

California Behavioral Health Planning Council

Executive Committee Agenda

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

8:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

[Embassy Suites San Francisco Airport-South San Francisco](#)

250 Gateway Boulevard
South San Francisco, CA 94080
Stanley Room

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| 8:30 a.m. | Welcome, Introductions, and Housekeeping
<i>Tony Vartan, Chairperson</i> | |
| 8:35 a.m. | Review and Accept June 2026 Draft Meeting Minutes (Action)
<i>Susan Wilson, Chairperson-Elect</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee Discussion• Public Comment• Accept Minutes | Tab 1 |
| 8:40 a.m. | Fiscal Year 2026-27 Expenditure Report and Allotment Update
<i>Naomi Ramirez, Chief of Operations</i> | Tab 2 |
| 8:45 a.m. | Council Appointments & Recruitment Plan Update
<i>Naomi Ramirez, Chief of Operations</i> | Tab 3 |
| 8:55 a.m. | New Council Member Orientation
<i>Jenny Bayardo, Executive Officer</i> | Tab 4 |
| 9:00 a.m. | Committee Updates
<i>Tony Vartan, Chairperson</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update from leadership of each committee• Discussion | Tab 5 |
| 9:20 a.m. | Break | |

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- 9:25 a.m. Council's Focus for 2027 (Action)** **Tab 6**
Tony Vartan, Chairperson
- Review of Accomplishments
 - Identify Areas of Focus
 - Committee Discussion
 - Public Comment
- 9:50 a.m. Report from CA Coalition for Behavioral Health**
Daphne Shaw
- 9:55 a.m. Report from the CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions**
Theresa Comstock
- 10:05 a.m. General Public Comment**
Members of the public can comment on any non-action agenda item that did not have public comment or any other general item.
- 10:10 a.m. Wrap-Up and Plan for Next Meeting**
Tony Vartan, Chairperson
- 10:15 a.m. Adjourn**

The scheduled times on the agenda are estimates and subject to change.

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

Executive Committee Members

Officers: Tony Vartan, Chairperson Susan Wilson, Chair-Elect
Deborah Starkey, Past Chair

Housing/Homelessness: Barbara Mitchell, Chairperson Maria Sierra, Chair-Elect

Legislation: Javier Moreno, Chairperson Deborah Starkey, Chair-Elect

Patients' Rights: Mike Phillips, Chairperson Richard Krzyzanowski Chair-Elect

Systems and Medicaid: Karen Baylor, Chairperson Ian Kemmer, Chair-Elect

Workforce and Employment: Bill Stewart, Chairperson David Cortright, Chair-Elect

Performance Outcomes: Noel O'Neill, Chairperson Elizabeth Oseguera, Chair-Elect

At-Large: Arden Tucker

Liaisons: **CBHDA:** Elissa Feld **DHCS:** Erika Cristo

CCBH: Daphne Shaw

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