

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES-DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Service Area 1 Leadership Team Monthly Meeting

Palmdale Mental Health Clinic

2260 E. Palmdale Blvd., Suite J, Palmdale, CA 93550

November 20, 2025

3:00pm – 5:00pm

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Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusion	Action Item	Person(s) Responsible	Due Date
Welcome, Land Acknowledgement & Ice Breaker	The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Co-Chair Rudy Perez, who welcomed all attendees and noted that Co-Chair Heather Varden would not be present. Rudy then read the Land Acknowledgment, and liaison Yvette Perez invited attendees to participate in an optional icebreaker. <i>Disclosure</i> – Meeting recordings, transcripts and power point presentation will be made available on the SA 1 microsite but may be subject to delay in posting.		Co-Chairs	N/A
Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from 10/16/2025	Paper copies of the minutes were available for in person attendees, distributed via email prior to the meeting, and displayed on-screen for online attendees. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jodi Kyman and seconded by Dr. Dey Yusef. Rudy Perez moved to approve the minutes with 8 total member votes, 0 objections, 0 abstentions.		Co-Chairs, SALT1 Voting members	N/A
Presentation(s)	Options for Youth scheduled to present reached out to canceled due to a medical matter.			

Budget	<p>Review of Fiscal Year (FY) 25/26 SALT current expenses</p> <p><u>SALT 1 Fiscal Year 2025-2026</u></p> <p>Budget Allocation of \$50,000 Expense: \$ 17,274.22 Remaining \$ 31,580.78 of this, \$15,643.58 has been released by SALT 1 to be utilized for Day of Giving, Jan-June SALT monthly meeting refreshments, Human Trafficking Awareness in January, Black History Month in February, Women’s History Month in March, April SALT dinner meeting, and Native American Heritage Month.</p> <p>Gabby Muniz presented an itemized SALT budget, including year-to-date monthly utilization. Proposed events for April through June were presented. Paper copies of the budget were distributed for those who attended in person. Gabby asked SALT 1 voting members whether the upcoming event proposals were items SALT 1 wanted to vote on.</p> <p>Jodi Kyman motioned to release the funds for April events – Child Abuse/Exploitation up to \$2,000 and Reentry Services Awareness up to \$2,000. Theresa Menendez seconds the motion. Collaborating partners for these events will be identified and selected thereafter.</p> <p>Voting: Co-Chair Rudy Perez moves a motion to approve up to \$2,000 towards Child Abuse/Exploitation & up to \$2,000 towards Reentry Services Awareness events in April. Jodi Kyman motioned to release the funds for April events – Child Abuse/Exploitation up to \$2,000 and Reentry Services Awareness up to \$2,000. Theresa Menendez</p>		Gabriela Muniz, SALT 1 Voting Members	6/30/26
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	<p>seconds the motion. Vote tally: Approved Total 9, Opposed 2, Abstained 1. Motion Status: Approved.</p> <p><i>A copy of the budget slides will be posted on the SA1 microsite.</i></p> <p>Procurement Update: Jamie Walker encourages submitting spending plans for the remainder of FY 25-26 by April, as the accounts payable and procurement departments will be down for reconciliation.</p>			
Report Out on DMH O&E and other Outreach and Engagement Activities	<p>Diana Luna-Miller provided SALT 1 with an overview of past and upcoming events. A few photos of SALT 1- sponsored past events, including the SALT 1 October dinner meeting and the 3rd Annual Termeko Coplin COURAGE conference, were showcased for those in attendance.</p> <p><i>A copy of the event slides will be posted on the SA1 microsite.</i></p>		Diana Luna Miller, Programs & Special Projects (O&E)	Ongoing
Committee Member Reports	<p>Co-Chair Updates:</p> <p>Rudy Perez provided an overview of the BHSA CPT meeting he attended on 11/18/25. Rudy encouraged the SALT 1 community to attend these meetings, which are held both in person and online with the next in person meeting taking place on Tuesday, December 9th- St. Anne’s Conference Center in Los Angeles from 9:30a – 12:30p.</p> <p>Yvette Perez updated those who were not present at the October dinner meeting that the Mental Health Commissioner vacancy was filled by Anna Yun Lee on 9/16/25. The goal is to coordinate for Commissioner Lee to attend one of the upcoming SALT 1 meetings.</p> <p><i>The following information is being carried over from the previous meeting for reference and to include the meeting date.</i></p>		Co-Chairs, Committee Members	Ongoing

	<p>Underserved Cultural Committees (UsCCs): <u>UsCC’s Meeting Schedule</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access for all UsCC - Every second Wednesday of the month, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.• American Indian/Alaska Native UsCC - Every first Wednesday of the month, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.• Asian Pacific Islander UsCC - Every fourth Monday of the month, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.• Black and African Heritage UsCC - Every first Thursday of the month, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.• Eastern European / Middle Eastern UsCC - Every last Wednesday of the month, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.• Latino UsCC - Every third Tuesday of the month, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.• LGBTQIA2-S UsCC - Every first Thursday of the month, 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. <p>DMH Updates:</p> <p>Yvette Perez shared that, on behalf of James Coomes, he wishes everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday.</p>			
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James Coomes, SPA 1 District Chief

Agency Updates and Community Announcements	<p>Several agencies invited attendees and community members to their upcoming events. Flyers and additional information about these events will be shared in a meeting recap email distributed by SALT 1.</p> <p>A community member expressed gratitude to Chaka, Gabby, and James for all that they do.</p> <p>A community member shared that the Client Activity Fund (CAF) delayed payments are being resolved and processed. Jean Harris and SALT 1 are available to assist those in need of CAF support.</p> <p>Valley Oasis shared an overview of their recent 3rd Annual Domestic Violence COURAGE conference.</p>	Resources/Event details will be included in a recap email.	Yvette Perez, SALT 1 Liaison	11/21/25
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Community and Family Member / Supporters Time (Public Comments)	<p>A community member offered suggestions for improving the next SALT 1 dinner meeting.</p> <p>A community member wished Jean Harris a belated happy birthday and requested prayers for one of our SALT 1 members.</p> <p>A community member shared concern about a recent increase in suicides (five in the past week) and reminded everyone to reach out to their community members and check in on one another.</p> <p>A community member expressed his gratitude to the promotoras and Jackie with You are Enough Foundation.</p> <p>The SALT 1 liaison shared that there will be no meeting in December. Instead, attendees were invited to participate in the Day of Giving Event on December 17, 2025, at the Lancaster Community Center.</p>			
Closing	The meeting was adjourned by Rudy Perez at 4:57 p.m.		Co-Chairs, SPA 1 District Chief	

Respectfully submitted by,
Yvette Perez, MHA
SALT1 Liaison, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Service Area 1 Administration
Attendees: 70