

**CHILDREN'S TREATMENT & RECOVERY
SERVICES COMMITTEE****July 9, 2026****Attendees:**

KernBHRS: Jennie Sill, Karen Friedman, Noelia Irvin, Maria Aleman, Jason Giffard, Cristina Castro, Kassandra Austin, Stuart Shevchenko, Tripat Grewal, Brad Davis, Belinda Vieyra, Susie Baker, Brad Plymire Clarvida; **Megan Toscano DHS:** Anne Stephens Gonzalez; **Kern Family Health Care Systems:** Hope Youngblood

Recorder: Jessica Torres**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Accomplished.

2. Approval of April 9, 2026, Minutes

Susie Baker

Cristina Castro

3. Public Comment

Families are a little hesitant due to services remaining the same due to the changes that are occurring.

4. Enhanced Care Management (ECM) Services – Hope Youngblood

Enhanced Care Management (ECM) is a community-based, whole-person care approach and supports Medi-Cal members with complex care needs and is part of the CalAim initiative.

There are 9 different populations of focus for adults and children:

Individuals experiencing homelessness

Individuals at risk of hospitalization

Individuals with Serious Mental Health and/or SUD needs

Justice Involved Individuals

Adult at risk for TLC institutionalization

Adult Nursing facility residents transitioning to the community

Children and youth enrolled in CCS or CCS WCM with additional needs

Children and youth involved in child welfare

Individuals in the birth equity population focus

The goals of ECM are to improve health outcomes, reduce hospitalization, address social determinants of health, and strengthen connection between medical, behavioral, and community services.

ECM offers comprehensive care management, care coordination, health promotion, transitional care, individual, family, community and social supports.

Referrals can be called in or submitted online via the ECM Referral Form by the member, caregiver or family member.

As ECM evolves there will be an increase in automatic referrals for foster youth since they will be able to keep their Medi-Cal once they turn 18.

5. Department Reports

Children's System of Care (CSOC) Report

- The Tiered rate structure will be initiating as we move into 2027. The state is planning to utilize the IP-CANS as a tool to determine the level of care for youth.
- High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW) certification was submitted in March; there are a few things to update.
- HFW initiated on 7/1/26 and will be working alongside Probation and DHS to help step down youth from STRTP's and doing whatever it takes to help them transition to community functioning by utilizing natural supports and skills.
- The MHSSA grant has moved to BHSSA and was supposed to sunset in August; notification from the state was received to extend the BHSSA grant specifically expanding SUD services. We will continue to work with KCSOS to implement
- A request for information is currently in process to find a new provider for Treatment Foster Care.
- Treatment Foster Care Oregon has been recertified for 3 years and has an 80% success rate.
- TAY started 2 new groups: LGBTQ+ and an ART based skills group.
- Crossroads is preparing to provide a 24/7 dads group.
- Jason and Valerie held a recovery specialist group to help staff connect with each other to provide skills to help them engage with challenging youth in a different way.
- Kasey is now the supervisor of the CCR team.
- Tripat is now the supervisor of the JPPS team.

Substance Use Disorder System Report

The SUD Outpatient Treatment team continues to operate at CLC.

- Referrals can be submitted by school social workers, individuals and parents/guardians via SUD e-mail, fax or by contacting the SUD access line.

Medication for Addiction Treatment (MAT) services are provided at the L St location.

- Referrals are accepted via in person, by phone or e-mail.

2.1 intensive services are provided for 9 hours or more per week.

Kern Linkage has a Dr who provides medication and accepts walk-ins.

6. Items to be brought to the Board

- None

7. Provider Issues

Clarvida staff are being trained in TBRI at Camp Owens.

8. Future Presentations ideas

School Districts – McKinney Vento – Janessa Fisher

9. Other

10. Next regular meeting:

October 8, 2026, Commonwealth Cedar Room at 3:30 pm. Meeting adjourned.

Items Distributed:

Minutes for April 9, 2026, regular meeting.

ECM Services PowerPoint

SUD Flyers/Referral Forms