

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**

**January 15, 2026**

**3:00pm – 5:00pm**

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**SALT 1 Microsite** | [Service Area Leadership Team 1 \(SALT 1\) - Department of Mental Health](#)

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Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusion	Action Item	Person(s) Responsible	Due Date
Welcome, Land Acknowledgement	<p>The meeting was called to order at 3:02 PM by Co-Chair Rudy Perez, who welcomed all attendees. Rudy then proceeded to read the Land Acknowledgment.</p> <p><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.</p>		Co-Chair	Ongoing
Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from 11/20/2025	<p>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.</p> <p>A motion to approve the minutes was made by Hannah Frank and seconded by Robert (Michael) Dutton. Rudy Perez moved to approve the minutes with 0 objections, 1 abstention.</p>		Co-Chair, SALT1 Voting members	Ongoing
Co-Chair Nominations	<p>Co-Chair Rudy Perez provided an overview of the Co-Chair nomination and election process, including roles and conduct, expectations, and eligibility and ineligibility requirements. He then opened the floor for nominations. Monica Olsen, voting member, self-nominated for consideration as Co-Chair. Michael Dutton and Janine Dutton, voting members, second her nomination. Mrs. Jonnie Muckelroy, a voting</p>	<p>Interested nominees will be reviewed against the eligibility criteria and notified if they may proceed to the election. Voting will take place at the</p>		2/19/26



<p>Report Out on DMH O&amp;E and other Outreach and Engagement Activities</p>	<p>Diana Luna-Miller presented an overview of past and upcoming SALT 1 events and shared photos from the most recent SALT 1–sponsored Day of Giving event, held in collaboration with the City of Lancaster.</p> <p><i>A copy of the event slides will be posted on the SA1 microsite.</i></p>		<p>Diana Luna Miller, Programs &amp; Special Projects (O&amp;E)</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Committee Member Reports</p>	<p><b>Co-Chair Updates:</b>          Rudy Perez provided an overview of discussions from the BHSA CPT meeting held in December. Yvette Perez shared that the BHSA CPT meeting schedule for 2026 has been released and that meetings will now take place at DMH Headquarters, located at 510 S. Vermont, instead of St. Anne’s. Yvette also shared that the Behavioral Health Commission schedule has been released and will be distributed via email to members on the SALT 1 distribution list.</p> <p><b>UsCCs</b> – James provided an overview of each of the USCCs and invited members interested in participating to do so. All USCCs, except the Cultural Competency Committee, receive funding.</p> <p><i>The following information is being carried over from the previous meeting for reference and to include the meeting date.</i></p> <p><b>Underserved Cultural Committees (UsCCs):</b>  <b>UsCC’s Meeting Schedule</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access for all UsCC - Every second Wednesday of the month, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.</li> <li>• American Indian/Alaska Native UsCC - Every first Wednesday of the month, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p>The USCCs weblink will be shared with the SALT 1 distribution via a post-meeting follow-up email.</p>	<p>Co-Chair, Committee Members</p> <p>Yvette Perez, SALT 1 liaison</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>1/16/26</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Asian Pacific Islander UsCC - Every fourth Monday of the month, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.</li><li>• Black and African Heritage UsCC - Every first Thursday of the month, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.</li><li>• Eastern European / Middle Eastern UsCC - Every last Wednesday of the month, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.</li><li>• Latino UsCC - Every third Tuesday of the month, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.</li><li>• LGBTQIA2-S UsCC - Every first Thursday of the month, 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.</li></ul> <p><b>DMH Updates:</b> James Coomes thanked Heather Varden for her service as a SALT 1 Co-Chair. He then provided updates on the recently launched High Desert Behavioral Health Center, Take Action LA scheduled on 5/14/26, Senate Bill (SB) 43, Clubhouse planning, and upcoming Psychological First Aid training.</p>		James Coomes, SPA 1 District Chief	Ongoing
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<p>Community and Family Member / Supporters Time (Public Comments)</p>	<p>A community member reported the need for suggestions or assistance in caring for a 77-year-old residing in an unhealthy and unsafe home.</p> <p>A community member reported they are still awaiting the Client Activity Fund (CAF) stipend due to their address not being updated. The community member requested that DMH be notified that their address has since been updated so their payment can be reissued.</p>			
<p>Closing</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned by Rudy Perez at 5:00 p.m. Service providers remained available afterward to respond to attendee questions.</p>		<p>Co-Chair</p>	

Respectfully submitted by,  
*Yvette Perez, MHA*  
 SALT1 Liaison, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health  
 Service Area 1 Administration  
**Attendees:** 62