



BHASO Region 2 Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information:

Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Time: 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Council Context Statement

This is the BHASO Region 2 Advisory Council. The council is designed to promote local community input pertaining to behavioral health service needs. The council advises the Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization (BHASO), in this case Signal Behavioral Health Network (Signal), for Region 2. The council is advisory only – meaning discussions happen during meetings and recommendations are made to Signal. It is then up to Signal's staff to consider council recommendations and figure out what is realistic or feasible to change. This council follows statutory requirements, meaning that the creation of the council and aspects of how it runs are determined by what the law says. The council has assigned seats for different perspectives (like safety net provider, experience with the criminal justice system, lived experience, etc.), and it is why the meetings are open to the public and there will be a public comment section at the end of each meeting.

Welcome and Introductions

The Regional Advisory Council members and council administrators introduced themselves, specifying their name, location, and shared about something odd/unusual/fun in their space.

Behavioral Health Continuum of Care – Crisis Services

Signal presented an overview of Colorado's Crisis Services system, explaining its history as well as its three primary goals: supporting those experiencing self-defined crises, reducing criminal justice involvement, and eliminating unnecessary emergency department visits. The presentation detailed the system's contractual structure, with the Behavioral Health Administration partnering with two contractors: Solari for the 988 hotline and BHASOs (like Signal) for walk-in centers, mobile crisis response, stabilization units, and respite services. The presentation covered the specific services offered within the BHASO-contracted crisis network, including evaluations and assessments, duration of stay, and referral process.

Whiteboard Exercise – Services Needed for a Full Continuum

The council participated in a whiteboard exercise to provide feedback on what services are needed in Region 2 for a full continuum of care.

- Peer respite: where someone can go if experiencing severe mental health concerns.
 - Home-like environment that is run by peers.

- Prioritizes client autonomy and choice.
- Education and prevention: help people understand what services are available, including affordable options, in the region.
- Thorough needs assessment: to avoid duplication of services and prioritize services in areas that really need them.
- Co-response in all counties.
- Medically supervised withdrawal management
- Expand recovery supports in rural areas that are not abstinence- or faith-based
 - Recommended to explore more culturally competent recovery services
 - All recovery living should support medication-assisted treatment

Public Comment

None.

Regional Advisory Council Members and Administrators:

Name	Seat	Attendance
James Kuemmerle	Expertise in BH needs of children/youth	☒
Laura DePrince	BH Safety Net Provider	☒
Heather Baier	Experience with Criminal Justice System	☐
Kristin Carpenter	Community Member	☒
Commissioner Jody Shadduck-McNally	County Commissioner	☒
Jack Devie	Lived experience with MH or SUD challenges	☐
Lucrecia Medrano	Lived experience with MH or SUD challenges (and am NOT a BH provider)	☒
Sarah Gales	Lived experience with MH or SUD challenges (and am NOT a BH provider)	☐
Alison Sbrana	Advisory Council Facilitator	☒
Kristy Jordan	Signal/BHASO	☒
Judith Tieku	Behavioral Health Administration	☐