

STAKEHOLDER GROUP REPORT TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION (BHC)

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Meeting Date:	Wednesday, February 18, 2026
Stakeholder Group Name:	SALT 2 Community Stakeholder Meeting
Prepared by (Name and Role):	Barbara B Wilson, co-chair
Select Your Group's District (If Applicable):	3,5
Date Submitted to BHC:	March 2, 2026

Summarize your group's accomplishments and successes you would like to share with the BHC:

Our SALT meeting briefly explored whether or not there is a need for clothing by consumers who are low-income, are there community resources that are meeting this need or is there a gap.

Outcome: There appear to be sufficient resources, primarily via existing homeless programs, that this need is being managed.

The majority of our meeting was devoted to learning about the programs and services provided by the San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Centers Incorporated.

This community-based mental health agency is now approximately 50 years old. They provide services literally from "womb to tomb" Yet many stakeholders were unclear about their range of services, points of access etc.

The presentation was very informative. The presenters left behind many materials for distribution to the entire service area membership.

Finally, it should be noted that the agenda item, Family Time, was moved to 30 min after the end of the meeting so that it would not be recorded.

Please identify any challenges you experienced and offer recommendations for improvement:

I think we are working well together to identify ways in which we can prepare the SALT for changes including but not limited to changes in meeting day/time; potential changes coming due to changes in federal and state legislation as well as departmental staffing changes. We are aware of the need for us to be able to identify and respond with compassion and flexibility.

I would like to give a "shout out" to Jamie Walker. She has stepped up to assist our service area since we have several key positions currently vacant. Much appreciated. Michele R has been a dream come true.

How can the BHC provide support to your efforts?

It could re-affirm the need for SALT's to have on-line directories for organizations/services. Also Co-chairs were promised a list to exchange contact information. It is difficult to consider coordinating with other co-chairs when we don't have their contact information.

Ongoing issue:

A family still has her son in Interim Housing. Her son has been accepted by the Lanterman Regional Center. The Regional Center protocols, however, seem to prevent families from even accessing whether or not an ARF has a vacancy so that the family could know where to begin to look, which level of care the facility prefers to work with, etc.

Instead, all inquiries Must flow from the home regional center to any other regional center to create a packet to request whether or not such a vacancy exists.

Meanwhile, this young man who has both psychosis and ASD, remains maintained with a combination of services provided by DMH and the mom. The mom is a single mother. She has now maxed out her credit cards and is now drawing down her pension funds to assist in paying the hotel costs so that her son is not on the streets.

Recently, the Regional Center informed the mom that they are unable to reimburse her for Any out of pocket costs. She needs relief and Placement in a 24-hr facility that provides meals and medication management "yesterday".

Kudos to DMH for continuing to provide services, including daily medication management.

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What are the topics of interest in your group's next meeting?

We have not yet decided. Given that March is Women's History month, this might be explored.

The United Nations and many other organizations devote much of March to the efforts of women, research by/for/and about women. Certainly we have many examples of the contributions of women in mental health on a daily lived basis.

What else do you want the BHC to know?

We continue to be without any licensed ARF's in the Santa Clarita Valley.
We continue to be without any licensed ARF's that are gender specific for women in SALT 2.
In SALT 2, we have lost 50% of the ARF's in 2024 compared to 2012.

We continue to have adults who have SMI fall out of residing in apartments so that they have to return to ARF's.

There continues to be no path for residents in ARF's to transition from ARF's into receiving a housing voucher.

Many adults who would benefit from residing in ARF's due to their medical/psychiatric issues refuse those services, because if they accept, then they lose their "place in line" to later on get a housing voucher. So they must tap other more expensive forms of services such as Emergency Rooms when their issues flare up. Non-compliance with their medical regimens is one of the main reasons for these services.

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Meeting Date:	3-12-26
Stakeholder Group Name:	SALT3
Prepared by (Name and Role):	Jaime Renteria, MPA SALT3 Liaison
Select Your Group's District (If Applicable):	Districts 1 & 5
Date Submitted to BHC:	3-2-26

Summarize your group's accomplishments and successes you would like to share with the BHC:

The SALT3 Virtual Meeting occurred on Feb. 12th, 2026 from 2-4 pm and was attended by 52 stakeholders, representing mental health providers, family members, clients and other CBOs. SA3 District Chief Dr. Michelle Majors informed the membership of the ongoing planning for this year's Take Action Event at PCC on May 28th, 2026. Blue Anthem conducted a power point presentation on their agency's programs and services. There was a lively discussion about the impact of AI (CHATGPT) on MH and a request for a possible training at an upcoming SALT3 Meeting. The meeting concluded with community announcements and networking opportunities on the chat room.

Please identify any challenges you experienced and offer recommendations for improvement:

Challenge: Several stakeholders and community members have approached the SALT3 requesting a special viewing of the movie "Rosemead", which was recently screened by DMH in Culver City. Inquiries have been received from HS teachers & college professors.

Solution: BHC could make a recommendation to local officials to facilitate access to a special screening in SA3 so that members of the San Gabriel Valley, specifically from the Asian Pacific Islander community, may view this important film during this high level of interest.

How can the BHC provide support to your efforts?

SA3, the San Gabriel Valley, is impacted by 2 different Supervisory Districts, 1 & 5. May is Mental Health Awareness Month and the BHC commissioners could support the local effort to reduce stigma by hosting a Public Engagement Community Meeting in our SA for comments and community input. The SALT3 Planning Committee is open to meeting and collaborating with community partners.

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What are the topics of interest in your group's next meeting?

Next SALT3 Virtual Meeting: March 12, 2026 @ 2:00 PM

SA3 DC Dr. Majors will provide an update on the DMH followed by updates on the SALT3 Planning Committee, Health Neighborhood and the Faith-Based Advocacy Council. An update on the Behavioral Health Services Act will also be provided. Five Acres & Social Model Recovery will conduct an agency presentation on their programs and services. The Planning Committee will inform the membership on upcoming events financially supported by SALT3. The meeting will conclude with community announcements & chat room networking.

What else do you want the BHC to know?

The SALT3 planning committee is currently working on several upcoming community mental health resource fairs. The committee is preparing to work with UWEST University from the city Rosemead for their annual Spring, mental health resource fair and the Take Action event in May in celebration of May is Mental Health Awareness. The planning committee met with SPIRITT and the SGV\Pomona Regional center to discuss potential ideas for upcoming events.

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Meeting Date:	2-19-2026
Stakeholder Group Name:	SALT 4
Prepared by (Name and Role):	Seung Nah, Co-Chair
Select Your Group's District (If Applicable):	First District
Date Submitted to BHC:	3/9/2026

Summarize your group's accomplishments and successes you would like to share with the BHC:

1. SALT 4 Meeting

At our last meeting, we heard a presentation about the Office of Violence Prevention. This presentation made us aware of the seriousness of both homicide and suicide. The LA County Board of Supervisors established the Countywide Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) within the Department of Public Health in February 2019. OVP has worked with a broad coalition of stakeholders, including survivors, advocates, county and community partners, to develop a collective vision and strategic plan. Mission: The Office of Violence Prevention works to strengthen coordination, capacity and partnerships to address the root causes of violence, and to advance policies and practices that are grounded in race equity, to prevent all forms of violence and to promote healing across all communities in LA County. We are pleased that, in this way, we are gradually learning more about the programs offered by DPH.

2. January 21, 2026, our team hosted a community event at the Los Angeles Historic State Park Welcome Center. The event focused on promoting wellness and community connection through a variety of activities, including a **stress management presentation**, a **DIY salt scrub station**, **art activities**, and access to **mental health resources**. Throughout the day, residents and park visitors participated actively in these activities. Some individuals who were exercising or spending leisure time in the park also joined the sessions spontaneously, contributing to an inclusive and engaging atmosphere. The event successfully encouraged community participation, shared practical tools for stress relief, and helped raise awareness about local mental health and wellness resources.

Please identify any challenges you experienced and offer recommendations for improvement:

As we approach the implementation date of the BHSA legislation, we feel an urgent need for our SALT to be thoroughly prepared to guide the our community members on the path to the best possible care. We believe that by June we must be fully ready so that there is no confusion arising from the enormous changes ahead.

How can the BHC provide support to your efforts:

We have a few needs when we hold in-person SALT meetings. One is a standing banner to promote and identify the meeting, and the other is hot meal. Since we meet in person once every three months, these gatherings are an important opportunity for member recruitment. There is a shared view that having these two things prepared as priorities will help us increase our membership.

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1. LA Poverty Department
2. The Veterans Affairs Department

What else do you want the BHC to know:

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Meeting Date:	2/24/26 Virtual
Stakeholder Group Name:	SALT5
Prepared by (Name and Role):	SALT 5 Co-chairs Yolanda & Penny and DMH support staff
Select Your Group's District (If Applicable):	Districts 2 & 3
Date Submitted to BHC:	3/3/26

Summarize your group's accomplishments and successes you would like to share with the BHC:

Successfully planned and executed our February monthly SALT 5 meeting with the below presentations:

- Honored Black History Month with recognizing Santa Monica's 11th Annual Black History Greens Festival Hajar Muqtasid St. Claire community member was the presenter,
- Behavioral Health Commission – Chair Dr. Victor Manalo provided logistics of Behavioral Health Commission.
- National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey(NHANES) – Alexa Ortiz, MSN, RN
- School-Based Community Access Point – early intervention services, Rebeca Hurtado, LCSW and Stephany Romero, LCSW, SBCAP

Please identify any challenges you experienced and offer recommendations for improvement:

This meeting went well. The following are the ongoing challenges for SALT 5:

- Challenges successfully pulling down dollars allotted to SALT 5 to carryout events without minor setbacks. This is because budgets must be submitted 2-3 months before event dates confirming approval from SALT members,
- Recommendations for improvements: More time is needed to plan, implement and execute our programming. We will try to accomplish this by laying out an annual plan by fiscal year. This will help us pick our presenter & event themes and put a spending plan together to successfully engage a diverse community audience and provide resources / linkage to services.

How can the BHC provide support to your efforts?

Provide one pager with BHC updates that could be provided to the SALT5 community.

Is there a recording we can view for BHC Town Hall on Care Court? We would like to share updates with SALT 5 membership.

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What are the topics of interest in your group's next meeting?

March: We will be inviting Alcott and SHARE! to present. We will be inviting programs at directly operated clinics and contract agencies to present at SALT 5 meetings to keep SALT members aware of local services. SHARE! provides peer lead services to the community and Alcott provides a milieu of services such as unarmed crisis response, MH outpatient services and housing navigation.

What else do you want the BHC to know?

We would like to inform our SALT 5 community about changes that will occur with the new BHSA budget. We will reach out to CPT organizers for assistance. SALT5 co-chair expressed concerns regarding reduction/impact in future BHSA budget on our community.

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Meeting Date:	Thursday, February 19, 2026
Stakeholder Group Name:	SAL6
Prepared by (Name and Role):	Kisha Thompson (liaison) Pastor Edward Hamilton (chair)
Select Your Group's District (If Applicable):	Second District
Date Submitted to BHC:	March 2, 2026

Summarize your group's accomplishments and successes you would like to share with the BHC:

Black History Month Event (Feb 28): In collaboration with P2P Community Development, Chase Bank, and Time Done, we hosted over 300 attendees. The event facilitated 42 expungements (surpassing the 25 registered), with one participant noting they felt "the spirit of love, outside and inside."

Melanated Moments Collaboration (Feb 21): This event saw 120 women participate in four wellness activations, including a Sound Bath by ONYI Love (supported by SALT6). Highlights included handwritten letters of encouragement and one-word affirmations focused on key takeaways.

Meeting Update: Members voted to remain in-person to preserve the group's sense of unity and face-to-face connection. To accommodate interest in remote access, we will vote next month on a proposal to host hybrid meetings on a quarterly basis.

Please identify any challenges you experienced and offer recommendations for improvement:

Planning for this year's Take Action event has presented more challenges than usual, particularly regarding securing a finalized date. Despite these stressors, we've reached a significant milestone in our collaboration: the SALT was actively involved in the initial planning meeting with CalMHSA. Moving forward, the SALT will remain a key partner in the planning process.

How can the BHC provide support to your efforts?

We would be honored to have Commission members attend our upcoming community events. This provides a valuable opportunity to witness the discussions from our meetings translated into tangible community action and impact.

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What are the topics of interest in your group's next meeting?

We will discuss updates for the upcoming Mental Health month event and begin to discuss the Health and Wellness event for providers.

What else do you want the BHC to know?

We look forward to seeing the BHC Chair at our upcoming May meeting.

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Meeting Date:	January 9, 2026
Stakeholder Group Name:	SALT 7
Prepared by (Name and Role):	Co-chairs, Yvonne Sandoval and Sydney Tabizon
Select Your Group's District (If Applicable):	7
Date Submitted to BHC:	3/9/26

Summarize your group's accomplishments and successes you would like to share with the BHC:

Had the first in-person SALT 7 meeting at a local community taco shop at ELOS Tacos in East Los Angeles. SALT 7 membership invited 10 community members to the meeting.

Celebrated a Caregiver Wellness Recharge Event at the YWCA in Walnut Park. The event fostered sense of community and belonging, allowing attendees to connect with each other and with organizations that understand their unique needs. Resources designed to support include healthcare, housing, legal and other beneficial information.

March 24, 2026, will be hosting a Spring Festival Community Resource Fair. The event will focus on bringing providers and presenters whose focus is youth suicide prevention.

May 16, 2024-Midday Matinee Community event. Brining a live performance focused on gratitude and mental well-being. Ongoing planning for the May is Mental Health Awareness and June is Men's Health Family Fun Day and May 30, 2026-collaboration with SA6 bring together resources and information that will benefit Black and Latino communities.

Attended Sheriff's Oversight Commission MTG with Maria Elena (UsCC) *WE WENT TO THE CARE COURT COMMISSION MTG

Connected with Delia (Penny Lane) with vital needed resources for an individual that was on the streets

Please identify any challenges you experienced and offer recommendations for improvement:

The most challenging is community participation. There are significant barriers such as employment and familial engagement. continuing to discuss the stigma of mental health

Talking to people who are still reluctant to talk about mental health

The challenge that comes with disconnection on being in a dark place

How can the BHC provide support to your efforts?

Promotion is key. Whenever possible, commissioners, should attend their district SALT 7 meetings and promote to their constituents. Ensure that acronyms are understood by people. It is important that people understand.

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What are the topics of interest in your group's next meeting?

The SALT 7 will be providing updates. Of interests the transition from MHSA to BHSA and impact to those needing services.
Being able to receive 988 stickers for anyone's cell phones

What else do you want the BHC to know?

We appreciate your support.

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Meeting Date:	2/6/2026
Stakeholder Group Name:	SALT 8
Prepared by (Name and Role):	Ann Lee, SALT 8 Liaison
Select Your Group's District (If Applicable):	SUP 2, 4 (MAINLY 4)
Date Submitted to BHC:	02/26/2026

Summarize your group's accomplishments and successes you would like to share with the BHC:

SALT 8 held an in-person monthly meeting hosted by San Pedro Mental Health Center for the purpose of planning the agenda for the remainder of the calendar year and next fiscal year. SA 8 Chief, Jennifer Bailey Hernandez, provided a comprehensive DMH report. Participants were able to directly engage in dialogue with the Chief regarding any questions or concerns they had which will be utilized to identify topics for future meetings. Planning was conducted through interactive discussion of key questions to obtain input regarding topics of interest for future meetings and top concerns and issues for the community. The meeting was well attended with approximately 35 participants. We have a very engaged SALT 8 voting membership and dedicated participants who have their fingers on the pulse of SA 8 and provide valuable feedback.

Please identify any challenges you experienced and offer recommendations for improvement:

Many issues and concerns were discussed. Will work with co-chairs and voting members to schedule as many as we can throughout the year and project into next fiscal year. The challenge is that we have more topics of interest, requested presentations, and concerns to address than the number of meetings we have per year but we try to squeeze in as much as we can in order to make sure perspectives are heard.

How can the BHC provide support to your efforts?

Participants at the SALT 8 meeting on 2/6/26 highlighted several priority issues that they wanted to discuss at upcoming SALT 8 meetings as well as input to the BHC:

- Access challenges due to potential Medi-Cal reductions
- Fear and stigma affecting immigrant communities
- Need for culturally responsive and faith-based healing approaches
- Gaps in outreach and long-term support for individuals experiencing homelessness

Participants also expressed interest in inviting senior DMH leadership to future meetings. BHC can support by encouraging DMH Director, Sr. Deputy Dir, Dep Dir, PM IV, PMIIIs or their representative to make rounds to SALT 8 meetings and hold dialogue with meeting participants.

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What are the topics of interest in your group's next meeting?

- March 6th, we will have a special documentary film screening and discussion on the "The Imperfect Mother's Club". The discussion will be facilitated by the DMH Parent and Perinatal team with the Prevention services unit.
- April meeting will be virtual. Still drafting the agenda. May have Enhanced Care Management program present if available.
- Topics of interest that participants have expressed interest for upcoming 2026 meetings:
 - learning more about domestic violence resources and MH services needs
 - Presentations from partners organizations (e.g., Help Me Grow)
 - Updates about Clubhouse model implementation, particularly for SA 8
 - BHSA updates
 - Presentation from Contracts Monitoring and Management Division
 - Legislative updates impacting MH

What else do you want the BHC to know?

SALT 8 meeting participants expressed interest in the below topics. We will address them in upcoming meetings; however, if BHC also touches on these topics that would support addressing our community's interests.

- Increasing education on homeless services and legislation (e.g., SB 43)
- Addressing stigma in culturally diverse communities
- Improving awareness of available services
- Strengthening collaboration across system
- Clubhouse updates

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