

Yakima County Human Services  
BHSUD Coalition  
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The **June 16, 2025** BHSUD Coalition meeting came to order at **1:30pm**.

INTRODUCTIONS

Members present: Cassidy Leslie (CH), Jon Schlenske (CH), Shawna Estep (TTS),  
Renee Kollman (TTS), Hope Baker (ESD105) **GET ATTENDANCE SHEET/NAMES FROM  
MELISSA**

Zoom: Lori Bethay (Comm. Member), Tyler Vermillion (Ideal Option), Erika OCHOA (YCHD), Deniele Flemming (YVCC), Melissa Denner (MRS), Angela Bazan (NAMI), Meagan Takamori (BC), Kim Clemons (CH)

Human Services staff present:

Melissa Holm, Esther Magasis, Deann Bergquist

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OLD BUSINESS

*Approval of  
minutes*

Approval of Minutes: September 23, 2024 BHSUD Coalition Meeting.

*Lori Bethay moved to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2024, BHSUD Coalition Meeting. Renee Kollman seconded. No one abstained/denied. The motion carried.*

Approval of Minutes: March 17, 2025 BHSUD Coalition Meeting.

*Renee Kollman moved to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2025, BHSUD Coalition Meeting. \_\_\_\_\_ seconded. \_\_\_\_\_ abstained/denied. The motion carried/failed.*

*Tabled for next meeting*

NEW BUSINESS

*Presentations on  
local Substance  
Use Disorder  
Services*

Hope Baker from ESD105 provided an update on recent funding changes, noting significant reductions at the federal level that have dramatically impacted many programs. School districts are facing the loss of **Head Start**, **McKinney Vento transportation services**, **Heritage University partnerships** for MSW and MHP student internships (ending in December), and substantial staff cuts to the **Student Assistance Program**, with 13 of 15 positions being eliminated. Funding for several programs will expire at different points this year: some in June, others in September and December. Additionally, **Birth to 5 Programs** and some **Migrant Programs** are also ending.

*ESD105*

The speaker explained that every possible adjustment has been made to reallocate funding toward direct services through September, which included the elimination of her own position and another supervisory role. **Community Coalition** and **Student Assessments** will only be funded through September. Overall, most youth-oriented services will be significantly impacted.

The speaker made a strong appeal for agencies to explore opportunities to provide youth-specific services, particularly those that serve youth without simultaneously serving adults, to help fill the service gaps these funding cuts have created. The group discussed potential collaborations among agencies to expand services for youth, including outreach efforts within the schools.

Currently, there are 13 school districts in the region (excluding West Valley) that provide support for students impacted by family members experiencing overdoses. Families are encouraged to contact their individual schools to learn more about available services.

**Action Items:**

- **Melissa requested a list of the programs and funding that have been lost, to help identify possible ways to fill these gaps.**
- **The March 17th meeting minutes will be emailed to the group for approval.**
- **Angela Bazan will send Melissa a flyer to share with the community regarding NAMI's upcoming three-part community conversation series in Spanish.**

*Triumph  
Treatment Services  
Speaker Shawna  
Estep*

Shawna Estep presented a slideshow outlining the Triumph Treatment Services (TTS) Substance Use Disorder (SUD) programs. TTS operates two outpatient facilities and recently launched a new program at Genesis House, their women's campus. They offer five primary service areas:

1. Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment
2. Mental Health Services
3. Substance-Free Housing
4. Parent-Child Assistance Program (PCAP)
5. Peer Support Services

TTS provides 72 substance-free housing units, primarily transitional housing with some permanent supportive housing. Their programs offer case management for up to 119 clients, supported by four certified peer support counselors. Each year, TTS serves approximately 2,000 individuals. To address transportation barriers, they also offer transportation services.

TTS operates two inpatient programs, one for men and one for women, with stays lasting 28 to 30 days. These phased programs begin with intensive support and gradually transition clients toward independence, focusing on community resource access, refusal skills, and recovery-oriented life skills.

Outpatient services are available for SUD and mental health treatment for adults aged 18 and older. Assessments can be scheduled, or individuals can access walk-in services at their CDAC outpatient location. Outpatient mental health services are also offered independently of SUD enrollment. In addition, they provide peer support services and conduct street outreach.

The Parent-Child Assistance Program (PCAP) offers a comprehensive 3-year case management program, home visitation services, and targeted support to reduce

substance-affected births. Partnerships with Children's Village and PNWU allow them to provide occupational therapy services and infant massage training for women in the program.

TTS also offers standalone Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) services and has recently expanded medical staffing to include psychiatric medication prescribing and medication management across both residential and outpatient programs.

Shawna highlighted TTS's partnership with Next Step Housing and their provision of resource folders for individuals seeking services. They also work closely with other community providers to ensure individuals are connected to the most appropriate services. Two upcoming community events were announced:

- **Overdose Awareness Day** – August 29th, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Sarge Hubbard Park
- **Steps to Recovery** – September 6th, 12:00 PM at Miller Park

*Comprehensive Healthcare  
Speakers Jon Schlenske and Cassidy Leslie*

Jon Schlenske introduced Cassidy Leslie from Comprehensive Healthcare to present on the Pathways program and its available services. Cassidy described the variety of services offered through Pathways, including **Seeking Safety and Illness Management and Recovery (IMR)**. A mental health clinician utilizes multiple curricula, such as **APT Group Therapy**, selecting from two extensive binders of materials tailored to meet individual client needs.

Jon further explained other services Comprehensive Healthcare provides, including their **Opioid Treatment Program (OTP)**, which currently serves approximately 505 individuals. Of those, around 100 clients receive services at the jail, averaging 4–5 hours of care per day, funded through Mental Health Sales Tax dollars. He outlined how Comprehensive offers a full continuum of care, ranging from level 1 to level 2 treatment options across multiple outpatient locations, addressing a broad spectrum of behavioral health needs.

He also shared that in March, Comprehensive Healthcare launched **same-day assessments** for both mental health and substance use services, available across all their outpatient locations, significantly improving timely access to care.

Melissa raised a question about how Triumph Treatment Services (TTS) and Comprehensive Healthcare manage clients who arrive in Yakima County for services but are stabilized and may need to be returned to their home counties. Cassidy explained that they strive to stabilize clients locally whenever possible, but occasionally individuals needing either higher or lower levels of care may fall through gaps. In those cases, they utilize a range of service options and refer clients to other appropriate local agencies, stressing the importance of obtaining thorough intake information to ensure the best service match. The group agreed that all agencies are working toward the same goal—collaborating and referring clients across agencies to ensure the most appropriate and stable outcomes for individuals, whether they remain in the county or return to their home communities.

*Next Meeting*

**DATE: September 15, 2025**

Location: Hybrid Zoom and In Person at Baker Boyer Bank

*Adjourn*

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at **2:30pm**.