Behavioral Health (ICBH) chose to use Opioid funds to help with Overdoses as the current goal to focus on.

Mrs. Best-Baker informed meeting attendees that Managed Care plans are required to reinvest in the community in innovative ways.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. ICBH will have a booth at the Choo-Choo Swap Meet and one at Life Night. Wellness Center will hold a luncheon. We are looking for a Lone Pine event we can participate in.

8. DATA REPORTS (INFORMATIONAL ITEM)

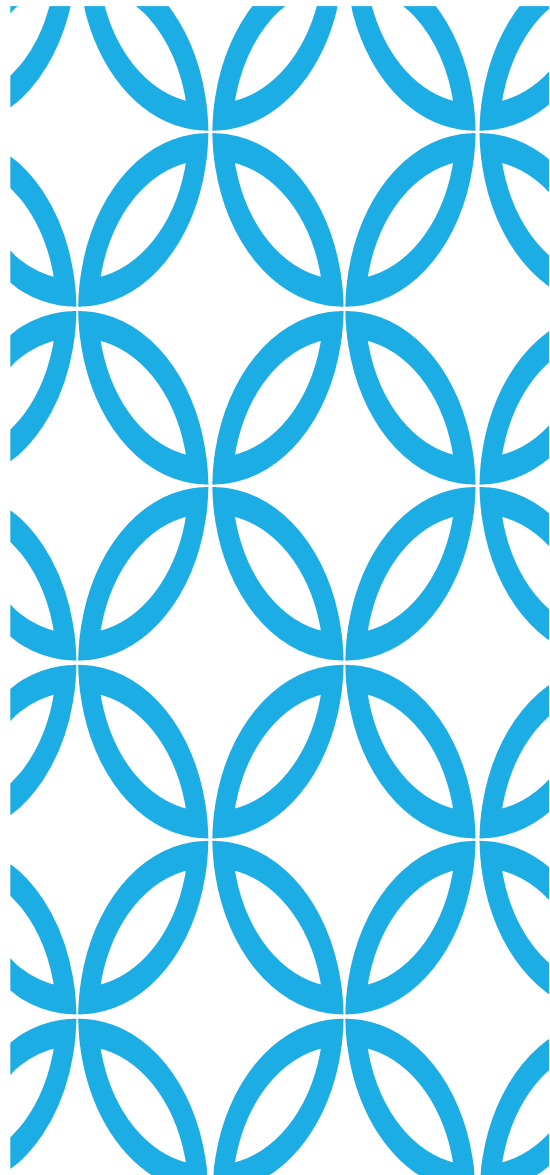
Please see the attached Data Report

9. OLD BUSINESS (INFORMATIONAL OR DISCUSSION ITEM)

10. AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) (standing informational item)

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.



INYO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INTEGRATED PLAN

Supporting Our Community's Health & Wellbeing

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY INYO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH?

Mental Health

Substance Use
Disorder

Driving Under
the Influence
program

Progress
House

Wellness
Centers

Crisis Care
Mobile Unit

Crisis
Response

Family
Strengthening
Team

Drug Court

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT

The Behavioral Health Services Act modernizes the Mental Health Services Act, passed by voters in 2004, to address today's behavioral health system and needs. These reforms expand services to include treatment for people with substance use disorders, prioritize care for individuals with the most serious mental illnesses, provide ongoing resources for housing interventions and workforce, and continue investments in prevention, early intervention, and innovative pilot programs. Housing is an essential component of behavioral health treatment, recovery, and stability.

DATA



THE DATA IS TO PROVIDE A HIGH-LEVEL OVERVIEW OF THE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM'S POPULATIONS SERVED, TECHNOLOGICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, AND SERVICES PROVIDED.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES REQUIRED DATA BE BASED ON FY 2023-2024

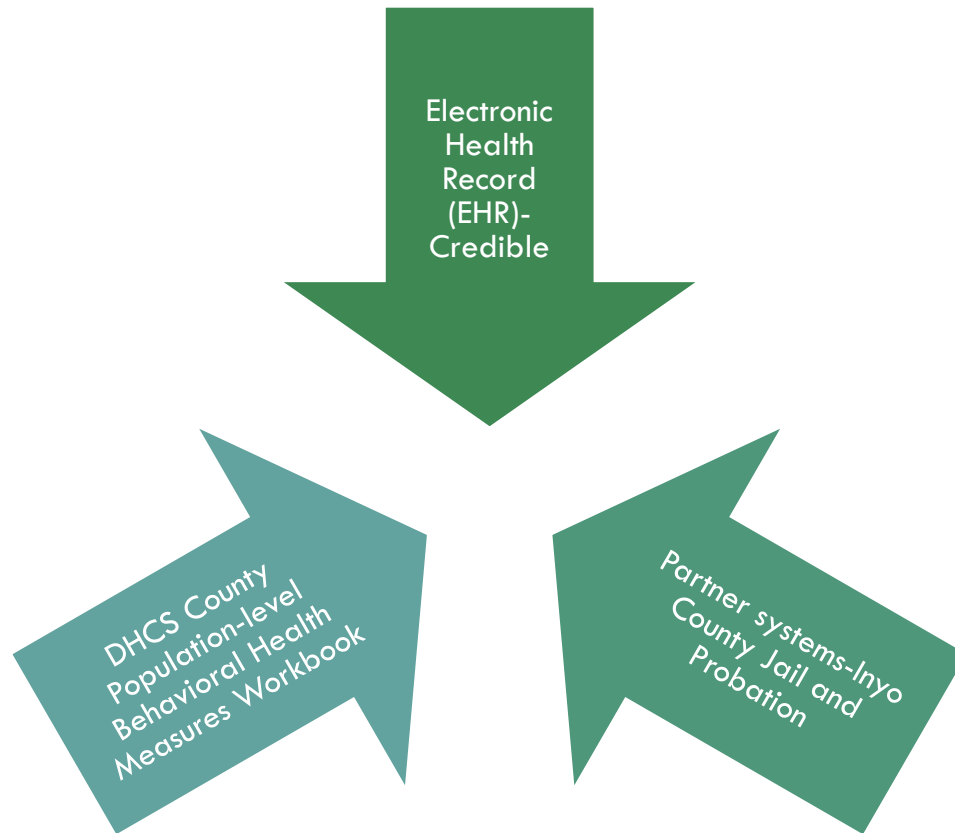


GIVES US AN IDEA OF WHAT WE SHOULD BE COLLECTING AND WHAT WILL BE REQUESTED IN THE FUTURE.



UNFORTUNATELY, STATEWIDE, WE ARE GROUPED WITH OTHER SMALL COUNTIES AND INYO SPECIFIC DATA NOT AVAILABLE.

WHERE DID THIS DATA COME FROM?



STATEWIDE BH GOALS

**All measures are
publicly available and
provided by DHCS**



There are 14 goals.

Goals may have primary measures, supplemental measures, disparities analysis and cross-measure questions

STATE GOALS

Access to Care

Homelessness

Institutionalization

Justice-Involvement

Removal of
Children from
Home

Untreated
Behavioral Health
Conditions

Care experience

Engagement in
School

Engagement in
Work

Overdoses

Prevention and
Treatment of Co-
Occurring Physical
Health Conditions

Quality of Life

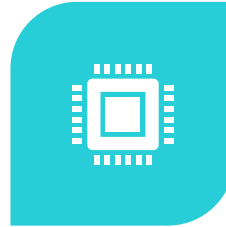
Social Connection

Suicides

COMMUNITY PLANNING PROCESS



INYO COUNTY PUBLIC
HEALTH COMMUNITY HEALTH
ASSESSMENT (CHA) 2024



INYO COUNTY PUBLIC
HEALTH COMMUNITY HEALTH
IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP)
2025-2028



INYO COMMUNITY HEALTH
NEEDS ASSESSMENT (CHNA)
BY NORTHERN INYO
HEALTHCARE DISTRICT AND
SOUTHERN INYO HEALTHCARE
DISTRICT 2026

Both included the
required outreach
to stakeholder
organizations.

Both had Mental
Health and SUD
as a priority
health need

MANAGED CARE M/C PLAN

Health Net will be focusing on
Access to Care, Homelessness,
Untreated BH Conditions

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Homelessness, Justice Involved and
Untreated BH Conditions

BHSA FUNDED PROGRAMS

Behavioral Health Services and Supports (BSS)

- Children's System of Care
 - Family Strengthening Team
- Adult and Older System of Care
 - Education by Nurse
- Early Intervention Programs
 - Northstar contract
- Workforce, Education and Training
- Capital Facilities and Technology Needs

Full Service Partnership Program (FSP)

- Wellness Centers
- Evidence Based Programs
 - As a small county, we are waived until 2029

Housing

- Planning
- Interventions



We receive an average of \$2,300,000 each year



This is a three-year budget estimate. We used FY 25/26 spending to develop the budgets. We are required to do an annual update each year.



For this reporting period, we reduced housing to 15% and moved that % to BSS

BHSA ESTIMATES

MHSA VS. BHSA

Mental Health Services Act

- 76% Community Services and Supports
 - 50% Full Service Partnerships
 - 50% General System Delivery and Outreach & Engagement
- 19% Prevention and Early Intervention
 - 51% spent on youth
- 5% Innovation (INN)
- Transfer of up to 20% CSS to:
 - Workforce Education and Training (WET)
 - Capital Facilities/Technological Needs

Behavioral Health Services Act

- 35% Full Service Partnerships
- 35% Behavioral Health Services & Support (BHSS)
 - 50% on Early Intervention (EI)
 - 50% on youth
 - 50% on Adult System of Care, WET, INN, Outreach & Engagement
- 30% Housing Interventions

COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING

Public Comment

- April 1, 2026 – May 4, 2026

BHAB Public Hearing

- May 13, 2026

Inyo Board of Supervisors

- May 26, 2026 or June 23, 2026

NEXT STEPS



Waiting for the State to review and submit comments and requested changes



Collect Public Comments and prepare a final version



Work with the County Administrator and HHS Director to review plan and approve it