

California Behavioral Health Planning Council

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AGENDA

June 17, 18, 19, and 20, 2025
DoubleTree Hotel Marina del Rey
13480 Maxella Avenue, Marina del Rey, California, 90292

Notice: All agenda items are subject to action by the Council. Scheduled times on the agenda are estimates and subject to change. If Reasonable Accommodation is required, please contact the Council at 916-701-8211 by **June 9, 2025**, to meet the request. All items on the Committee agendas posted on our website are incorporated by reference herein and are subject to action.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

2:00pm [Performance Outcomes Committee](#)

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

8:30am [Executive Committee](#)

10:30am [Patients' Rights Committee](#)

12:00pm LUNCH (on your own)

12:00pm Children/Youth Workgroup (working lunch)

1:30pm [Workforce and Employment Committee](#)

1:30pm [Legislation and Public Policy Committee](#)

Thursday, June 19, 2025

8:30am [Housing and Homelessness Committee](#)

8:30am [Systems and Medicaid Committee](#)

12:00pm LUNCH (on your own)

12:10pm Reducing Disparities Work Group (working lunch)

12:10pm Substance Use Disorder Workgroup (working lunch)

Thursday, June 19, 2025

COUNCIL GENERAL SESSION

Room: Panache III

Conference Call: (669) 900-6833 (Listen Only)

Meeting ID: 837 1746 5474 **Passcode:** 472656

- 1:30 pm Welcome and Introductions**
Tony Vartan, Chairperson
- 1:35 pm Committee and Workgroup Report-Outs**
- **Executive:** Tony Vartan, Chairperson
 - **Performance Outcomes:** Noel O'Neill, Chairperson
 - **Patients' Rights:** Mike Phillips, Chairperson
 - **Legislation and Public Policy:** Barbara Mitchell, Chairperson
 - **Workforce and Employment:** Deborah Pitts, Chairperson
 - **Housing and Homelessness:** Deborah Starkey, Chairperson
 - **Systems and Medicaid:** Uma Zykofsky, Chairperson
 - **Children/Youth Workgroup:** Dave Cortright, workgroup lead
 - **Reducing Disparities Workgroup:** Liz Oseguera, workgroup lead
 - **Substance Use Disorder Workgroup:** Javier Moreno, workgroup lead
 - **Behavioral Health Transformation Ad-Hoc**
- 2:30 pm Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Update**
Paula Wilhelm, Deputy Director of Behavioral Health, CA Department of Health Care Services
- 2:55 pm Public Comment on DHCS Presentation**
- 3:00 pm Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (Commission for Behavioral Health) Update**
Al Rowlett, Vice Chair/Commissioner
- 3:20 am General Public Comment**
- 3:45 pm Recess**

Public Comment: Limited to a **2-minute maximum** to ensure all are heard.

Mentorship Forum for Council members, including Committee Chairpersons and Chair-Elects, will occur following Thursday's General Session in the same room. We respectfully ask those not participating to exit the meeting space to allow for Council business to occur.

Friday, June 20, 2025

COUNCIL GENERAL SESSION

Room: Panache III

Conference Call: (669) 900-6833 (Listen Only)

Meeting ID: 837 1746 5474 **Passcode:** 472656

- 8:30 am Welcome Back & Announcements**
Tony Vartan, Chairperson
- 8:40 pm Local Behavioral Health Services Overview** **Tab V**
Dr. Lisa H. Wong, Director, County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health (Invited)
- 9:25 am Public Comment on Presentation**
- 9:30 am Incompetent to Stand Trial: The problem, the solution and where we are now** **Tab W**
- Background & Overview: *Stacey Camacho, Deputy Director, Community Forensic Partnerships Division, Department of State Hospitals (DSH)*
 - *Council Member Q & A for DSH: Tony Vartan, Chairperson*
 - Statewide Implementation Update: *Michelle Cabrera, County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA)*
 - Local County Implementation: *Ian Kemmer, Behavioral Health Director, Behavioral Health Services, Orange County Health Care Agency*
- 10:35 am Public Comment on Incompetent to Stand Trial Presentations**
- 10:45 20-Minute Break**
- 11:05 CBHPC External Partners Representation Updates** **Tab XYZ**
Jenny Bayardo, Executive Officer
Uma Zykofsky, 988-Crisis Policy Advisory Group
Monica Caffey, Black Health Equity Advisory Group
- 11:20 Potential Medicaid Changes and What They Mean for Behavioral Health**
Elissa Feld, Director of Policy, County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA)
- 11:50 am General Public Comment**
- 11:55 am Closing Remarks**
Tony Vartan, Chairperson
- 12:00 pm Adjourn**

Next Meeting

October 14-17, 2025: [Embassy Suites San Francisco Airport Waterfront](#)

2026 Council Meeting Schedule

January 20-23, 2026: [Bahia](#), San Diego, CA

April 14-17, 2026: Sacramento, CA

June 16-19, 2026: [Marriott Riverside at the Convention Center](#), Riverside, CA

October 20-23, 2026: Bay Area, CA

California Behavioral Health Planning Council General Session

Friday, June 20, 2025

Agenda Item: Local Behavioral Health Services Overview

Enclosures: None

Background/Description:

The California Behavioral Health Planning Council is mandated in Welfare and Institutions Code 5772 to review and evaluate the effectiveness of California's public behavioral health services. Behavioral Health directors from areas surrounding Council meetings are invited to present to the Council's full membership. Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health will provide a general overview of the specialty mental health services they provide.

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Mission Statement:

Our Mission is to optimize the hope, wellbeing and the life trajectory of Los Angeles County's most vulnerable through access to care and resources that promote not only independence and personal recovery but also connectedness and community reintegration.

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Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Vision Statement:

We envision an LA County unified by shared intention and cross-sector collaboration that helps those suffering from serious mental illness heal, grow and flourish by providing easy access to the right services and the right opportunities at the right time in the right place for the right people.

Mental Health Director Bio:

Lisa H. Wong, Psy.D., is the Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) as of February 28, 2023, after serving as Interim Director since July 2022. Prior to this role, Dr. Wong was LACDMH's Senior Deputy Director overseeing the Department's clinical programs and community-based services over a broad range of settings throughout Los Angeles County

Additional Resources:

[LACDMH Strategic Plan 2020-2030](#)

California Behavioral Health Planning Council General Session

Friday, June 20, 2025

Agenda Item: Incompetent to Stand Trial Panel Presentations

Enclosures: [Penal Code Section 1372\(a\)\(3\)\(C\)](#)

Background/Description:

The California Department of State Hospitals (DSH) is required to report annually to the Legislature on the number of days that Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) patients remain in a state hospital beyond the statutorily mandated 10-day limit after being certified as competent.

The Department of State Hospitals will ground the Council in the subject by providing an overview that covers the history of Incompetent to Stand patients served by the State Hospitals. Topics covered will also include the State Hospitals study of cases and findings, pilot programs, growth caps, fine structures and improvements in the system to date.

County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California (CBHDA) is a nonprofit advocacy association representing the behavioral health directors from each of California's 58 counties, as well as two cities (Berkeley and Tri-City). Executive Director, Michelle Cabrera, will share about statewide implementation by county behavioral health.

Council Member, Ian Kemmer, Behavioral Health Director, Behavioral Health Services, Orange County Health Care Agency will talk about Orange Counties implementation to give the local perspective.

Additional Resources:

[California Department of State Hospitals \(DSH\) Website](#)

[Report to Health and Human Services Agency on Recommended Solutions](#)

[INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL COMMITMENTS REPORT](#)

California Behavioral Health Planning Council General Session

Friday, June 20, 2025

Agenda Item: CBHPC External Partners Representation Updates

Enclosures: [Council Member Representation in External Groups Document](#)

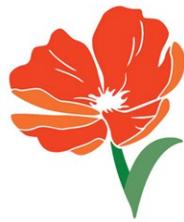
Background/Description:

The California Behavioral Health Planning Council participates in other statewide planning groups to make meaningful contributions to the behavioral health policies and services developed in California. Council Members are approved to represent the Council per CBHPC Operating Policies and Procedures 10.2.

10.2 Roles and Accuracy of Planning Council Positions

Individual members may be called upon to represent the Planning Council before the Legislature, state departments, or other groups. In addition, individual members may wish to represent the Planning Council at particular forums. In any forum, members must indicate whether they are representing the Planning Council or are speaking as individuals. Individuals may represent the Planning Council only when authorized by the Chairperson or Executive Officer and are responsible for representing the Planning Council's positions accurately.

During this agenda item we will get a brief update on two of the External Groups Council Members participate: Black Health Equity Advisory Group (BHEAG) and 988-Crisis Policy Advisory Workgroup #1.



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Council Member Representation in External Groups

Name of Group	Purpose/Description	Participants	Meeting Frequency	Council Representative	Date Appointed
Community Assistance, Recovery & Empowerment (CARE) Act Working Group	Provide coordination and ongoing engagement with, and support collaboration among, relevant state and local partners and other stakeholders throughout the phases of county implementation to support the successful implementation of the CARE Act.	DHCS, CalHHS, Legal Aid Association of California, California Department of Housing & Community Development, California Department of Veterans Affairs, Disability Rights	Quarterly (during the implementation, shall end by December 31, 2026)	Jenny Bayardo, Executive Officer	February 2023
CARE Ad-hoc Group: Training, Technical Assistance and Communications	Working group began in early 2023 as a mechanism to receive feedback from partners to support successful implementation and help key constituents understand policy and program progress who can then disseminate accurate information.	Representation from families, cities and counties, behavioral health providers, judges, legal counsel, peer organizations, disability rights and racial equity stakeholders, and housing and homelessness providers.	Quarterly (during the implementation, shall end by December 31, 2026)	Mike Phillips	October 2023

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CARE Ad-hoc Group: Data Collection, Reporting & Evaluation Ad Hoc Group	Working group began in early 2023 as a mechanism to receive feedback from partners to support successful implementation and help key constituents understand policy and program progress who can then disseminate accurate information.	Representation from families, cities and counties, behavioral health providers, judges, legal counsel, peer organizations, disability rights and racial equity stakeholders, and housing and homelessness providers.	Quarterly (during the implementation, shall end by December 31, 2026)	Susan Wilson	October 2023
CARE Ad-hoc Group: Services and Supports	Working group began in early 2023 as a mechanism to receive feedback from partners to support successful implementation and help key constituents understand policy and program progress who can then disseminate accurate information.	Representation from families, cities and counties, behavioral health providers, judges, legal counsel, peer organizations, disability rights and racial equity stakeholders, and housing and homelessness providers.	Quarterly (during the implementation, shall end by December 31, 2026)	Uma Zykofsky	October 2023

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Black Health Equity Advisory Group (BHEAG)	Strategic partner of CDPH by recommending departmental policy, practice, and program changes that will lead to increased opportunities for Black Californians to live their healthiest lives. Additionally, the BHEAG will serve as a bridge between CDPH and the community, including private citizens, service providers, and other community-based organizations who are working to advance Black health equity in California.	Persons who are of Black or African American descent, California residents, and currently employed by or affiliated with an organization.	As Needed	Monica Caffey	February 2024
Assembly Bill (AB) 2242 Stakeholder Workgroup	Development of a model care coordination plan (MCCP) to comply with the requirements of Assembly Bill 2242, Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 5, Chapter 4, Section 5402.5.	DHCS and stakeholders	As Needed	Daphne Shaw	February 2023

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988-Crisis Policy Advisory Group - Workgroup #1 Comprehensive Assessment of Behavioral Health Crisis Services	CalHHS shall convene a state 988 advisory group for purposes of advising the California Health and Human Services Agency on the set of recommendations to support the five-year implementation plan. AB 118 extended the implementation plan deadline to December 31, 2024.	Broad range of external stakeholders	As Needed	Uma Zykofsky	October 2023
988-Crisis Policy Advisory Group - Workgroup #1	CalHHS shall convene a state 988 advisory group for purposes of advising the California Health and Human Services Agency on the set of recommendations to support the five-year implementation plan. AB 118 extended the implementation plan deadline to December 31, 2024.	Broad range of external stakeholders	As Needed	Uma Zykofsky	October 2023

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Behavioral Health Task Force	Addresses the urgent mental and substance use disorder needs across California. Advises on the Administration's efforts to advance statewide behavioral health services, prevention, and early intervention to stabilize conditions before they become severe.	Broad range of stakeholders, including people living with behavioral health conditions, family members, advocates, providers, health plans, counties, and state leaders	Quarterly	Jenny Bayardo, Executive Officer	September 2023
California Coalition for Behavioral Health (CCBH)	The California Coalition for Mental Health (CCMH) provides a single unified voice for mental health organizations with a statewide advocacy presence.	Family and consumer organizations, nonprofit service providers, professional associations, hospitals, and others -- having a statewide advocacy presence -- who seek to improve the delivery of mental health care in California.	Quarterly	Daphne Shaw	N/A

Name of Group	Purpose/Description	Participants	Meeting Frequency	Council Representative	Date Appointed
The Quality and Equity Advisory Committee	The Quality and Equity Advisory Committee (QEAC) supports the development of a quality and equity strategy and advises the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) on a comprehensive vision for improving population behavioral health statewide. The quality and equity strategy will extend across multiple statewide behavioral health programs and initiatives.	Broad range of external stakeholders	As Needed	Noel O'Neill	N/A
Student Mental Health Policy Workgroup	The Student Mental Health Policy Workgroup assesses the current mental health needs of California students and gathers evidence to support its policy recommendations to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the California Legislature.	Broad range of stakeholders including teachers, school counselors, school social workers, school psychologists, school nurses, and school administrators, and state and county mental health professionals	Quarterly	Monica Caffey	N/A

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Compliance Advisory Committee (CAC)	The goals of the Compliance Advisory Committee (CAC) is to address Changes Impacting Behavioral Health, Seek Feedback and Improvement Opportunities, Facilitate Open Dialogue and Fostering Collaboration	Invited stakeholders	Annually	Deborah Starkey Don Morrision	N/A
Pacific West Hub Advisory Board	The goal of the Advisory Board is to serve Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Ceneter for Mental Health Services (CMHS) grantees and other mental health organizations through implementation support by generating resources, and delivering targeted and intensive technical assistance (TA) around dissemination, implementation, and sustainment.	Invited stakeholders	Bi-Annually	Jenny Bayardo, Executive Officer	N/A