

CBHPC Executive Committee Meeting

January 15, 2025

Committee Members Present:

Karen Baylor
Erika Cristo*
Ian Kemmer (for Veronica Kelly)
Noel O'Neill
Mike Phillips
Daphne Shaw
Javier Moreno
Barbara Mitchell

Walter Shwe
Deborah Starkey
Bill Stewart*
Arden Tucker
Susan Wilson
Uma Zykofsky*

*=Remote Attendance

Committee Members Absent: Monica Caffey and Tony Vartan

Staff Present: Jenny Bayardo and Naomi Ramirez

Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson Deborah Starkey called the meeting to order. Council Members and attendees introduced themselves. A quorum was established with 13 of 15 members present.

Accept October and December 2024 Meeting Minutes (Action)

Chairperson Deborah Starkey asked if committee members had any changes to the October 2024 and December 2024 minutes. With no changes requested, Deborah Starkey moved to record minutes as accepted. Minutes accepted as written.

Nominating Committee Update

Deborah Starkey provided an update on behalf of the nominating committee which included Liz Oseguera, Marina Rangel, Daphne Shaw, and Bill Stewart. The nominating committee selected Susan Wilson to propose as the next Chairperson Elect at General Session.

Expenditure Reports & Budget Updates

Chief of Operations, Naomi Ramirez, provided an update on Council expenditures to date for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. As of this meeting, the Department of Health Care Services has not released allotments and advised the Council to spend as needed on essential functions. Attendance at trainings and conferences for the purpose of training is suspended until the Governor's order is retracted. We continue to send members of the leadership team to conferences as part of council activities. This year, we have

significant legal changes related to the Council's membership requirements, and recent legislation that added Aging representation to the existing membership.

Council Membership Update

Chief of Operations, Naomi Ramirez, reviewed the appointment list and highlighted changes in membership. This will be the last meeting for Veronica Kelley, provider, and is the first meeting for Milan Zavala, family member, and Ian Kemmer, provider. Council Member Steve Leoni is on leave of absence for a year. Commissioner Rayshell Chambers of the Commission on Behavioral Health will join the Council for the Workforce and Employment Committee meeting today.

The Council currently has one vacancy for a person with lived experience. Karen Baylor congratulated the Council staff and leadership, as this is the "fullest" the Council has been in years.

Prop 1 Implementation: CBHPC Ad Hoc Update

Susan Wilson and Barbara Mitchell provided the update on behalf of the Ad hoc. Susan shared that Jenny Bayardo leads the team that includes Council Members appointed by the officer team. Members are experts in subjects related to Proposition 1, now referred to as Behavioral Health Transformation. They include:

- Susan Wilson, stakeholder engagement
- Javier Moreno, Substance Use Disorder treatment
- Barbara Mitchell, Housing
- Uma Zykovsky, Full Service Partnerships
- Walter Shwe, Lived Experience and Workforce

The Ad hoc reviewed and responded to Modules 1 & 2 of the Behavioral Health Services Act Policy Manual. The Council included feedback from listening sessions in the development of the recommendations submitted to the Department of Health Care Services.

Barbara Mitchell gave a high-level review of recommendations related to homelessness to date, including selecting the most appropriate definitions that allow more at-risk individuals to be served. Javier shared concerns and recommendations related to substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, particularly challenges in bringing together the mental health and substance use disorder delivery systems. Focus has been on inserting more language related to SUD into the policy manual. Uma Zykovsky shared that the Council provided extensive comments during the listening session that were not used in the first draft of the policy manual. Ad hoc members collaborated with several collateral partners on the recommendations. All Behavioral Health Transformation recommendations and responses to the Behavioral Health Services Act Policy Manual can be found on the CBHPC website.

Jenny Bayardo shared that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) reached out in response to the letters requesting clarification on a few items. The Department's Quality and Equity Advisory Committee (QEAC) lead met with Jenny to review the plans for engagement since the committee conflicts with the Council's quarterly meetings. The QEAC expressed interest in working with the Council to gather input on the integrated plans and performance measures. Jenny Bayardo shared that in the past it was not typical for the Department to initiate this type of contact, and she believes the shift is directly related to the quality of the work being developed by the Ad hoc team. Committee staff will review the final policy manual to identify what recommendations were made.

Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) & Behavioral Health Bond (BHB) Implementation Prioritization (Action)

Jenny Bayardo, Executive Officer, shared Proposition 1/Behavioral Health Transformation Ad hoc's vision for how tracking implementation will occur. This is a high priority for the Council, and components of the initiative touch each committee. The CBHPC BHT Areas of Interest Crosswalk document, approved by the Executive Committee, is used to track committee actions related to the Behavioral Health Transformation Implementation (Proposition 1).

Chairpersons from each committee discussed agenda items for upcoming meetings related to Senate Bill 326 & Assembly Bill 531. The *CBHPC BHT Areas of Interest Crosswalk* will be updated to reflect Council actions taken.

Council Appointment & Reappointment Policy Review (Action)

Chairperson Deborah Starkey addressed the committee and referred them to Tab 6 of the meeting packet. Chief of Operations, Naomi Ramirez, reviewed the current appointment process, reappointment process, and the proposed reappointment process in writing.

The committee discussed reappointment dates ensuring a change of membership annually in accordance with state statute, details of the notification of expiration process, and the convention for identifying members geographic locations.

Council Members agree with the following:

- using Behavioral Health Board Regions instead of counties
- formalizing the reappointment process

Council Members suggested changes:

- Allow more response time for Council Members to request reappointment in response to appointment expiration notice (Karen Baylor)
- Add due date or timeline for the exit survey (Karen Baylor)
- Consider thinking of appointments in terms of slots, so we have 1/3 of all slots expire on December 31st and all new appointments start January 1st. Example:

If someone leaves early, another person can be appointed for the remainder of the term. (Barbara Mitchell)

- May make it more complicated to recruit and increase turnover (Susan Wilson)
- Consider the service and commitments of those who desire to remain on this volunteer advisory body. Include this in the survey somehow so Council Members do not have to prove themselves again. (Monica Caffey)

Naomi Ramirez will update the draft procedures based on committee feedback to be voted on at the next meeting.

Report from CA Coalition for Behavioral Health

Daphne Shaw reported that the CA Coalition for Behavioral Health (CCBH) met a few times since the last Council meeting. The next scheduled meeting will include a presentation from the California Pan-Ethic Network and the election of new officers.

Report from CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards (CALBHB/C)

Executive Director, Theresa Comstock, reported on three key activities of the CALBHB/C: training panels, 2025 annual goals, and needs regarding the Behavioral Health Services Act.

Following the Council's quarterly meeting, CALBHB/C will hold a training that includes a panel of speakers on Substance Use Disorder. Theresa also shared the issue brief posted on their website, developed for behavioral health board members on the topic. The CALBHB/C annual goals developed by the governing board are supporting and advocating for diversity, equity, and inclusion, the workforce, substance use disorder, and the crisis care continuum. Opportunities for growth identified by the Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions in the Behavioral Health Services Act are a portal for the public to access performance outcomes and support for a comprehensive process for the Integrated Plans, such as a toolkit.

General Public Comment

Stacy Dalgleish commented on the meetings Susan Wilson did around the state and thanked her for holding the virtual educational forum. She stated that many people would not and cannot travel to these events but value the information.

Bill Stewart publicly thanked Walter Shwe for his contributions to the Council.

Stacy Dalgleish expressed support for Theresa Comstock's request of the state for a portal to access performance outcomes data and a tool kit for the community planning process, Integrated Plans, in the Behavioral Health Services Act.

Wrap-Up and Plan for Next Meeting

The next meeting is on April 16, 2025, in Folsom, California.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.