

STAKEHOLDER GROUP REPORT TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION (BHC)

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Meeting Date:	06.18.2026
Stakeholder Group Name:	SALT 4
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Date Submitted to BHC:	06.23.2026

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

SALT 4 had a very fun time with the community, As SALT 4 participated with the BHyFest (Boyle Heights Youth), the festive event that was held 06.06.2026. as there was the on June 18th during the SALT 4 elections for new co-chairs. A Father's Day event was held to shine light on what Father's do for the family, with a great panel speaking, twas held 06.18.2026. June 12th Hollywood 2.0 had an unveiling event, show casing a mural heling drive momentum for Hollywood 2.0, the art was created by Corie Mattie, community artwork was also displayed. On June 23, a Boyle Heights Health Neighborhood meeting was held to hear about the communities' experiences. 06/25/2026 will be a Hollywood Health Neighborhood meeting. June has been a very great month. SALT 4 communities are looking forward to more community togetherness.

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

Around Koreatown and Hollywood areas many have brought up the fact, they have yet to land a job, a few began to ask if there is any funding to help as they help their senior parent get around, given that most of the parent are on a fixed income, the day to day has become increasingly harder. Many in the community have yet to see reason to why certificates, such being the Pier Resource, or Medical Specialist, there is Road & Building certificates, Salse, Restaurant Server, etc. to help communities we should put together handout, speak more on the topic during events & meetings highlighting varus organizations that help with such a task, such as Painted Brain. Maybe a comprehensive document that shows all on one page, so the screeching does hurt the drive they build to want to work. Many Homeless have explained the need more positive engagements so its not also, thinking negatively. I've mentioned for years the need for those houseless to have routinely, Hot Meals. The housed community understands too well the great feeling you get when a warm meal is eaten. Hot Meals can & do break negative thought patterns, giving drive to be & do better, for those at rock bottom. The driver's license issue is not only a homeless person problem, but many in the community are also lacking in means to take the driving part of the test. DMH with city & county should investigate this specific growing need, future jobs are on the line. I've found three driving schools that offer the rental of a vehicle for those without, but those few only operate in the areas they are in, on top of that, its not cheap, the lowest was \$300 after taxes. Let's see if we can help other driving schools, so they have the means to help in such a manner.

How can the BHC provide support to your efforts?

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BHSA (Behavioral Health Services Act), implies pattern recognition, the how's & why's to help those in need get back on track to bettering themselves. Showing others in similar ruts, that it can be done. Departments have brought up a drive to help more & have asked themselves why more people are not seeking services offered. As I talk to the homeless, I found a pattern, unfortunately, many have been let down, as the saying goes, "those that fell through the cracks" in the programs offer. In anger they talk to others, also homeless, which then sets a standard for others in their circle. That small, unhoused community then talk to other homeless & so on. Ultimately spreading the anger from one person that was treated unfairly & poorly by county employees. Multiply this, times however many were let down, & bam, the job to swad other to seek aid is a People vs. County Departments fight one could say.

Another issue that needed to be address years ago.... Great we studied & saw reason to train others to help with reductions, from violent outburst, drugs, etc. But departments need a reductions plan to address the hate for the homeless many housed community members have. Many of the housed, when walking by the homeless, throw trash, spit their way, cuss, even go as far as violently attacking them. Harm reduction should not only be for those going through extreme situations. Departments need a comprehensive means to address this overlooked problem the unhoused community faces daily. Changing said behavior patterns in the housed community, is another way to give the homeless hope, said positivity can give drive to quit the use of drugs.

Positivity is KING.

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

Topics range from finding ways to boost attendance, future events to plan for, such as a Veteran's Day event looking to be help on Nov.3, a collaborating event with the VA suicide prevention Team, that will be leading training & documentary screening, with a Q&R for the panel after. We are pushing throughout SALT 4, explaining to youths the need to plan ahead, such as the need for specialized certificates & future drivers licenses..

What else do you want the BHC to know?

A collaboration with more organizations that offer certificates... A one stop page with all the information linking community member to services for all needs... help with finding ways to allow low-income community members, vehicle rentals to take the driving part, of the driving test. And we can not forget about the need to change state, county, & cities legislation that says "Food" to Hot Meals to set dignified standards for the homeless. A test I give all housed unaware of the need for hot meals. Eat a cold meal for one month, you will gain a negative prospective of everything around, anger, irritation show faster.

To draw more community members that look upon the services offered by varus departments, a Hot Meal will allow many that have heard the negative stories of how programs don't work to second guess the stories.. abling them to pursue the help they need.

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