

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

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

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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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Agenda Item: Accept June 2026 Draft Meeting Minutes (Action)

Enclosures: None

Background/Description:

The June 2026 Draft Meeting Minutes will be e-mailed by the Chief of Operations at least three (3) business days before the meeting. Committee members will have the opportunity to ask questions, request edits, and provide other feedback before the minutes are accepted.

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Agenda Item: Fiscal Year 2026-27 Expenditure Report and Allotment Update

Enclosures: Fiscal Year 2026-27 Projected Conference Spending

Background/Description:

Operations Chief Naomi Ramirez will present current and projected fiscal-year expenditures. The Expenditure Reports will be sent out at least three (3) business days before the meeting to reflect up to date year-end close-out data.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) provides annual allotments that the Council uses to establish our budget and plan annual spending. Allotments are generally released each year in August, however due to the State's current budget deficit, allotments are still being calculated by DHCS. Naomi Ramirez will provide an update on the Council's allotments during this agenda item.

Committee members will have an opportunity to ask questions about expenditures and allotments, as needed.



Fiscal Year 2026-27 Projected Conference Spending (Recruitment Plan)

Conference	Dates	Attendees	Estimated Cost	Total	Notes
<u>2026 Substance Use Disorder Integrated Care Conference</u>	August 25-27, 2026	1 Staff 1 Members	\$350	\$700	Susan Wilson and Maydy Lo attended.
<u>CBHA Whole System Care Conference*</u>	September 30-October 2, 2026	2 Staff	\$500 Exhibit \$450 Registration	\$950	Exhibit table.
<u>NAMI California Annual Conference*</u>	October 8-9, 2026	1 Staff 2 Members	Exhibit-\$750 \$250 Registration	\$1,000	Exhibit table.
<u>2026 CHA Behavioral Health Care Symposium</u>	December 14-15, 2026	1 Staff 2 Members	\$399	\$1,197	Will only attend if there is opportunity to present.
CBHA Spring Policy Forum	TBD	1 Staff 2 Members	\$275	\$825	Details have not been released.
2026 CASRA Spring Gathering	TBD	1 Staff 2 Members	\$220	\$660	Chad anticipates conference in Spring 2027.



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Conference	Dates	Attendees	Estimated Cost	Total	Notes
California Alliance Child and Family Services Spring 2026 Conference*	March 1-4, 2027	1 Staff 2 Members	\$800	\$2,400	Plan to present Data Notebook. No exhibit table if we present.
51st Annual FMHAC Conference*	March 25-27, 2027	1 Staff 2 Members	Exhibit-\$1,500 \$650 Registration	\$3,450	Exhibit Table secured 9/3/26.
Housing California	May 4-6, 2027	1 Staff 1 Members	\$3,500 Exhibit \$675 Registration	\$3,500	Exhibit Table includes 2 registrations.
CMHACY's 47th Annual Conference	May 5-7, 2027	1 Staff 2 Members	\$725*	\$2,175	Plan to present Data Notebook. No exhibit table if we present.
Total	TBD	N/A	N/A	\$16,857	N/A

*Projected amount based on previous years.

Notes: We requested \$5,000 of MHSA funding for conferences and \$10,000 of MHBG funding.

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Agenda Item: Council Appointments & Recruitment Plan Update

Enclosures: [Council Appointment List](#)
Recruitment Plan

Background/Description:

To ensure fulfillment of the provisions in Welfare and Institution Code Section 5771, the Chief of Operations updates the Executive Committee on appointments at each quarterly meeting. The Executive Committee reviews council composition needs and identifies any actions needed.

There is currently one (1) vacancies on the Council for a Person with Lived Experience.

Summary of Council Member Activity since June 2026:

July

No changes

August

No changes

September

No changes

October

No changes

Recruitment Plan

The committee periodically reviews the recruitment plan to ensure recruitment activities are relevant and focused on the immediate needs of the Council.

The Chief of Operations updated the recruitment plan based on revisions requested at the June 2026 meeting. Added language is designated with an underline and deleted

language is designated with a ~~strike through~~ in the enclosed plan. A brief update will be provided on the activities and deliverables completed to date in alignment with the plan.

In addition to reviewing the updated recruitment plan, the committee will review the updated list of Council Members' areas of expertise to help identify current needs and guide future recruitment efforts. This list will be provided one week before the meeting to allow members time to review it in advance. The areas of expertise identified in 2019 and reflected in the current application include:

- Native American
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- African American
- Child/Adolescent/Youth
- Substance Use Disorder
- Veteran
- Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice
- LGBTQ
- Rural California
- Education
- Foster Care/Juvenile Justice
- Latino
- Older Adults

Upcoming Recruitment Events

- **2026 California Hospitals Association Behavioral Health Care Symposium**
 - December 14-15, 2026
 - Riverside, CA
- **51st Annual Forensic Mental Health Association of California Conference**
 - March 25-27, 2027
 - San Diego, CA
- **Housing California's 48th Annual Conference**
 - May 4-6, 2027
 - Sacramento, CA
- **California Association of Social Rehabilitation Agencies Spring Gathering**
 - Details-TBD

Outreach and Engagement Conferences

CBHPC plans to present at the following conferences to support outreach and engagement:

- **California Alliance Child and Family Services Spring 2026 Conference**
 - March 23-26, 2027
 - Sacramento, CA

- **California Mental Health Advocates for Children and Youth 47th Annual Conference**
 - May 5-7, 2027
 - Sacramento, CA

The committee will review the list of conferences CBHPC will participate in during 2026–2027 based on the priorities identified at the previous meeting. Committee Members who are interested in partnering with staff at exhibit tables for upcoming conferences may volunteer at this time.

Council Member Recruitment Plan

Council Member Recruitment Plan

The recruitment plan was adopted in 2019. All Council Members and staff will be familiar with the recruitment plan and current appointment needs. The primary goal is to fill current vacancies timely with qualified candidates whose strengths align with the Mission and Vision of the Council. This recruitment plan will help the Council in fill future vacancies as they become available. The Executive Committee will monitor the effectiveness of the plan quarterly and revise as needed.

Current Vacancies: As of October 2026, we have 1 vacancy for a Person with Lived Experience.

Mission and Vision of the California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC)

Vision: The CBHPC envisions a behavioral health system that makes it possible for individuals to lead full and productive lives. The system incorporates public and private resources to offer community-based services that embrace recovery and wellness. The services are client and family-driven, responsive, timely, culturally competent, and accessible to ALL of California's populations.

Mission: The CBHPC evaluates the behavioral health system for accessible and effective care. It advocates for an accountable system of responsive services that are strength-based, recovery-oriented, culturally and linguistically responsive, and cost-effective. To achieve these ends, the Council educates the public, the behavioral health constituency, and legislators.

Recruitment Process

The Executive Officer, along with the Officer Team (Chairperson, Past-Chair and Chair-Elect) will regularly assess membership to identify membership composition needs to ensure compliance with WIC Sec 5771 and discuss this with the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will ensure the Council's composition is demographically, geographically and culturally and linguistically balanced and reflects Council priorities and areas of interest. Our recruitment efforts will include:

1. Targeted recruitment efforts for regions under-represented on the Council
 - a. Identify members on the Council in these areas to solicit lists of organizations for potential recruitment
2. Targeted recruitment of members representative of California's diverse population
3. Targeted recruitment of individuals with SMI/SUD and family members of persons with SMI/SUD.
4. Targeted recruitment around areas of membership composition needs identified by the Executive Committee
 - a. Identify, prioritize and come to consensus on current areas of interest to focus on when recruiting new members for current vacancies

Council Member Recruitment Plan

Recruitment Strategies

Immediate:

1. Engage all current Council Members in the recruitment process as appropriate and when needed. Council Members are encouraged to:
 - a. Identify opportunities for partnership.
 - b. Participate in relationship building.
 - c. Make direct referrals.
 - d. Post event photos, event announcements or articles of interest to the Council's Facebook Page or submit these items to CBHPC staff for posting.
 - e. Assist with staffing CBHPC recruitment tables at conferences and other mental/behavioral health events.
2. Identify and develop Council members who will establish new relationships and expand existing partnership within the identified targeted areas to assemble a pool of potential applicants for current and future vacancies.
 - a. CBHPC staff will collect information about Council Member's current partnerships.
 - b. CBHPC staff will ~~develop~~ maintain a "crosswalk" of Council Member partnerships including organization descriptions and identification of the organizations area of expertise.
 - c. Executive Committee can/will utilize "crosswalk" to identify and recruit Council Members to assist with recruitment of new members to be considered for appointment by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
3. Engage existing partners in the recruitment process as appropriate and when needed.
 - a. Identify employers of Transition Age Youth (TAY) who would support their employee's participation in Council activities.
4. Explore additional social media platforms and podcast opportunities to strengthen outreach and improve connections with targeted populations.

Ongoing:

5. As ambassador of the California Behavioral Health Planning Council, the Executive Officer or designee **must** have the ability to represent the Council state-wide to advance the Mission and Vision of the Council as well as fulfill our federal requirements and state mandates. It is essential that the Council partner with local behavioral health organizations. The Executive Officer will re-establish and strengthen existing partnerships as follows:
 - a. Increase attendance of local behavioral health meetings in target areas as appropriate.
 - i. Include Council Member from that region, when possible.

Council Member Recruitment Plan

- b. Identify and attend mental/behavioral health advocacy meetings across the state.
 - c. Develop new relationships with various mental/behavioral health organizations (Consumer run, Tribal, Parent/Family)
6. The CBHPC staff shall engage in recruitment activities by actively participating in meetings, events and conferences identified by the Executive Committee. The Council should have tables at conferences that attract persons with lived experience, SMI/SUD advocates and family members.

Recruitment tools and other deliverables:

- Brochure and other materials to distribute to prospective Council Members.
- Facebook Content: CBHPC staff, under the direction of the Chief of Operations, will create pre-approved recruitment post to share when vacancies occur in each appointment category.
- CBHPC staff will work with Executive Committee to create standardized messaging about the Council's responsibilities, membership composition and needs.
- Photo Library of Council Member activities to use in marketing efforts (social media posts, brochures, website).
- Council Member videos that tell our story and inspire others to get involved that can be posted online or shared via social media.
- Letter to DHCS regarding the need for Council staff to engage in state-wide activities directly related to the mission, vision and mandates of the Council.
- Social Media Disclosure Statements and photo consent forms for members.

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Agenda Item: New Council Member Orientation Overview

Enclosures: Orientation Binder

Background/Description:

In 2017 the CBHPC participated in the SAMHSA Leadership project to address the membership representation of the Council and facilitate the inclusion of co-occurring Substance Use Disorders. The objectives were to

- 1) Connect the work of the Council with the Council's Mission
- 2) Guide through complex landscape of the Behavioral Health System and
- 3) Develop 40 Leaders within the Council and at the Local Level.

The second goal of the project included a component intended to guide the members through the complex landscape of the Behavioral Health System in California to augment member involvement in Council work and at the local level during the 2017 calendar year.

In 2018, SAMHSA invited California to continue with the Leadership Technical Assistance. The Officers and Council leadership accepted the invitation in effort to continue the momentum. One of the deliverables identified was the creation of a standard Orientation for new members that included the content created in 2017 to educate members on the Behavioral Health Landscape. The first New Member Orientation was held in 2019.

The Council has held a few orientations since that time. Many members have provided input on additional information they would feel could assist them and future members in onboarding more quickly and smoothly.

Council staff are developing updated orientation materials that will include, but are not limited to, the following items:

- Medi-Care Basics
- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)
- Updated Behavioral Health Funding Overview
- Updated Acronyms to include Substance Use Disorder and Housing

The Executive Officer is looking for a few volunteers to review the materials and provide expert consultation on how to include the additional content, if appropriate.



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NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

PLANNING COUNCIL STAFF:

Jenny Bayardo, Executive Officer

Naomi Ramirez, Chief of Operations

Maydy Lo, Behavioral Health Policy Consultant

Linda Dickerson, Behavioral Health Research Data Analyst

Justin Boese, Behavioral Health Program Specialist

Ashneek Nanua, Behavioral Health Program Planning Specialist

Simon Vue, Behavioral Health Analyst

Gabriella Sedano, Behavioral Health Analyst

Vacant, Office Clerk

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Committee Rosters 2026

Legislation and Public Policy	Workforce and Employment	Housing and Homelessness
Chairperson Javier Moreno Chair-Elect Deborah Starkey Amanda Andrews Karen Baylor Monica Caffey Erin Franco Ian Kemmer Barbara Mitchell Catherine Moore Noel O'Neill Elizabeth Oseguera Milan Zavala Jason Bradley Danielle Sena Karrie Sequeira Daphne Shaw Tony Vartan Susan Wilson Uma Zykovsky	Chairperson Bill Stewart Chair-Elect Dave Cortright Susie Baker John Black Jessica Grove Lynne Martin Del Campo Lanita Mims-Beal Don Morrison Dale Mueller Deborah Pitts Marina Rangel Maria Sierra Arden Tucker	Chairperson Barbara Mitchell Chair-Elect Maria Sierra Susie Baker John Black Jason Bradley Monica Caffey Dave Cortright Erin Franco Lynne Martin Del Campo Lanita Mims-Beal Deborah Starkey Don Morrison Danielle Sena Daphne Shaw Bill Stewart Arden Tucker Barbara Mitchell
Staff Maydy Lo 19*	Staff Ashneek Nanua 13*	Staff Simon Vue 16*

*Total Number of Council Members

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Systems and Medicaid		
Chairperson	Karen Baylor	
Chair-Elect	Ian Kemmer	
	Amanda Andrews	
	Jessica Grove	
	Steve Leoni	
	Catherine Moore	
	Javier Moreno	
	Dale Mueller	
	Noel O'Neill	
	Elizabeth Oseguera	
	Deborah Pitts	
	Marina Rangel	
	Karrie Sequeira	
	Tony Vartan	
	Susan Wilson	
	Uma Zykovsky	

Staff Ashneek Nanua 16*

Executive		
Chairperson	Tony Vartan	
Chair-Elect	Susan Wilson	
Past Chair	Deborah Starkey	
POC Chair	Noel O'Neill	
POC		
PRC Chair	Mike Phillips	
PRC	Richard Kryzanowski	
WEC Chair	Bill Stewart	
WEC	Dave Cortright	
LPPC Chair	Javier Moreno	
LPPC	Deborah Starkey	
SMC Chair	Karen Baylor	
SMC	Ian Kemmer	
HHC Chair	Deborah Starkey	
HHC	Maria Sierra	
DHCS	Erika Cristo	
CCBH	Daphne Shaw	
AT LARGE	Arden Tucker	
EO	Jenny Bayardo	
CBHDA	Elissa Feld	

Staff Naomi Ramirez 19*

Patients' Rights		
Chairperson	Mike Phillips	
Chair-Elect	Richard Kryzanowski	
	Catherine Moore	
	Daphne Shaw	
	Susan Wilson	
	Uma Zykovsky	

Staff Justin Boese 6*

Performance Outcomes		
Chairperson	Noel O'Neill	
Chair-Elect	Elizabeth Oseguera	
	Karen Baylor	
	Lanita Mims-Beal	
	Catherine Moore	
	Don Morrison	
	Susan Wilson	
	Uma Zykovsky	

Staff Justin Boese 8*

Meeting Format

Tuesday

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- Performance Outcomes Committee

Wednesday

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

- Executive Committee

10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

- Patient's Rights Committee

12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

- Children & Youth Workgroup

1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Workforce and Employment Committee
- Legislation and Public Policy Committee

Thursday

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- Systems and Medicaid Committee
- Housing and Homelessness Committee

12:10 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.

- Reducing Disparities Workgroup
- Substance Use Disorder Workgroup

1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Planning Council General Session

5:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

- Mentorship Forum

Friday

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- Planning Council General Session

JOB DESCRIPTION: CHAIRPERSON CALIFORNIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL

Availability and Visibility

The Chairperson should be able to devote a substantial amount of time to Council activities, including:

- attending Planning Council meetings;
- attending meetings with Director of Department of Health Care Services in Sacramento when needed;
- attending statewide meetings of major constituency groups;
- testifying at legislative hearings periodically; and
- having frequent telephone contact with the Executive Officer and the Chairperson- Elect.

Leadership

The Chairperson should possess the following knowledge, skill, and attributes:

- understand the Planning Council's statutory duties and role in state government;
- demonstrate a commitment to the Planning Council's mission and goals;
- serve as a consensus builder to unify the diverse membership of the Planning Council on issues of common concern;
- be skilled at conducting meetings and leading a group towards satisfactory decision making.

Being a recognized participant in behavioral health issues with various local, state, or national mental health constituency groups is desirable but not required.

Political Skills

The Chairperson should possess the following political skills:

- understand the State's legislative process and demonstrate a willingness to participate in the legislative arena; and
- understand the role of the State's Administration and how it functions, and demonstrate a willingness to work with the Administration;

Knowing key legislators and Administration officials is desirable but not required.

Possessing all the above skills on the federal level is desirable but not required.

Interpersonal Skills

The Chairperson should possess the following qualities:

- openness to change;
- the capacity to be flexible on issues; and
- conducting themselves in a way that is sensitive to and respectful of the diverse sensibilities of Planning Council members and persons in the audience.

STATE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL
42 U.S.C., 300x., Sections 1914 and 1915

Section 1914. State Behavioral Health Planning Council

- (a) IN GENERAL—A funding agreement for a grant under section 1911 is that the State involved will establish and maintain a State mental health planning council in accordance with the conditions described in this section.
- (b) DUTIES—A condition under subsection (a) for a Council is that the duties of the Council are--
 - (1) To review plans provided to the Council pursuant to section 1915(a) by the State involved and to submit to the State any recommendations of the Council for modifications to the plans;
 - (2) To serve as an advocate for adults with a serious mental illness, children with a severe emotional disturbance, and other individuals with mental illnesses or emotional problems; and
 - (3) To monitor, review, and evaluate, not less than once each year, the allocation and adequacy of mental health services within the State
- (c) MEMBERSHIP—
 - (1) IN GENERAL—A condition under subsection (a) for a Council is that the Council be composed of residents of the State, including representatives of—
 - (A) The principal State agencies with respect to—
 - (i) Mental health, education, vocational rehabilitation, criminal justice, housing, and social services; and
 - (ii) The development of the plan submitted pursuant to title XIX of the Social Security Act;
 - (B) Public and private entities concerned with the need, planning, operation, funding, and use of mental health services and related support services;
 - (C) Adults with serious mental illnesses who are receiving (or have received) mental health services; and
 - (D) The families of such adults or families of children with emotional disturbances.
 - (2) CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS—A condition under subsection (a) for a Council is that—
 - (A) With respect to the membership of the Council, the ratio of parents of children with a serious emotional disturbance to other members of the Council is sufficient to provide adequate representation of such children in the deliberations of the Council; and
 - (B) Not less than 50 percent of the members of the Council are individuals who are not State employees or providers of mental health services.

- (d) DEFINITION—For purposes of this section, the term “Council” means a State mental health planning council.

SEC. 1915. Additional Provisions.

(a) REVIEW OF STATE PLAN BY MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL-

The Secretary may make a grant under section 1911 to a State only if-

- 1) “ the plan submitted under section 1912(a) with respect to the grant has been reviewed by the State mental health planning council under section 1914; and
- 2) The State submits to the Secretary any recommendations received by the State from such council for modifications to the plan (without regard to whether the State has made the recommended modifications).”

(b) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REGARDING STATE EXPENDITURES FOR MENTAL HEALTH-

- 1) “IN GENERAL. - A funding agreement for a grant under section 1911 is that the State involved will maintain State expenditures for community mental health services at a level that is not less than the average level of such expenditures maintained by the State for the 2-year period preceding the fiscal year for which the State is applying for the grant.
- 2) WAIVER.- The Secretary may, upon the request of a State, waive the requirement established in paragraph (1) if the Secretary determines that extraordinary economic conditions in the State justify the waiver.

3) NONCOMPLIANCE BY STATE.-

(A) In making grant under section 1911 to a State for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall make a determination of whether, for the previous fiscal year, the State maintained material compliance with the agreement made under paragraph (1). If the Secretary determines that a State has failed to maintain such compliance, the Secretary shall reduce the amount of the allotment under section 1911 for the State for the fiscal year for which the dreamt is being made by an amount equal to the amount constituting such failure for the previous fiscal year.

(B) The Secretary may make a grant under section 1911 for a fiscal year only if the State involved submits to the Secretary information sufficient for the Secretary to make the determination required in subparagraph (A).”

CA Behavioral Health Planning Council State Statutes - Welfare and Institution Code

4033. (a) The State Department of Health Care Services shall, to the extent resources are available, comply with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration federal planning requirements. The department shall update and issue a state plan, which may also be any federally required state service plan, so that citizens may be informed regarding the implementation of, and long-range goals for, programs to serve mentally ill persons in the state. The department shall gather information from counties necessary to comply with this section.

(b) (1) If the State Department of Health Care Services makes a decision not to comply with any Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration federal planning requirement to which this section applies, the State Department of Health Care Services shall submit the decision, for consultation, to the California Mental Health Directors Association, the California Mental Health Planning Council, and affected mental health entities.

(2) The State Department of Health Care Services shall not implement any decision not to comply with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration federal planning requirements sooner than 30 days after notification of that decision, in writing, by the Department of Finance, to the chairperson of the committee in each house of the Legislature which considers appropriations, and the Chairperson of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.

5400. The Director of Health Care Services shall administer this part and shall adopt rules, regulations, and standards as necessary. In developing rules, regulations, and standards, the Director of Health Care Services shall consult with the California Behavioral Health Directors Association, the California Behavioral Health Planning Council, and the office of the Attorney General. Adoption of these standards, rules, and regulations shall require approval by the California Behavioral Health Directors Association by majority vote of those present at an official session.

Wherever feasible and appropriate, rules, regulations, and standards adopted under this part shall correspond to comparable rules, regulations, and standards adopted under the Bronzan-McCorquodale Act. These corresponding rules, regulations, and standards shall include qualifications for professional personnel.

Regulations adopted pursuant to this part may provide standards for services for chronic alcoholics which differ from the standards for services for the mentally disordered.

5514. There shall be a five-person Patients' Rights Committee formed through the California Behavioral Health Planning Council. This committee, supplemented by two ad hoc members appointed by the chairperson of the committee, shall advise the Director of Health Care Services and the Director of State Hospitals regarding department policies and practices that affect patients' rights. The committee shall also review the advocacy and patients' rights components of each county mental health plan or performance contract and advise the Director of Health Care Services and the Director of State Hospitals concerning the adequacy of each plan or performance contract in protecting patients' rights. The ad hoc members of the committee shall be persons with substantial experience in establishing and providing independent advocacy services to recipients of mental health services.

5524. (a) Subject to subdivision (b), a county shall verify that county patients' rights advocates review the patients' rights advocacy training materials provided online as described in paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) of Section 5370.2 within 90 days of employment. The county shall keep a record of this verification and send a copy electronically to the Patients' Rights Committee of the California Behavioral Health Planning Council established pursuant to Section 5514.

(b) A county patients' rights advocate who has been employed for at least one year on or after January 1, 2019, shall not be required to review the materials described in paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) of Section 5370.2.

(c) The requirements of this section do not replace the ongoing training required to be provided by the contractor to county patients' rights advocates as described in Section 5512.

5604.2. (a) The local mental health board shall do all of the following:

(1) Review and evaluate the community's mental health needs, services, facilities, and special problems.

(2) Review any county agreements entered into pursuant to Section 5650.

(3) Advise the governing body and the local mental health director as to any aspect of the local mental health program.

(4) Review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process.

(5) Submit an annual report to the governing body on the needs and performance of the county's mental health system.

(6) Review and make recommendations on applicants for the appointment of a local director of mental health services. The board shall be included in the selection process prior to the vote of the governing body.

(7) Review and comment on the county's performance outcome data and communicate its findings to the California Behavioral Health Planning Council.

(8) Nothing in this part shall be construed to limit the ability of the governing body to transfer additional duties or authority to a mental health board.

(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that, as part of its duties pursuant to subdivision (a), the board shall assess the impact of the realignment of services from the state to the county, on services delivered to clients and on the local community.

5610. (a) Each county mental health system shall comply with reporting requirements developed by the State Department of Health Care Services, in consultation with the California Behavioral Health Planning Council and the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, which shall be uniform and simplified. The department shall review existing data requirements to eliminate unnecessary requirements and consolidate requirements which are necessary. These requirements shall provide comparability between counties in reports.

(b) The department shall develop, in consultation with the Performance Outcome Committee, the California Behavioral Health Planning Council, and the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, pursuant to Section 5611, and with the California Health and Human Services Agency, uniform definitions and formats for a statewide, nonduplicative client-based information system that includes all information necessary to meet federal mental health grant requirements and state and federal Medicaid

reporting requirements, as well as any other state requirements established by law. The data system, including performance outcome measures reported pursuant to Section 5613, shall be developed by July 1, 1992.

(c) Unless determined necessary by the department to comply with federal law and regulations, the data system developed pursuant to subdivision (b) shall not be more costly than that in place during the 1990-91 fiscal year.

(d) – (f) provides additional requirements regarding reporting/data.

5611. (a) The Director of Mental Health shall establish a Performance Outcome Committee, to be comprised of representatives from the PL 99-660 Planning Council and the California Conference of Local Mental Health Directors. Any costs associated with the performance of the duties of the committee shall be absorbed within the resources of the participants.

(b) Major mental health professional organizations representing licensed clinicians may participate as members of the committee at their own expense.

(c) The committee may seek private funding for costs associated with the performance of its duties.

5614.5. (a) The department, in consultation with the Quality Improvement Committee which shall include representatives of the California Behavioral Health Planning Council, local mental health departments, consumers and families of consumers, and other stakeholders, shall establish and measure indicators of access and quality to provide the information needed to continuously improve the care provided in California's public mental health system.

(b) The department in consultation with the Quality Improvement Committee shall include specific indicators in all of the following areas:

(1) Structure.

(2) Process, including access to care, appropriateness of care, and the cost effectiveness of care.

(3) Outcomes.

(c) Protocols for both compliance with law and regulations and for quality indicators shall include standards and formal decision rules for establishing when technical assistance, and enforcement in the case of compliance, will occur. These standards and decision rules shall be established through the consensual stakeholder process established by the department.

(d) The department shall report to the legislative budget committees on the status of the efforts in Section 5614 and this section by March 1, 2001. The report shall include presentation of the protocols and indicators developed pursuant to this section or barriers encountered in their development.

5664. In consultation with the California Behavioral Health Directors Association, the State Department of Health Care Services, the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, the California Behavioral Health Planning Council, and the California Health and Human Services Agency, county mental health systems shall provide reports and data to meet the information needs of the state, as necessary.

5664.5. (a) County mental health systems shall continue to provide data required by the State Department of Health Care Services to establish uniform definitions and time

increments for reporting type and cost of services received by local mental health program clients.

(b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 1994, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which becomes effective on or before January 1, 1994, deletes or extends the dates on which it is repealed; or until the date upon which the director informs the Legislature that the new data system is established pursuant to Section 5610, whichever is later, unless the provisions of the section are required by the federal government.

5701.1. Notwithstanding Section **5701**, the State Department of Health Care Services, in consultation with the California Mental Health Directors Association and the California Behavioral Health Planning Council, may utilize funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Block Grant, awarded to the State Department of Health Care Services, above the funding level provided in federal fiscal year 1998, for the development of innovative programs for identified target populations, upon appropriation by the Legislature.

5732. (a) Given the requirements of Public Law 99-660 and the significant policy issues currently facing the mental health system in California, a master plan for mental health is required which integrates these planning and reform efforts and which establishes priorities for the service delivery system and analyzes critical policy issues.

(b) The California Planning Council's scope shall be expanded to include the development of the Mental Health Master Plan. This Mental Health Master Plan shall be distinct but compatible with the plan mandated by Public Law 99-660, the development and implementation of which is the responsibility of the State Department of Mental Health.

(c) Therefore, the California Planning Council required by Public Law 99-660 shall be expanded to include the following members:

(1) The Speaker of the Assembly shall recommend to the Governor for appointment, one council member.

(2) The Assembly Minority Floor Leader shall recommend to the Governor for appointment, one council member.

(3) The President pro Tempore of the Senate shall recommend to the Governor for appointment, one council member.

(4) The Senate Minority Floor Leader shall recommend to the Governor for appointment, one council member.

(5) The County Supervisors Association of California shall recommend to the Governor for appointment, one council member.

(d) The Mental Health Master Plan shall be completed and submitted to the Legislature and the Governor by October 1, 1991.

5750. The State Department of Health Care Services shall administer this part and shall adopt standards for the approval of mental health services, and rules and regulations necessary thereto. However, these standards, rules, and regulations shall be adopted only after consultation with the California Behavioral Health Directors Association and the California Behavioral Health Planning Council.

5771. (a) Pursuant to Public Law 102-321, there is the California Behavioral Health Planning Council. The purpose of the planning council shall be to fulfill those mental health planning requirements mandated by federal law.

(b) (1) The planning council shall have 40 members, to be comprised of members appointed from both the local and state levels in order to ensure a balance of state and local concerns relative to planning.

(2) As required by federal law, eight members of the planning council shall represent various state departments.

(3) Members of the planning council shall be appointed in a manner that will ensure that at least one-half are persons with mental disabilities, family members of persons with mental disabilities, and representatives of organizations advocating on behalf of persons with mental disabilities. Persons with mental disabilities and family members shall be represented in equal numbers.

(4) The Director of Health Care Services shall make appointments from among nominees from various mental health constituency organizations, which shall include representatives of consumer-related advocacy organizations, representatives of mental health professional and provider organizations, and representatives who are direct service providers from both the public and private sectors. The director shall also appoint one representative of the California Coalition on Behavioral Health.

(c) Members should be balanced according to demography, geography, gender, and ethnicity. Members should include representatives with interest in all target populations, including, but not limited to, children and youth, adults, and older adults.

(d) The planning council shall annually elect a chairperson and a chair-elect.

(e) The term of each member shall be three years, to be staggered so that approximately one-third of the appointments expire in each year.

(f) In the event of changes in the federal requirements regarding the structure and function of the planning council, or the discontinuation of federal funding, the State Department of Health Care Services shall, with input from state-level advocacy groups, consumers, family members and providers, and other stakeholders, propose to the Legislature modifications in the structure of the planning council that the department deems appropriate.

5771.1. The members of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission established pursuant to Section 5845 are members of the California Behavioral Health Planning Council. They serve in an ex officio capacity when the council is performing its statutory duties pursuant to Section **5772**. Such membership shall not affect the composition requirements for the council specified in Section **5771**.

5771.3. The California Behavioral Health Planning Council may utilize staff of the State Department of Health Care Services, to the extent they are available, and the staff of any other public or private agencies that have an interest in the mental health of the public and that are able and willing to provide those services.

5771.5. (a) (1) The Chairperson of the California Behavioral Health Planning Council, with the concurrence of a majority of the members of the California Behavioral Health Planning Council, shall appoint an executive officer who shall have those powers delegated to him or her by the council in accordance with this chapter.

(2) The executive officer shall be exempt from civil service.

(b) Within the limit of funds allotted for these purposes, the California Mental Health Planning Council may appoint other staff it may require according to the rules and procedures of the civil service system.

5772. The California Behavioral Health Planning Council shall have the powers and authority necessary to carry out the duties imposed upon it by this chapter, including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) To advocate for effective, quality mental health programs.

(b) To review, assess, and make recommendations regarding all components of California's mental health system, and to report as necessary to the Legislature, the State Department of Health Care Services, local boards, and local programs.

(c) To review program performance in delivering mental health services by annually reviewing performance outcome data as follows:

(1) To review and approve the performance outcome measures.

(2) To review the performance of mental health programs based on performance outcome data and other reports from the State Department of Health Care Services and other sources.

(3) To report findings and recommendations on programs' performance annually to the Legislature, the State Department of Health Care Services, and the local boards.

(4) To identify successful programs for recommendation and for consideration of replication in other areas. As data and technology are available, identify programs experiencing difficulties.

(d) When appropriate, make a finding pursuant to Section 5655 that a county's performance is failing in a substantive manner. The State Department of Health Care Services shall investigate and review the finding, and report the action taken to the Legislature.

(e) To advise the Legislature, the State Department of Health Care Services, and county boards on mental health issues and the policies and priorities that this state should be pursuing in developing its mental health system.

(f) To periodically review the state's data systems and paperwork requirements to ensure that they are reasonable and in compliance with state and federal law.

(g) To make recommendations to the State Department of Health Care Services on the award of grants to county programs to reward and stimulate innovation in providing mental health services.

(h) To conduct public hearings on the state mental health plan, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration block grant, and other topics, as needed.

(i) In conjunction with other statewide and local mental health organizations, assist in the coordination of training and information to local mental health boards as needed to ensure that they can effectively carry out their duties.

(j) To advise the Director of Health Care Services on the development of the state mental health plan and the system of priorities contained in that plan.

(k) To assess periodically the effect of realignment of mental health services and any other important changes in the state's mental health system, and to report its findings to the Legislature, the State Department of Health Care Services, local programs, and local boards, as appropriate.

(l) To suggest rules, regulations, and standards for the administration of this division.

(m) When requested, to mediate disputes between counties and the state arising under this part.

(n) To employ administrative, technical, and other personnel necessary for the performance of its powers and duties, subject to the approval of the Department of Finance.

(o) To accept any federal fund granted, by act of Congress or by executive order, for purposes within the purview of the California Behavioral Health Planning Council, subject to the approval of the Department of Finance.

(p) To accept any gift, donation, bequest, or grants of funds from private and public agencies for all or any of the purposes within the purview of the California Behavioral Health Planning Council, subject to the approval of the Department of Finance.

5814. (a) (1) This part shall be implemented only to the extent that funds are appropriated for purposes of this part. To the extent that funds are made available, the first priority shall go to maintain funding for the existing programs that meet adult system of care contract goals. The next priority for funding shall be given to counties with a high incidence of persons who are severely mentally ill and homeless or at risk of homelessness, and meet the criteria developed pursuant to paragraphs (3) and (4).

(2) The Director of Health Care Services shall establish a methodology for awarding grants under this part consistent with the legislative intent expressed in Section 5802, and in consultation with the advisory committee established in this subdivision.

(3) (A) The Director of Health Care Services shall establish an advisory committee for the purpose of providing advice regarding the development of criteria for the award of grants, and the identification of specific performance measures for evaluating the effectiveness of grants. The committee shall review evaluation reports and make findings on evidence-based best practices and recommendations for grant conditions. At not less than one meeting annually, the advisory committee shall provide to the director written comments on the performance of each of the county programs. Upon request by the department, each participating county that is the subject of a comment shall provide a written response to the comment. The department shall comment on each of these responses at a subsequent meeting.

(B) The committee shall include, but not be limited to, representatives from state, county, and community veterans' services and disabled veterans outreach programs, supportive housing and other housing assistance programs, law enforcement, county mental health and private providers of local mental health services and mental health outreach services, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, local substance abuse services providers, the Department of Rehabilitation, providers of local employment services, the State Department of Social Services, the Department of Housing and Community Development, a service provider to transition youth, the United Advocates for Children of California, the California Mental Health Advocates for Children and Youth, the Mental Health Association of California, the California Alliance for the Mentally Ill, the California Network of Mental Health Clients, the California Behavioral Health Planning Council, the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, and other appropriate entities.

(4) The criteria for the award of grants shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(A) A description of a comprehensive strategic plan for providing outreach, prevention, intervention, and evaluation in a cost appropriate manner corresponding to the criteria specified in subdivision (c).

(B) A description of the local population to be served, ability to administer an effective service program, and the degree to which local agencies and advocates will support and collaborate with program efforts.

(C) A description of efforts to maximize the use of other state, federal, and local funds or services that can support and enhance the effectiveness of these programs.

(5) In order to reduce the cost of providing supportive housing for clients, counties that receive a grant pursuant to this part after January 1, 2004, shall enter into contracts with sponsors of supportive housing projects to the greatest extent possible. Participating counties are encouraged to commit a portion of their grants to rental assistance for a specified number of housing units in exchange for the counties' clients having the right of first refusal to rent the assisted units.

(b) – (h) present additional requirements for the grants.

5820. (a) It is the intent of this part to establish a program with dedicated funding to remedy the shortage of qualified individuals to provide services to address severe mental illnesses.

(b) Each county mental health program shall submit to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development a needs assessment identifying its shortages in each professional and other occupational category in order to increase the supply of professional staff and other staff that county mental health programs anticipate they will require in order to provide the increase in services projected to serve additional individuals and families pursuant to Part 3 (commencing with Section 5800), Part 3.2 (commencing with Section 5830), Part 3.6 (commencing with Section 5840), and Part 4 (commencing with Section 5850) of this division. For purposes of this part, employment in California's public mental health system includes employment in private organizations providing publicly funded mental health services.

(c) The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, in coordination with the California Behavioral Health Planning Council, shall identify the total statewide needs for

each professional and other occupational category utilizing county needs assessment information and develop a five-year education and training development plan.

(d) Development of the first five-year plan shall commence upon enactment of the initiative. Subsequent plans shall be adopted every five years, with the next five-year plan due as of April 1, 2014.

(e) Each five-year plan shall be reviewed and approved by the California Behavioral Health Planning Council.

5821. (a) The California Behavioral Health Planning Council shall advise the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development on education and training policy development and provide oversight for education and training plan development.

(b) The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development shall work with the California Mental Health Planning Council and the State Department of Health Care Services so that council staff is increased appropriately to fulfill its duties required by Sections 5820 and 5821.

5845. (a) The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission is hereby established to oversee Part 3 (commencing with Section 5800), the Adult and Older Adult Mental Health System of Care Act; Part 3.1 (commencing with Section 5820), Human Resources, Education, and Training Programs; Part 3.2 (commencing with Section 5830), Innovative Programs; Part 3.6 (commencing with Section 5840), Prevention and Early Intervention Programs; and Part 4 (commencing with Section 5850), the Children's Mental Health Services Act. The commission shall replace the advisory committee established pursuant to Section 5814.

(d) In carrying out its duties and responsibilities, the commission may do all of the following:

(12) Work in collaboration with the State Department of Health Care Services and the California Behavioral Health Planning Council, and in consultation with the California Behavioral Health Directors Association, in designing a comprehensive joint plan for a coordinated evaluation of client outcomes in the community-based mental health system, including, but not limited to, parts listed in subdivision (a). The California Health and Human Services Agency shall lead this comprehensive joint plan effort.

5848. (d) Mental health services provided pursuant to Part 3 (commencing with Section 5800), and Part 4 (commencing with Section 5850), shall be included in the review of program performance by the California Behavioral Health Planning Council required by paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section 5772 and in the local mental health board's review and comment on the performance outcome data required by paragraph (7) of subdivision (a) of Section 5604.2.

5892. (d) Prior to making the allocations pursuant to subdivisions (a), (b), and (c), funds shall be reserved for the costs for the State Department of Health Care Services, the California Behavioral Health Planning Council, the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, the

State Department of Public Health, and any other state agency to implement all duties pursuant to the programs set forth in this section. These costs shall not exceed 5 percent of the total of annual revenues received for the fund. The administrative costs shall include funds to assist consumers and family members to ensure the appropriate state and county agencies give full consideration to concerns about quality, structure of service delivery, or access to services. The amounts allocated for administration shall include amounts sufficient to ensure adequate research and evaluation regarding the effectiveness of services being provided and achievement of the outcome measures set forth in Part 3 (commencing with Section 5800), Part 3.6 (commencing with Section 5840), and Part 4 (commencing with Section 5850) of this division. The amount of funds available for the purposes of this subdivision in any fiscal year shall be subject to appropriation in the annual Budget Act.

5897. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of state law, the State Department of Health Care Services shall implement the mental health services provided by Part 3 (commencing with Section 5800), Part 3.6 (commencing with Section 5840), and Part 4 (commencing with Section 5850) of this division through contracts with county mental health programs or counties acting jointly. A contract may be exclusive and may be awarded on a geographic basis. As used herein a county mental health program includes a city receiving funds pursuant to Section 5701.5.

(b) Two or more counties acting jointly may agree to deliver or subcontract for the delivery of such mental health services. The agreement may encompass all or any part of the mental health services provided pursuant to these parts. Any agreement between counties shall delineate each county's responsibilities and fiscal liability.

(c) The department shall implement the provisions of Part 3 (commencing with Section 5800), Part 3.2 (commencing with Section 5830), Part 3.6 (commencing with Section 5840), and Part 4 (commencing with Section 5850) of this division through the annual county mental health services performance contract, as specified in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 5650) of Part 2 of Division 5.

(d) When a county mental health program is not in compliance with its performance contract, the department may request a plan of correction with a specific timeline to achieve improvements.

(e) Contracts awarded by the State Department of Health Care Services, the California Behavioral Health Planning Council, the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, and the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission pursuant to Part 3 (commencing with Section 5800), Part 3.1 (commencing with Section 5820), Part 3.2 (commencing with Section 5830), Part 3.6 (commencing with Section 5840), Part 3.7 (commencing with Section 5845), Part 4 (commencing with Section 5850), and Part 4.5 (commencing with Section 5890) of this division, may be awarded in the same manner in which contracts are awarded pursuant to Section 5814 and the provisions of subdivisions (g) and (h) of Section 5814 shall apply to such contracts.

(f) For purposes of Section 5775, the allocation of funds pursuant to Section 5892 which are used to provide services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries shall be included in calculating anticipated county matching funds and the transfer to the State Department of Health Care Services of the anticipated county matching funds needed for community mental health programs.

14045.17 The department shall solicit stakeholder input that may include input from the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, peer support and family organizations, mental health services and substance use disorder treatment providers and organizations, the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California, and the California Behavioral Health Planning Council in implementing this article. Consultation shall include regular stakeholder meetings. The department may additionally conduct technical workgroups upon the request of stakeholders.

14682.1. (a) The State Department of Health Care Services shall be designated as the state agency responsible for development, consistent with the requirements of Section 4060, and implementation of, mental health plans for Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

(b) The department shall convene a steering committee for the purpose of providing advice and recommendations on the transition and continuing development of the Medi-Cal mental health managed care systems pursuant to subdivision (a). The committee shall include work groups to advise the department of major issues to be addressed in the managed mental health care plan, as well as system transition and transformation issues pertaining to the delivery of mental health care services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries, including services to children provided through the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program.

(c) The committee shall consist of diverse representatives of concerned and involved communities, including, but not limited to, beneficiaries, their families, providers, mental health professionals, substance use disorder treatment professionals, statewide representatives of health care service plans, representatives of the California Behavioral Health Planning Council, public and private organizations, county mental health directors, and others as determined by the department. The department has the authority to structure this steering committee process in a manner that is conducive for addressing issues effectively, and for providing a transparent, collaborative, meaningful process to ensure a more diverse and representative approach to problem-solving and dissemination of information.

Health and Safety Code Section 128456.

In developing the program established pursuant to this article, the Health Professions Education Foundation shall solicit the advice of representatives of the Board of Behavioral Sciences, the Board of Psychology, the State Department of Health Care Services, the California Behavioral Health Directors Association, the California Behavioral Health Planning Council, professional mental health care organizations, the California Healthcare Association, the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, and the Chancellor of the California State University. The foundation shall solicit the advice of representatives who reflect the demographic, cultural, and linguistic diversity of the state.

California Behavioral Health Planning Council Transparency Policy

To facilitate open communication and understanding on all projects conducted by the California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC) among its members who may or may not be involved in paid employment related to CBHPC business, the CBHPC is adopting the following policy and procedure:

- A member is doing paid work for the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) or other state agencies whose work may be reviewed by the CBHPC
- A member is doing paid work for the federal government that may be related to federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Act Block Grant activities
- A member is doing paid work for a contractor of the DHCS
- A member is doing paid work for a county when that work is likely to be reviewed by the CBHPC

Quarterly Meeting Agenda Development and Packet

Agenda

The Executive Officer is responsible for developing the agenda for the Quarterly General Session Meetings. The Council likes to have Opening Remarks from a County Behavioral Health Director on Thursday afternoon and from a State Legislator or Administration representative on Friday morning. Topics are recommended by Executive Committee members or developed by the Executive Officer with the Officer Team based on emerging issues in the behavioral health system.

Packet

The packet is assembled as follows (All these materials are enclosed):

- Packet Cover Letter
- Issue Request Form (Planning Council members use this if they have a topic that they wish one of the committees to pursue. They fill out this form and take it to the committee in question and make a request during the first five minutes of the committee meeting.)
- General Session Meeting Agenda with Action Item tabs. (Agenda Items that are going to have background information included in the packet are given letter tabs and have Action Items written up on them. They are generally informational in nature and do not have any actions taken on them. You determine what the letters are for the tabs by looking where the letters left off from the previous meeting. For example, the last letter for the October meeting was "V" so the first tab for the January meeting would be "W." The Executive Officer can do the Action Items or delegate them to other staff, especially to the Deputy Executive Officer.
- Committee Agendas with Action Item tabs—Committee materials are provided for the members of each committee. Council Members can request materials for committees they are not members of, or they can access them online.
- Members may select to receive electronic or print packets.
- Packets are delivered to Council members and posted to the Council's webpage a minimum of 10 working days prior to the meeting.

Governance

The Planning Council has two layers of governance: the Officer Team and the Executive Committee.

Officer Team

The Officer Team is composed of the Chairperson, the Chair-elect, and the Past-Chair. The officers of the Planning Council serve a total of six years: two years as Chair-elect, two years as Chairperson, and two years as Past-chair. In between quarterly meetings, the Officer Team is consulted via email and conference calls for decisions about process questions that are of a sensitive nature or that need to be decided more quickly than getting a decision from the Executive Committee. The Officer Team does not make decisions on mental/behavioral health policy recommendations. Currently, the Officer Team meets via conference call with the Executive Officer weekly.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee makes decisions on Planning Council processes or mental/behavioral health policy recommendations as needed in-between Planning Council meetings. They do this by email and conference calls for internal process issues, and publicly noticed meetings for mental/behavioral health policy recommendations.

Selection of the Chair-Elect

Every two years, a Nominating Committee is appointed by the Officer Team to nominate a Chair-elect. The nominee is presented to the full Council membership and a vote is conducted at the January Planning Council meeting.

The Nominating Committee consists of one member from each of the appointment categories: family member, consumer, consumer-related advocate, provider/professional, and state representative. Materials are sent out to the Nominating Committee in November for a conference call to be held in mid-November/early December to develop a list of possible Chair-elect candidates.



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Greetings Council Members,

CBHPC support staff will complete a travel claim for you, submit it to the Department of Health Care Services and mail you a copy for each trip you complete. You can expect to receive a payment approximately three to four weeks after we receive your completed paperwork.

Please provide the information requested on the worksheet on the reverse side of this letter and complete the following steps.

1. **Enclose** receipts requested.
2. **Sign** (not in black ink) and **date** worksheet.
3. **Mail the completed worksheet and required receipts to:**

CA Behavioral Health Planning Council
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Below is information regarding reimbursement policies the Council must adhere to when processing payments.

PER DIEM BREAKDOWN: Meal Expenses & Incidentals

One-Day Travel:

Breakfast: may be claimed if travel begins at or before 6:00 a.m.

Lunch/Incidentals: not reimbursable on travel less than 24 hours.

Dinner: may be claimed if travel begins at or before 4:00 p.m. and ends at or after 7:00 p.m.

Travel Over 24 Hours:

Members are eligible for up to 75% of the standard reimbursement rate on the first and last day of travel. Additional full calendar days of travel are eligible for up to 100% of the standard reimbursement rate.

Reimbursement shall be for actual costs of meal and incidental expenses subject to the following maximum rates:

Breakfast	up to \$16.00	Dinner	up to \$28.00
Lunch	up to \$19.00	Incidentals	up to \$5.00

******The current mileage rate for private vehicle use is .76 cents per mile.

First Day of Travel on a Trip of 24 Hours or More:

Breakfast may be claimed if the trip began at or before 6:00 a.m.

Lunch may be claimed if the trip began at or before 11:00 a.m.

Dinner may be claim if the trip began at or before 5:00 p.m.



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Please Note: The Department follows Internal Revenue Service requirements and Department of Human Resources rules in regard to county based maximum allowances for hotel room rates.

Travel Expense Claim Worksheet

Council Member Name _____

1. Destination/purpose of trip _____
2. Time/Date you departed _____
3. Starting location (home or office address) _____
4. Date you returned from trip _____
5. Time you reached your home _____
6. If you drove to the airport or the meeting, round trip mileage _____
7. If you drove, your license plate number _____
8. Any bridge tolls or parking fees _____
9. Purpose of trip: _____
10. **Send all the following receipts if you incurred any of these expenses:** (Example: Airline itinerary, parking, shuttle, and hotel bill with a zero balance, etc.)

Check List:

- ☐ **Airline ticket (original ticket required or itinerary receipt for ticketless travel)**
- ☐ **Hotel receipts (receipt should have a “zero balance”)**
- ☐ **Parking receipts**
- ☐ **Taxi, shuttle or Uber/Lyft receipts**

****NOTE:** License plate number must be listed any time you claim parking. You do not need to submit receipts for meals to us, but you do need to retain them in the event you are audited by the Internal Revenue Service.

(15) Claimants Signature (DO NOT USE BLACK INK!)	Date
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Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act

ARTICLE 9. Meetings [Government Code Sections 11120 – 11132]

(Article 9 added by Stats. 1967, Ch. 1656.)

11120.

It is the public policy of this state that public agencies exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business and the proceedings of public agencies be conducted openly so that the public may remain informed.

In enacting this article the Legislature finds and declares that it is the intent of the law that actions of state agencies be taken openly and that their deliberation be conducted openly.

The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.
(Amended by Stats. 1981, Ch. 968, Sec. 4.)

11121.

As used in this article, "state body" means each of the following:

(a) Every state board, or commission, or similar multimember body of the state that is created by statute or required by law to conduct official meetings and every commission created by executive order.

(b) A board, commission, committee, or similar multimember body that exercises any authority of a state body delegated to it by that state body.

(c) An advisory board, advisory commission, advisory committee, advisory subcommittee, or similar multimember advisory body of a state body, if created by formal action of the state body or of any member of the state body, and if the advisory body so created consists of three or more persons.

(d) A board, commission, committee, or similar multimember body on which a member of a body that is a state body pursuant to this section serves in his or her official capacity as a representative of that state body and that is supported, in whole or in part, by funds provided by the state body, whether the multimember body is organized and operated by the state body or by a private corporation.

(e) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 11121.1, the State Bar of California, as described in Section 6001 of the Business and Professions Code. This subdivision shall become operative on April 1, 2016.

(Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 537, Sec. 22. (SB 387) Effective January 1, 2016.)**11121.1.**

As used in this article, "state body" does not include any of the following:

(a) Except as provided in subdivision (e) of Section 11121, state agencies provided for in Article VI of the California Constitution.

(b) Districts or other local agencies whose meetings are required to be open to the public pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5).

(c) State agencies provided for in Article IV of the California Constitution whose meetings are required to be open to the public pursuant to the Grunsky-Burton Open Meeting Act (Article 2.2 (commencing with Section 9027) of Chapter 1.5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 2).

(d) State agencies when they are conducting proceedings pursuant to Section 3596.

(e) State agencies provided for in Section 109260 of the Health and Safety Code, except as provided in Section 109390 of the Health and Safety Code.

(f) The Credit Union Advisory Committee established pursuant to Section 14380 of the Financial Code.

(Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 537, Sec. 23. (SB 387) Effective January 1, 2016.)**11121.9.**

Each state body shall provide a copy of this article to each member of the state body upon his or her appointment to membership or assumption of office.

(Amended by Stats. 1981, Ch. 968, Sec. 7.1.)

11121.95.

Any person appointed or elected to serve as a member of a state body who has not yet assumed the duties of office shall conform his or her conduct to the requirements of this article and shall be treated for purposes of this article as if he or she has already assumed office.

(Added by Stats. 1997, Ch. 949, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 1998.)

11122.

As used in this article "action taken" means a collective decision made by the members of a state body, a collective commitment or promise by the members of the state body to make a positive or negative decision or an actual vote by the members of a state body when sitting as a body or entity upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order or similar action.

(Amended by Stats. 1981, Ch. 968, Sec. 7.3.)

11122.5.

11123.

(a) All meetings of a state body shall be open and public and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of a state body except as otherwise provided in this article.

(b) (1) This article does not prohibit a state body from holding an open or closed meeting by teleconference for the benefit of the public and state body. The meeting or proceeding held by teleconference shall otherwise comply with all applicable requirements or laws relating to a specific type of meeting or proceeding, including the following:

(A) The teleconferencing meeting shall comply with all requirements of this article applicable to other meetings.

(B) The portion of the teleconferenced meeting that is required to be open to the public shall be audible to the public at the location specified in the notice of the meeting.

(C) If the state body elects to conduct a meeting or proceeding by teleconference, it shall post agendas at all teleconference locations and conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that protects the rights of any party or member of the public appearing before the state body. Each teleconference location shall be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and each teleconference location shall be accessible to the public. The agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the state body directly pursuant to Section 11125.7 at each teleconference location.

(D) All votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by rollcall.

(E) The portion of the teleconferenced meeting that is closed to the public may not include the consideration of any agenda item being heard pursuant to Section 11125.5.

(F) At least one member of the state body shall be physically present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting.

(2) For the purposes of this subdivision, "teleconference" means a meeting of a state body, the members of which are at different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or both audio and video. This section does not prohibit a state body from providing members of the public with additional locations in which the public may observe or address the state body by electronic means, through either audio or both audio and video.

(c) The state body shall publicly report any action taken and the vote or abstention on that action of each member present for the action.

(Amended by Stats. 2014, Ch. 510, Sec. 1. (AB 2720) Effective January 1, 2015.)

11123.1.

All meetings of a state body that are open and public shall meet the protections and prohibitions contained in Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof.

(Added by Stats. 2002, Ch. 300, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2003.)

11123.2

(a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Teleconference" means a meeting of a state body, the members of which are at different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or both audio and video.

(2) "Teleconference location" means a physical location that is accessible to the public and from which members of the public may participate in the meeting.

(3) "Remote location" means a location from which a member of a state body participates in a meeting other than a teleconference location.

(4) "Participate remotely" means participation by a member of the body in a meeting at a remote location other than a teleconference location designated in the notice of the meeting.

(b) (1) In addition to the authorization to hold a meeting by teleconference pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 11123 and Section 11123.5, a state body may hold an open or closed meeting by teleconference as described in this section, provided the meeting complies with all of this section's requirements and, except as set forth in this section, it also complies with all other applicable requirements of this article relating to the specific type of meeting.

(2) This section does not limit or affect the ability of a state body to hold a teleconference meeting under another provision of this article, including Sections 11123 and 11123.5.

(c) The portion of the teleconferenced meeting that is required to be open to the public shall be visible and audible to the public at each teleconference location.

(d) (1) The state body shall provide a means by which the public may remotely hear audio of the meeting, remotely observe the meeting, remotely address the body, or attend the meeting by providing on the posted agenda a teleconference telephone number, an internet website or other online platform, and a physical address for each teleconference location. The telephonic or online means provided to the public to access the meeting shall be equivalent to the telephonic or online means provided to a member of the state body participating remotely.

(2) The applicable teleconference telephone number, internet website or other online platform, and physical address of each teleconference location, as well as any other information indicating how the public can access the meeting remotely and in person, shall be specified in any notice required by this article.

(3) If the state body allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically, the state body shall do both of the following:

(A) Implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable modification or accommodation from individuals with disabilities, consistent with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.), and resolving any doubt whatsoever in favor of accessibility.

(B) Advertise that procedure each time notice is given of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment.

(e) This section does not prohibit a state body from providing members of the public with additional locations from which the public may observe or address the state body by electronic means, through either audio or both audio and video.

(f) (1) The agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the state body directly pursuant to Section 11125.7.

(2) Members of the public shall be entitled to exercise their right to directly address the state body during the teleconferenced meeting without being required to submit public comments before the meeting or in writing.

(g) The state body shall post the agenda on its internet website and, on the day of the meeting, at each teleconference location.

(h) This section does not affect the requirement prescribed by this article that the state body post an agenda of a meeting in accordance with the applicable notice requirements of this article, including Section 11125, requiring the state body to post an agenda of a meeting at least 10 days in advance of the meeting, Section 11125.4, applicable to special meetings, and Sections 11125.5 and 11125.6, applicable to emergency meetings.

(i) At least one member of the state body shall be physically present at each teleconference location.

(j) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a majority of the members of the state body shall be physically present at the same teleconference location. Additional members of the state body in excess of a majority of the members may attend and participate in the meeting from a remote location. A remote location is not required to be accessible to the public. The notice and agenda shall not disclose information regarding a remote location.

(2) A member attending and participating from a remote location may count toward the majority required to hold a teleconference if both of the following conditions are met:

(A) The member has a need related to a physical or mental disability, as those terms are defined in Sections 12926 and 12926.1, that is not otherwise reasonably accommodated pursuant to the federal Americans with Disability Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.).

(B) The member notifies the state body at the earliest opportunity possible, including at the start of a meeting, of their need to participate remotely, including providing a general description of the circumstances relating to their need to participate remotely at the given meeting.

(3) If a member notifies the body of the member's need to attend and participate remotely pursuant to paragraph (2), the body shall take action to approve the exception and shall request a general description of the circumstances relating to the member's need to participate remotely at the meeting, for each meeting in which the member seeks to participate remotely. The body shall not require the member to provide a general description that exceeds 20 words or to disclose any medical diagnosis or disability, or any personal medical information that is already exempt under existing law, such as the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (Part 2.6 (commencing with Section 56) of Division 1 of the Civil Code).

(4) If a member of the state body attends the meeting by teleconference from a remote location, the member shall disclose whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room at the remote location with the member, and the general nature of the member's relationship with any such individuals.

(k) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the members of the state body shall visibly appear on camera during the open portion of a meeting that is publicly accessible via the internet or other online platform.

(2) The visual appearance of a member of the state body on camera may cease only when the appearance would be technologically impracticable, including, but not limited to, when the member experiences a lack of reliable broadband or internet connectivity that would be remedied by joining without video, or when the visual display of meeting materials, information, or speakers on the internet or other online platform requires the visual appearance of a member of a state body on camera to cease.

(3) If a member of the state body does not appear on camera due to challenges with internet connectivity, the member shall announce the reason for their nonappearance when they turn off their camera.

(l) All votes taken during the teleconferenced meeting shall be by rollcall.

(m) The state body shall publicly report any action taken and the vote or abstention on that action of each member present for the action.

(n) The portion of the teleconferenced meeting that is closed to the public shall not include the consideration of any agenda item being heard pursuant to Section 11125.5.

(o) Upon discovering that a means of remote public access and participation required by subdivision (d) has failed during a meeting and cannot be restored, the state body shall end or adjourn the meeting in accordance with Section 11128.5. In addition to any other requirements that may apply, the state body shall provide notice of the meeting's end or adjournment on the state body's internet website and by email to any person who has requested notice of meetings of the state body by email under this article. If the meeting will be adjourned and reconvened on the same day, further notice shall be provided by an automated message on a telephone line posted on the state body's agenda, internet website, or by a similar means, that will communicate when the state body intends to reconvene the meeting and how a member of the public may hear audio of the meeting or observe the meeting.

(p) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2026, and as of that date is repealed.

(Amended by Stats. 2034, Ch. 216 (SB 544) Effective January 1, 2024.)

11123.5

(a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Participate remotely" means participation in a meeting at a location other than the physical location designated in the agenda of the meeting.

(2) "Remote location" means a location other than the primary physical location designated in the agenda of a meeting.

(3) "Teleconference" has the same meaning as in Section 11123.

(b) In addition to the authorization to hold a meeting by teleconference pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 11123 or Section 11123.2, any state body that is an advisory board, advisory commission, advisory committee, advisory subcommittee, or similar multimember advisory body may hold an open meeting by teleconference as described in this section, provided the meeting complies with all of the section's requirements and, except as set forth in this section, it also complies with all other applicable requirements of this article.

(c) A member of a state body as described in subdivision (b) who participates in a teleconference meeting from a remote location subject to this section's requirements shall be listed in the minutes of the meeting.

(d) The state body shall provide notice to the public at least 24 hours before the meeting that identifies any member who will participate remotely by posting the notice on its internet website and by emailing notice to any person who has requested notice of meetings of the state body under this article. The location of a member of a state body who will participate remotely is not required to be disclosed in the public notice or email

and need not be accessible to the public. The notice of the meeting shall also identify the primary physical meeting location designated pursuant to subdivision (f).

(e) This section does not affect the requirement prescribed by this article that the state body post an agenda of a meeting at least 10 days in advance of the meeting. The agenda shall include information regarding the physical meeting location designated pursuant to subdivision (f), but is not required to disclose information regarding any remote location.

(f) A state body described in subdivision (b) shall designate the primary physical meeting location in the notice of the meeting where members of the public may physically attend the meeting, observe and hear the meeting, and participate. At least one staff member of the state body shall be present at the primary physical meeting location during the meeting. The state body shall post the agenda at the primary physical meeting location, but need not post the agenda at a remote location.

(g) When a member of a state body described in subdivision (b) participates remotely in a meeting subject to this section's requirements, the state body shall provide a means by which the public may remotely hear audio of the meeting or remotely observe the meeting, including, if available, equal access equivalent to members of the state body participating remotely. The applicable teleconference phone number or internet website, or other information indicating how the public can access the meeting remotely, shall be in the 24-hour notice described in subdivision (b) that is available to the public.

(h) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the members of the state body shall visibly appear on camera during the open portion of a meeting that is publicly accessible via the internet or other online platform.

(2) The visual appearance of a member of a state body on camera may cease only when the appearance would be technologically impracticable, including, but not limited to, when the member experiences a lack of reliable broadband or internet connectivity that would be remedied by joining without video, or when the visual display of meeting materials, information, or speakers on the internet or other online platform requires the visual appearance of a member of a state body on camera to cease.

(3) If a member of the body does not appear on camera due to challenges with internet connectivity, the member shall announce the reason for their nonappearance when they turn off their camera.

(i) Upon discovering that a means of remote access required by subdivision (g) has failed during a meeting, the state body described in subdivision (b) shall end or adjourn the meeting in accordance with Section 11128.5. In addition to any other requirements that may apply, the state body shall provide notice of the meeting's end or adjournment on its internet website and by email to any person who has requested notice of meetings of the state body under this article. If the meeting will be adjourned and reconvened on the same day, further notice shall be provided by an automated message on a telephone line posted on the state body's agenda, or by a similar means,

that will communicate when the state body intends to reconvene the meeting and how a member of the public may hear audio of the meeting or observe the meeting.

(j) This section does not limit or affect the ability of a state body to hold a teleconference meeting under another provision of this article.

(k) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2026, and as of that date is repealed.

(a) In addition to the authorization to hold a meeting by teleconference pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 11123, any state body that is an advisory board, advisory commission, advisory committee, advisory subcommittee, or similar multimember advisory body may hold an open meeting by teleconference as described in this section, provided the meeting complies with all of the section's requirements and, except as set forth in this section, it also complies with all other applicable requirements of this article.

(b) A member of a state body as described in subdivision (a) who participates in a teleconference meeting from a remote location subject to this section's requirements shall be listed in the minutes of the meeting.

(c) The state body shall provide notice to the public at least 24 hours before the meeting that identifies any member who will participate remotely by posting the notice on its internet website and by emailing notice to any person who has requested notice of meetings of the state body under this article. The location of a member of a state body who will participate remotely is not required to be disclosed in the public notice or email and need not be accessible to the public. The notice of the meeting shall also identify the primary physical meeting location designated pursuant to subdivision (e).

(d) This section does not affect the requirement prescribed by this article that the state body post an agenda of a meeting at least 10 days in advance of the meeting. The agenda shall include information regarding the physical meeting location designated pursuant to subdivision (e), but is not required to disclose information regarding any remote location.

(e) A state body described in subdivision (a) shall designate the primary physical meeting location in the notice of the meeting where members of the public may physically attend the meeting and participate. A quorum of the members of the state body shall be in attendance at the primary physical meeting location, and members of the state body participating remotely shall not count towards establishing a quorum. All decisions taken during a meeting by teleconference shall be by rollcall vote. The state body shall post the agenda at the primary physical meeting location, but need not post the agenda at a remote location.

(f) When a member of a state body described in subdivision (a) participates remotely in a meeting subject to this section's requirements, the state body shall provide a means by which the public may remotely hear audio of the meeting or remotely observe the meeting, including, if available, equal access equivalent to members of the state body participating remotely. The applicable teleconference phone number or internet website,

or other information indicating how the public can access the meeting remotely, shall be in the 24-hour notice described in subdivision (a) that is available to the public.

(g) Upon discovering that a means of remote access required by subdivision (f) has failed during a meeting, the state body described in subdivision (a) shall end or adjourn the meeting in accordance with Section 11128.5. In addition to any other requirements that may apply, the state body shall provide notice of the meeting's end or adjournment on its internet website and by email to any person who has requested notice of meetings of the state body under this article. If the meeting will be adjourned and reconvened on the same day, further notice shall be provided by an automated message on a telephone line posted on the state body's agenda, or by a similar means, that will communicate when the state body intends to reconvene the meeting and how a member of the public may hear audio of the meeting or observe the meeting.

(h) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Participate remotely" means participation in a meeting at a location other than the physical location designated in the agenda of the meeting.

(2) "Remote location" means a location other than the primary physical location designated in the agenda of a meeting.

(3) "Teleconference" has the same meaning as in Section 11123.

(i) This section does not limit or affect the ability of a state body to hold a teleconference meeting under another provision of this article.

(j) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2026.

(Amended by Stats. 2034, Ch. 216 (SB 544) Effective January 1, 2024.)

11124.

(a) No person shall be required, as a condition to attendance at a meeting of a state body, to register their name, to provide other information, to complete a questionnaire, or otherwise to fulfill any condition precedent to their attendance.

(b) If an attendance list, register, questionnaire, or other similar document is posted at or near the entrance to the room where the meeting is to be held, or is circulated to persons present during the meeting, it shall state clearly that the signing, registering, or completion of the document is voluntary, and that all persons may attend the meeting regardless of whether a person signs, registers, or completes the document.

(c) This section does not apply to an internet website or other online platform that may require the submission of information to log into a teleconferenced meeting, provided, however, that a person required to submit such information shall be permitted to submit a pseudonym or other anonymous information when using the internet website or other online platform to attend the meeting.

(Amended by Stats. 2034, Ch. 216 (SB 544) Effective January 1, 2024.)

11124.1.

(a) Any person attending an open and public meeting of the state body shall have the right to record the proceedings with an audio or video recorder or a still or motion picture camera in the absence of a reasonable finding by the state body that the recording cannot continue without noise, illumination, or obstruction of view that constitutes, or would constitute, a persistent disruption of the proceedings.

(b) Any audio or video recording of an open and public meeting made for whatever purpose by or at the direction of the state body shall be subject to inspection pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Division 10 (commencing with Section 7920.000) of Title 1), but may be erased or destroyed 30 days after the recording. Any inspection of an audio or video recording shall be provided without charge on equipment made available by the state body.

(c) No state body shall prohibit or otherwise restrict the broadcast of its open and public meetings in the absence of a reasonable finding that the broadcast cannot be accomplished without noise, illumination, or obstruction of view that would constitute a persistent disruption of the proceedings.

*(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 615, Sec. 161. (AB 474) Effective January 1, 2022. Operative January 1, 2023, pursuant to Sec. 463 of Stats. 2021, Ch. 615.)***11125.**

(a) The state body shall provide notice of its meeting to any person who requests that notice in writing. Notice shall be given and also made available on the Internet at least 10 days in advance of the meeting, and shall include the name, address, and telephone number of any person who can provide further information prior to the meeting, but need not include a list of witnesses expected to appear at the meeting. The written notice shall additionally include the address of the Internet site where notices required by this article are made available.

(b) The notice of a meeting of a body that is a state body shall include a specific agenda for the meeting, containing a brief description of the items of business to be transacted or discussed in either open or closed session. A brief general description of an item generally need not exceed 20 words. A description of an item to be transacted or discussed in closed session shall include a citation of the specific statutory authority under which a closed session is being held. No item shall be added to the agenda subsequent to the provision of this notice, unless otherwise permitted by this article.

(c) Notice of a meeting of a state body that complies with this section shall also constitute notice of a meeting of an advisory body of that state body, provided that the business to be discussed by the advisory body is covered by the notice of the meeting of the state body, provided that the specific time and place of the advisory body's meeting is announced during the open and public state body's meeting, and provided

that the advisory body's meeting is conducted within a reasonable time of, and nearby, the meeting of the state body.

(d) A person may request, and shall be provided, notice pursuant to subdivision (a) for all meetings of a state body or for a specific meeting or meetings. In addition, at the state body's discretion, a person may request, and may be provided, notice of only those meetings of a state body at which a particular subject or subjects specified in the request will be discussed.

(e) A request for notice of more than one meeting of a state body shall be subject to the provisions of Section 14911.

(f) The notice shall be made available in appropriate alternative formats, as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof, upon request by any person with a disability. The notice shall include information regarding how, to whom, and by when a request for any disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services may be made by a person with a disability who requires these aids or services in order to participate in the public meeting.

(Amended by Stats. 2002, Ch. 300, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 2003.)

11125.1.

(a) Notwithstanding Section 7922.000 or any other provisions of law, agendas of public meetings and other writings, when distributed to all, or a majority of all, of the members of a state body by any person in connection with a matter subject to discussion or consideration at a public meeting of the body, are disclosable public records under the California Public Records Act (Division 10 (commencing with Section 7920.000) of Title 1), and shall be made available upon request without delay. However, this section shall not include any writing exempt from public disclosure under Section 7924.100, 7924.105, 7924.110, 7924.510, or 7924.700 of this code, any provision listed in Section 7920.505 of this code, or Section 489.1 or 583 of the Public Utilities Code.

(b) Writings that are public records under subdivision (a) and that are distributed to members of the state body prior to or during a meeting, pertaining to any item to be considered during the meeting, shall be made available for public inspection at the meeting if prepared by the state body or a member of the state body, or after the meeting if prepared by some other person. These writings shall be made available in appropriate alternative formats, as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof, upon request by a person with a disability.

(c) In the case of the Franchise Tax Board, prior to that state body taking final action on any item, writings pertaining to that item that are public records under subdivision (a) that are prepared and distributed by the Franchise Tax Board staff or individual members to members of the state body prior to or during a meeting shall be:

(1) Made available for public inspection at that meeting.

(2) Distributed to all persons who request notice in writing pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 11125.

(3) Made available on the internet.

(d) Prior to the State Board of Equalization taking final action on any item that does not involve a named taxpayer or feepayer, writings pertaining to that item that are public records under subdivision (a) that are prepared and distributed by board staff or individual members to members of the state body prior to or during a meeting shall be:

(1) Made available for public inspection at that meeting.

(2) Distributed to all persons who request or have requested copies of these writings.

(3) Made available on the internet.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a state body from charging a fee or deposit for a copy of a public record pursuant to Section 7922.530, except that no surcharge shall be imposed on persons with disabilities in violation of Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof. The writings described in subdivision (b) are subject to the requirements of the California Public Records Act (Division 10 (commencing with Section 7920.000) of Title 1), and shall not be construed to limit or delay the public's right to inspect any record required to be disclosed by that act, or to limit the public's right to inspect any record covered by that act. This section shall not be construed to be applicable to any writings solely because they are properly discussed in a closed session of a state body. Nothing in this article shall be construed to require a state body to place any paid advertisement or any other paid notice in any publication.

(f) "Writing" for purposes of this section means "writing" as defined under Section 7920.545.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 615, Sec. 162. (AB 474) Effective January 1, 2022.

*Operative January 1, 2023, pursuant to Sec. 463 of Stats. 2021, Ch. 615.)***11125.2.**

Any state body shall report publicly at a subsequent public meeting any action taken, and any rollcall vote thereon, to appoint, employ, or dismiss a public employee arising out of any closed session of the state body.

(Amended by Stats. 1981, Ch. 968, Sec. 10.3.)

11125.3.

(a) Notwithstanding Section 11125, a state body may take action on items of business not appearing on the posted agenda under any of the conditions stated below:

(1) Upon a determination by a majority vote of the state body that an emergency situation exists, as defined in Section 11125.5.

(2) Upon a determination by a two-thirds vote of the state body, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there exists a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the state body subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified in Section 11125.

(b) Notice of the additional item to be considered shall be provided to each member of the state body and to all parties that have requested notice of its meetings as soon as is practicable after a determination of the need to consider the item is made, but shall be delivered in a manner that allows it to be received by the members and by newspapers of general circulation and radio or television stations at least 48 hours before the time of the meeting specified in the notice. Notice shall be made available to newspapers of general circulation and radio or television stations by providing that notice to all national press wire services. Notice shall also be made available on the Internet as soon as is practicable after the decision to consider additional items at a meeting has been made. *(Amended by Stats. 2001, Ch. 243, Sec. 9. Effective January 1, 2002.)*

11125.4.

(a) A special meeting may be called at any time by the presiding officer of the state body or by a majority of the members of the state body. A special meeting may only be called for one of the following purposes when compliance with the 10-day notice provisions of Section 11125 would impose a substantial hardship on the state body or when immediate action is required to protect the public interest:

(1) To consider "pending litigation" as that term is defined in subdivision (e) of Section 11126.

(2) To consider proposed legislation.

(3) To consider issuance of a legal opinion.

(4) To consider disciplinary action involving a state officer or employee.

(5) To consider the purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of real property.

(6) To consider license examinations and applications.

(7) To consider an action on a loan or grant provided pursuant to Division 31 (commencing with Section 50000) of the Health and Safety Code.

(8) To consider its response to a confidential final draft audit report as permitted by Section 11126.2.

(9) To provide for an interim executive officer of a state body upon the death, incapacity, or vacancy in the office of the executive officer.

(b) When a special meeting is called pursuant to one of the purposes specified in subdivision (a), the state body shall provide notice of the special meeting to each member of the state body and to all parties that have requested notice of its meetings as soon as is practicable after the decision to call a special meeting has been made, but shall deliver the notice in a manner that allows it to be received by the members and by newspapers of general circulation and radio or television stations at least 48 hours before the time of the special meeting specified in the notice. Notice shall be made available to newspapers of general circulation and radio or television stations by providing that notice to all national press wire services. Notice shall also be made available on the Internet within the time periods required by this section. The notice shall specify the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted. The written notice shall additionally specify the address of the Internet Web site where notices required by this article are made available. No other business shall be considered at a special meeting by the state body. The written notice may be dispensed with as to any member who at or prior to the time the meeting convenes files with the clerk or secretary of the state body a written waiver of notice. The waiver may

be given by telegram, facsimile transmission, or similar means. The written notice may also be dispensed with as to any member who is actually present at the meeting at the time it convenes. Notice shall be required pursuant to this section regardless of whether any action is taken at the special meeting.

(c) At the commencement of any special meeting, the state body must make a finding in open session that the delay necessitated by providing notice 10 days prior to a meeting as required by Section 11125 would cause a substantial hardship on the body or that immediate action is required to protect the public interest. The finding shall set forth the specific facts that constitute the hardship to the body or the impending harm to the public interest. The finding shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the body, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present. The finding shall be made available on the Internet. Failure to adopt the finding terminates the meeting.

(Amended by Stats. 2007, Ch. 92, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2008.)

11125.5.

(a) In the case of an emergency situation involving matters upon which prompt action is necessary due to the disruption or threatened disruption of public facilities, a state body may hold an emergency meeting without complying with the 10-day notice requirement of Section 11125 or the 48-hour notice requirement of Section 11125.4.

(b) For purposes of this section, "emergency situation" means any of the following, as determined by a majority of the members of the state body during a meeting prior to the emergency meeting, or at the beginning of the emergency meeting:

(1) Work stoppage or other activity that severely impairs public health or safety, or both.

(2) Crippling disaster that severely impairs public health or safety, or both.

(c) However, newspapers of general circulation and radio or television stations that have requested notice of meetings pursuant to Section 11125 shall be notified by the presiding officer of the state body, or a designee thereof, one hour prior to the emergency meeting by telephone. Notice shall also be made available on the Internet as soon as is practicable after the decision to call the emergency meeting has been made. If telephone services are not functioning, the notice requirements of this section shall be deemed waived, and the presiding officer of the state body, or a designee thereof, shall notify those newspapers, radio stations, or television stations of the fact of the holding of the emergency meeting, the purpose of the meeting, and any action taken at the meeting as soon after the meeting as possible.

(d) The minutes of a meeting called pursuant to this section, a list of persons who the presiding officer of the state body, or a designee thereof, notified or attempted to notify, a copy of the rollcall vote, and any action taken at the meeting shall be posted for a minimum of 10 days in a public place, and also made available on the Internet for a minimum of 10 days, as soon after the meeting as possible.

(Amended by Stats. 1999, Ch. 393, Sec. 3. Effective January 1, 2000. As provided in Sec. 7 of Ch. 393, amendment is to be implemented on July 1, 2001, or other date authorized by Dept. of Information Technology pursuant to Executive Order D-3-99.)

11125.6.

(a) An emergency meeting may be called at any time by the president of the Fish and Game Commission or by a majority of the members of the commission to consider an appeal of a closure of or restriction in a fishery adopted pursuant to Section 7710 of the Fish and Game Code. In the case of an emergency situation involving matters upon which prompt action is necessary due to the disruption or threatened disruption of an established fishery, the commission may hold an emergency meeting without complying with the 10-day notice requirement of Section 11125 or the 48-hour notice requirement of Section 11125.4 if the delay necessitated by providing the 10-day notice of a public meeting required by Section 11125 or the 48-hour notice required by Section 11125.4 would significantly adversely impact the economic benefits of a fishery to the participants in the fishery and to the people of the state or significantly adversely impact the sustainability of a fishery managed by the state.

(b) At the commencement of an emergency meeting called pursuant to this section, the commission shall make a finding in open session that the delay necessitated by providing notice 10 days prior to a meeting as required by Section 11125 or 48 hours prior to a meeting as required by Section 11125.4 would significantly adversely impact the economic benefits of a fishery to the participants in the fishery and to the people of the state or significantly adversely impact the sustainability of a fishery managed by the state. The finding shall set forth the specific facts that constitute the impact to the economic benefits of the fishery or the sustainability of the fishery. The finding shall be adopted by a vote of at least four members of the commission, or, if less than four of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present. Failure to adopt the finding shall terminate the meeting.

(c) Newspapers of general circulation and radio or television stations that have requested notice of meetings pursuant to Section 11125 shall be notified by the presiding officer of the commission, or a designee thereof, one hour prior to the emergency meeting by telephone.

(d) The minutes of an emergency meeting called pursuant to this section, a list of persons who the president of the commission, or a designee thereof, notified or attempted to notify, a copy of the rollcall vote, and any action taken at the meeting shall be posted for a minimum of 10 days in a public place as soon after the meeting as possible.

(Added by Stats. 1998, Ch. 1052, Sec. 21. Effective January 1, 1999.)

11125.7.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the state body shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the state body on each agenda item before or during the state body's discussion or consideration of the item. This section is not applicable if the agenda item has already been considered by a committee composed exclusively of members of the state body at a public meeting where interested members of the public were afforded the opportunity to address the committee on the item, before or during the committee's consideration of the item, unless the item has been substantially changed since the committee heard the item, as determined by the state body. Every notice for a special meeting at which action is proposed to be taken on an item shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the state body concerning that item prior to action on the item. In

addition, the notice requirement of Section 11125 shall not preclude the acceptance of testimony at meetings, other than emergency meetings, from members of the public if no action is taken by the state body at the same meeting on matters brought before the body by members of the public.

(b) The state body may adopt reasonable regulations to ensure that the intent of subdivision (a) is carried out, including, but not limited to, regulations limiting the total amount of time allocated for public comment on particular issues and for each individual speaker.

(c) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), when a state body limits time for public comment the state body shall provide at least twice the allotted time to a member of the public who utilizes a translator or other translating technology to ensure that non-English speakers receive the same opportunity to directly address the state body.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply if the state body utilizes simultaneous translation equipment in a manner that allows the state body to hear the translated public testimony simultaneously.

(d) The state body shall not prohibit public criticism of the policies, programs, or services of the state body, or of the acts or omissions of the state body. Nothing in this subdivision shall confer any privilege or protection for expression beyond that otherwise provided by law.

(e) This section is not applicable to any of the following:

(1) Closed sessions held pursuant to Section 11126.

(2) Decisions regarding proceedings held pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500), relating to administrative adjudication, or to the conduct of those proceedings.

(3) Hearings conducted by the California Victim Compensation Board pursuant to Sections 13963 and 13963.1.

(4) Agenda items that involve decisions of the Public Utilities Commission regarding adjudicatory hearings held pursuant to Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 1701) of Part 1 of Division 1 of the Public Utilities Code. For all other agenda items, the commission shall provide members of the public, other than those who have already participated in the proceedings underlying the agenda item, an opportunity to directly address the commission before or during the commission's consideration of the item.

*(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 63, Sec. 1. (AB 1291) Effective January 1, 2022.)***11125.8.**

(a) Notwithstanding Section 11131.5, in any hearing that the California Victim Compensation Board conducts pursuant to Section 13963.1 and that the applicant or applicant's representative does not request be open to the public, no notice, agenda, announcement, or report required under this article need identify the applicant.

(b) In any hearing that the board conducts pursuant to Section 13963.1 and that the applicant or applicant's representative does not request be open to the public, the board

shall disclose that the hearing is being held pursuant to Section 13963.1. That disclosure shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of subdivision (a) of Section 11126.3.

(Amended by Stats. 2016, Ch. 31, Sec. 72. (SB 836) Effective June 27, 2016.) **11125.9.**

Regional water quality control boards shall comply with the notification guidelines in Section 11125 and, in addition, shall do both of the following:

(a) Notify, in writing, all clerks of the city councils and county boards of supervisors within the regional board's jurisdiction of any and all board hearings at least 10 days prior to the hearing. Notification shall include an agenda for the meeting with contents as described in subdivision (b) of Section 11125 as well as the name, address, and telephone number of any person who can provide further information prior to the meeting, but need not include a list of witnesses expected to appear at the meeting. Each clerk, upon receipt of the notification of a board hearing, shall distribute the notice to all members of the respective city council or board of supervisors within the regional board's jurisdiction.

(b) Notify, in writing, all newspapers with a circulation rate of at least 10,000 within the regional board's jurisdiction of any and all board hearings, at least 10 days prior to the hearing. Notification shall include an agenda for the meeting with contents as described in subdivision (b) of Section 11125 as well as the name, address, and telephone number of any person who can provide further information prior to the meeting, but need not include a list of witnesses expected to appear at the meeting.

(Added by Stats. 1997, Ch. 301, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 1998.)

11126.

(a) (1) Nothing in this article shall be construed to prevent a state body from holding closed sessions during a regular or special meeting to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a public employee or to hear complaints or charges brought against that employee by another person or employee unless the employee requests a public hearing.

(2) As a condition to holding a closed session on the complaints or charges to consider disciplinary action or to consider dismissal, the employee shall be given written notice of their right to have a public hearing, rather than a closed session, and that notice shall be delivered to the employee personally or by mail at least 24 hours before the time for holding a regular or special meeting. If notice is not given, any disciplinary or other action taken against any employee at the closed session shall be null and void.

(3) The state body also may exclude from any public or closed session, during the examination of a witness, any or all other witnesses in the matter being investigated by the state body.

(4) Following the public hearing or closed session, the body may deliberate on the decision to be reached in a closed session.

(b) For the purposes of this section, “employee” does not include any person who is elected to, or appointed to a public office by, any state body. However, officers of the California State University who receive compensation for their services, other than per diem and ordinary and necessary expenses, shall, when engaged in that capacity, be considered employees. Furthermore, for purposes of this section, the term employee includes a person exempt from civil service pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 4 of Article VII of the California Constitution.

(c) Nothing in this article shall be construed to do any of the following:

(1) Prevent state bodies that administer the licensing of persons engaging in businesses or professions from holding closed sessions to prepare, approve, grade, or administer examinations.

(2) Prevent an advisory body of a state body that administers the licensing of persons engaged in businesses or professions from conducting a closed session to discuss matters that the advisory body has found would constitute an unwarranted invasion of the privacy of an individual licensee or applicant if discussed in an open meeting, provided the advisory body does not include a quorum of the members of the state body it advises. Those matters may include review of an applicant’s qualifications for licensure and an inquiry specifically related to the state body’s enforcement program concerning an individual licensee or applicant where the inquiry occurs prior to the filing of a civil, criminal, or administrative disciplinary action against the licensee or applicant by the state body.

(3) Prohibit a state body from holding a closed session to deliberate on a decision to be reached in a proceeding required to be conducted pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) or similar provisions of law.

(4) Grant a right to enter any correctional institution or the grounds of a correctional institution where that right is not otherwise granted by law, nor shall anything in this article be construed to prevent a state body from holding a closed session when considering and acting upon the determination of a term, parole, or release of any individual or other disposition of an individual case, or if public disclosure of the subjects under discussion or consideration is expressly prohibited by statute.

(5) Prevent any closed session to consider the conferring of honorary degrees, or gifts, donations, and bequests that the donor or proposed donor has requested in writing to be kept confidential.

(6) Prevent the Alcoholic Beverage Control Appeals Board or the Cannabis Control Appeals Panel from holding a closed session for the purpose of holding a deliberative conference as provided in Section 11125.

(7) (A) Prevent a state body from holding closed sessions with its negotiator prior to the purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of real property by or for the state body to give instructions to its negotiator regarding the price and terms of payment for the purchase, sale, exchange, or lease.

(B) However, prior to the closed session, the state body shall hold an open and public session in which it identifies the real property or real properties that the negotiations may concern and the person or persons with whom its negotiator may negotiate.

(C) For purposes of this paragraph, the negotiator may be a member of the state body.

(D) For purposes of this paragraph, "lease" includes renewal or renegotiation of a lease.

(E) Nothing in this paragraph shall preclude a state body from holding a closed session for discussions regarding eminent domain proceedings pursuant to subdivision (e).

(8) Prevent the California Postsecondary Education Commission from holding closed sessions to consider matters pertaining to the appointment or termination of the Director of the California Postsecondary Education Commission.

(9) Prevent the Council for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education from holding closed sessions to consider matters pertaining to the appointment or termination of the Executive Director of the Council for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education.

(10) Prevent the Franchise Tax Board from holding closed sessions for the purpose of discussion of confidential tax returns or information the public disclosure of which is prohibited by law, or from considering matters pertaining to the appointment or removal of the Executive Officer of the Franchise Tax Board.

(11) Require the Franchise Tax Board to notice or disclose any confidential tax information considered in closed sessions, or documents executed in connection therewith, the public disclosure of which is prohibited pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 19542) of Chapter 7 of Part 10.2 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(12) Prevent the Corrections Standards Authority from holding closed sessions when considering reports of crime conditions under Section 6027 of the Penal Code.

(13) Prevent the State Air Resources Board from holding closed sessions when considering the proprietary specifications and performance data of manufacturers.

(14) Prevent the State Board of Education or the Superintendent of Public Instruction, or any committee advising the board or the Superintendent, from holding closed sessions on those portions of its review of assessment instruments pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 60600) of Part 33 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code during which actual test content is reviewed and discussed. The purpose of this provision is to maintain the confidentiality of the assessments under review.

(15) Prevent the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery or its auxiliary committees from holding closed sessions for the purpose of discussing confidential tax returns, discussing trade secrets or confidential or proprietary information in its possession, or discussing other data, the public disclosure of which is prohibited by law.

(16) Prevent a state body that invests retirement, pension, or endowment funds from holding closed sessions when considering investment decisions. For purposes of consideration of shareholder voting on corporate stocks held by the state body, closed sessions for the purposes of voting may be held only with respect to election of corporate directors, election of independent auditors, and other financial issues that could have a material effect on the net income of the corporation. For the purpose of real property investment decisions that may be considered in a closed session pursuant to this paragraph, a state body shall also be exempt from the provisions of paragraph (7) relating to the identification of real properties prior to the closed session.

(17) Prevent a state body, or boards, commissions, administrative officers, or other representatives that may properly be designated by law or by a state body, from holding closed sessions with its representatives in discharging its responsibilities under Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 3500), Chapter 10.3 (commencing with Section 3512), Chapter 10.5 (commencing with Section 3525), or Chapter 10.7 (commencing with Section 3540) of Division 4 of Title 1 as the sessions relate to salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits. For the purposes enumerated in the preceding sentence, a state body may also meet with a state conciliator who has intervened in the proceedings.

(18) (A) Prevent a state body from holding closed sessions to consider matters posing a threat or potential threat of criminal or terrorist activity against the personnel, property, buildings, facilities, or equipment, including electronic data, owned, leased, or controlled by the state body, where disclosure of these considerations could compromise or impede the safety or security of the personnel, property, buildings, facilities, or equipment, including electronic data, owned, leased, or controlled by the state body.

(B) Notwithstanding any other law, a state body, at any regular or special meeting, may meet in a closed session pursuant to subparagraph (A) upon a two-thirds vote of the members present at the meeting.

(C) After meeting in closed session pursuant to subparagraph (A), the state body shall reconvene in open session prior to adjournment and report that a closed session was held pursuant to subparagraph (A), the general nature of the matters considered, and whether any action was taken in closed session.

(D) After meeting in closed session pursuant to subparagraph (A), the state body shall submit to the Legislative Analyst written notification stating that it held this closed session, the general reason or reasons for the closed session, the general

nature of the matters considered, and whether any action was taken in closed session. The Legislative Analyst shall retain for no less than four years any written notification received from a state body pursuant to this subparagraph.

(19) Prevent the California Sex Offender Management Board from holding a closed session for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the application of a sex offender treatment provider for certification pursuant to Sections 290.09 and 9003 of the Penal Code. Those matters may include review of an applicant's qualifications for certification.

(d) (1) Notwithstanding any other law, any meeting of the Public Utilities Commission at which the rates of entities under the commission's jurisdiction are changed shall be open and public.

(2) Nothing in this article shall be construed to prevent the Public Utilities Commission from holding closed sessions to deliberate on the institution of proceedings, or disciplinary actions against any person or entity under the jurisdiction of the commission.

(e) (1) Nothing in this article shall be construed to prevent a state body, based on the advice of its legal counsel, from holding a closed session to confer with, or receive advice from, its legal counsel regarding pending litigation when discussion in open session concerning those matters would prejudice the position of the state body in the litigation.

(2) For purposes of this article, all expressions of the lawyer-client privilege other than those provided in this subdivision are hereby abrogated. This subdivision is the exclusive expression of the lawyer-client privilege for purposes of conducting closed session meetings pursuant to this article. For purposes of this subdivision, litigation shall be considered pending when any of the following circumstances exist:

(A) An adjudicatory proceeding before a court, an administrative body exercising its adjudicatory authority, a hearing officer, or an arbitrator, to which the state body is a party, has been initiated formally.

(B) (i) A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the state body on the advice of its legal counsel, based on existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the state body.

(ii) Based on existing facts and circumstances, the state body is meeting only to decide whether a closed session is authorized pursuant to clause (i).

(C) Based on existing facts and circumstances, the state body has decided to initiate or is deciding whether to initiate litigation.

(3) The legal counsel of the state body shall prepare and submit to it a memorandum stating the specific reasons and legal authority for the closed session. If the closed session is pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2), the memorandum shall include the title of the litigation. If the closed session is pursuant to subparagraph (B)

or (C) of paragraph (2), the memorandum shall include the existing facts and circumstances on which it is based. The legal counsel shall submit the memorandum to the state body prior to the closed session, if feasible, and in any case no later than one week after the closed session. The memorandum shall be exempt from disclosure pursuant to Section 7927.205.

(4) For purposes of this subdivision, "litigation" includes any adjudicatory proceeding, including eminent domain, before a court, administrative body exercising its adjudicatory authority, hearing officer, or arbitrator.

(5) Disclosure of a memorandum required under this subdivision shall not be deemed as a waiver of the lawyer-client privilege, as provided for under Article 3 (commencing with Section 950) of Chapter 4 of Division 8 of the Evidence Code.

(f) In addition to subdivisions (a), (b), and (c), nothing in this article shall be construed to do any of the following:

(1) Prevent a state body operating under a joint powers agreement for insurance pooling from holding a closed session to discuss a claim for the payment of tort liability or public liability losses incurred by the state body or any member agency under the joint powers agreement.

(2) Prevent the examining committee established by the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, pursuant to Section 763 of the Public Resources Code, from conducting a closed session to consider disciplinary action against an individual professional forester prior to the filing of an accusation against the forester pursuant to Section 11503.

(3) Prevent the enforcement advisory committee established by the California Board of Accountancy pursuant to Section 5020 of the Business and Professions Code from conducting a closed session to consider disciplinary action against an individual accountant prior to the filing of an accusation against the accountant pursuant to Section 11503. Nothing in this article shall be construed to prevent the qualifications examining committee established by the California Board of Accountancy pursuant to Section 5023 of the Business and Professions Code from conducting a closed hearing to interview an individual applicant or accountant regarding the applicant's qualifications.

(4) Prevent a state body, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 11121, from conducting a closed session to consider any matter that properly could be considered in closed session by the state body whose authority it exercises.

(5) Prevent a state body, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 11121, from conducting a closed session to consider any matter that properly could be considered in a closed session by the body defined as a state body pursuant to subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 11121.

(6) Prevent a state body, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 11121, from conducting a closed session to consider any matter that properly could be considered in a closed session by the state body it advises.

(7) Prevent the State Board of Equalization from holding closed sessions for either of the following:

(A) When considering matters pertaining to the appointment or removal of the Executive Secretary of the State Board of Equalization.

(B) For the purpose of hearing confidential taxpayer appeals or data, the public disclosure of which is prohibited by law.

(8) Require the State Board of Equalization to disclose any action taken in closed session or documents executed in connection with that action, the public disclosure of which is prohibited by law pursuant to Sections 15619 and 15641 of this code and Sections 833, 7056, 8255, 9255, 11655, 30455, 32455, 38705, 38706, 43651, 45982, 46751, 50159, 55381, and 60609 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(9) Prevent the California Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council, or other body appointed to advise the Director of Emergency Services or the Governor concerning matters relating to volcanic or earthquake predictions, from holding closed sessions when considering the evaluation of possible predictions.

(g) This article does not prevent either of the following:

(1) The Teachers' Retirement Board or the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System from holding closed sessions when considering matters pertaining to the recruitment, appointment, employment, or removal of the chief executive officer or when considering matters pertaining to the recruitment or removal of the Chief Investment Officer of the State Teachers' Retirement System or the Public Employees' Retirement System.

(2) The Commission on Teacher Credentialing from holding closed sessions when considering matters relating to the recruitment, appointment, or removal of its executive director.

(h) This article does not prevent the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System from holding closed sessions when considering matters relating to the development of rates and competitive strategy for plans offered pursuant to Chapter 15 (commencing with Section 21660) of Part 3 of Division 5 of Title 2.

(i) This article does not prevent the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board from holding closed sessions when considering matters related to the development of rates and contracting strategy for entities contracting or seeking to contract with the board, entities with which the board is considering a contract, or entities with which the board is considering or enters into any other arrangement under which the board provides, receives, or arranges services or reimbursement, pursuant to Part 6.2 (commencing with Section 12693), former Part 6.3 (commencing with Section 12695), former Part 6.4

(commencing with Section 12699.50), former Part 6.5 (commencing with Section 12700), Part 6.6 (commencing with Section 12739.5), or Part 6.7 (commencing with Section 12739.70) of Division 2 of the Insurance Code.

(j) Nothing in this article shall be construed to prevent the board of the State Compensation Insurance Fund from holding closed sessions in the following:

(1) When considering matters related to claims pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 3200) of Division 4 of the Labor Code, to the extent that confidential medical information or other individually identifiable information would be disclosed.

(2) To the extent that matters related to audits and investigations that have not been completed would be disclosed.

(3) To the extent that an internal audit containing proprietary information would be disclosed.

(4) To the extent that the session would address the development of rates, contracting strategy, underwriting, or competitive strategy, pursuant to the powers granted to the board in Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 11770) of Part 3 of Division 2 of the Insurance Code, when discussion in open session concerning those matters would prejudice the position of the State Compensation Insurance Fund.

(k) The State Compensation Insurance Fund shall comply with the procedures specified in Section 11125.4 of the Government Code with respect to any closed session or meeting authorized by subdivision (j), and in addition shall provide an opportunity for a member of the public to be heard on the issue of the appropriateness of closing the meeting or session.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 615, Sec. 163. (AB 474) Effective January 1, 2022.

*Operative January 1, 2023, pursuant to Sec. 463 of Stats. 2021, Ch. 615.)***11126.1.**

The state body shall designate a clerk or other officer or employee of the state body, who shall then attend each closed session of the state body and keep and enter in a minute book a record of topics discussed and decisions made at the meeting. The minute book made pursuant to this section is not a public record subject to inspection pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Division 10 (commencing with Section 7920.000) of Title 1), and shall be kept confidential. The minute book shall be available to members of the state body or, if a violation of this chapter is alleged to have occurred at a closed session, to a court of general jurisdiction. The minute book may, but need not, consist of a recording of the closed session.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 615, Sec. 164. (AB 474) Effective January 1, 2022.

*Operative January 1, 2023, pursuant to Sec. 463 of Stats. 2021, Ch. 615.)***11126.2.**

(a) Nothing in this article shall be construed to prohibit a state body that has received a confidential final draft audit report from the Bureau of State Audits from holding closed sessions to discuss its response to that report.

(b) After the public release of an audit report by the Bureau of State Audits, if a state body meets to discuss the audit report, it shall do so in an open session unless exempted from that requirement by some other provision of law.

(Added by Stats. 2004, Ch. 576, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 2005.)

11126.3.

(a) Prior to holding any closed session, the state body shall disclose, in an open meeting, the general nature of the item or items to be discussed in the closed session. The disclosure may take the form of a reference to the item or items as they are listed by number or letter on the agenda. If the session is closed pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 11126, the state body shall state the title of, or otherwise specifically identify, the proceeding or disciplinary action contemplated. However, should the body determine that to do so would jeopardize the body's ability to effectuate service of process upon one or more unserved parties if the proceeding or disciplinary action is commenced or that to do so would fail to protect the private economic and business reputation of the person or entity if the proceeding or disciplinary action is not commenced, then the state body shall notice that there will be a closed session and describe in general terms the purpose of that session. If the session is closed pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Section 11126, the state body shall state the title of, or otherwise specifically identify, the litigation to be discussed unless the body states that to do so would jeopardize the body's ability to effectuate service of process upon one or more unserved parties, or that to do so would jeopardize its ability to conclude existing settlement negotiations to its advantage.

(b) In the closed session, the state body may consider only those matters covered in its disclosure.

(c) The disclosure shall be made as part of the notice provided for the meeting pursuant to Section 11125 or pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 92032 of the Education Code and of any order or notice required by Section 11129.

(d) If, after the agenda has been published in compliance with this article, any pending litigation (under subdivision (e) of Section 11126) matters arise, the postponement of which will prevent the state body from complying with any statutory, court-ordered, or other legally imposed deadline, the state body may proceed to discuss those matters in closed session and shall publicly announce in the meeting the title of, or otherwise specifically identify, the litigation to be discussed, unless the body states that to do so would jeopardize the body's ability to effectuate service of process upon one or more unserved parties, or that to do so would jeopardize its ability to conclude existing settlement negotiations to its advantage. Such an announcement shall be deemed to comply fully with the requirements of this section.

(e) Nothing in this section shall require or authorize a disclosure of names or other information that would constitute an invasion of privacy or otherwise unnecessarily divulge the particular facts concerning the closed session or the disclosure of which is prohibited by state or federal law.

(f) After any closed session, the state body shall reconvene into open session prior to adjournment and shall make any reports, provide any documentation, and make any other disclosures required by Section 11125.2 of action taken in the closed session.

(g) The announcements required to be made in open session pursuant to this section may be made at the location announced in the agenda for the closed session, as long as the public is allowed to be present at that location for the purpose of hearing the announcement.

(Amended by Stats. 2001, Ch. 243, Sec. 11. Effective January 1, 2002.)

11126.4.

(a) Nothing in this article shall be construed to prevent the California Gambling Control Commission from holding a closed session when discussing matters involving trade secrets, nonpublic financial data, confidential or proprietary information, and other data and information, the public disclosure of which is prohibited by law or a tribal-state gaming compact.

(b) Discussion in closed session authorized by this section shall be limited to the confidential data and information related to the agenda item and shall not include discussion of any other information or matter.

(c) Before going into closed session the commission shall publicly announce the type of data or information to be discussed in closed session, which shall be recorded upon the commission minutes.

(d) Action taken on agenda items discussed pursuant to this section shall be taken in open session.

(Added by Stats. 2005, Ch. 274, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2006.)

11126.5.

In the event that any meeting is willfully interrupted by a group or groups of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of such meeting unfeasible and order cannot be restored by the removal of individuals who are willfully interrupting the meeting the state body conducting the meeting may order the meeting room cleared and continue in session. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the state body from establishing a procedure for readmitting an individual or individuals not responsible for willfully disturbing the orderly conduct of the meeting. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, only matters appearing on the agenda may be considered in such a session. Representatives of the press or other news media, except those participating in the disturbance, shall be allowed to attend any session held pursuant to this section.

(Amended by Stats. 1981, Ch. 968, Sec. 15.)

11126.7.

No fees may be charged by a state body for providing a notice required by Section 11125 or for carrying out any provision of this article, except as specifically authorized pursuant to this article.

(Amended by Stats. 1981, Ch. 968, Sec. 16.)

11127.

Each provision of this article shall apply to every state body unless the body is specifically excepted from that provision by law or is covered by any other conflicting provision of law.

(Amended by Stats. 1981, Ch. 968, Sec. 17.)

11128.

Each closed session of a state body shall be held only during a regular or special meeting of the body.

(Amended by Stats. 1981, Ch. 968, Sec. 18.)

11128.5.

The state body may adjourn any regular, adjourned regular, special, or adjourned special meeting to a time and place specified in the order of adjournment. Less than a quorum may so adjourn from time to time. If all members are absent from any regular or adjourned regular meeting, the clerk or secretary of the state body may declare the meeting adjourned to a stated time and place and he or she shall cause a written notice of the adjournment to be given in the same manner as provided in Section 11125.4 for special meetings, unless that notice is waived as provided for special meetings. A copy of the order or notice of adjournment shall be conspicuously posted on or near the door of the place where the regular, adjourned regular, special, or adjourned special meeting was held within 24 hours after the time of the adjournment. When a regular or adjourned regular meeting is adjourned as provided in this section, the resulting adjourned regular meeting is a regular meeting for all purposes. When an order of adjournment of any meeting fails to state the hour at which the adjourned meeting is to be held, it shall be held at the hour specified for regular meetings by law or regulation.

(Added by Stats. 1997, Ch. 949, Sec. 11. Effective January 1, 1998.)

11129.

Any hearing being held, or noticed or ordered to be held by a state body at any meeting may by order or notice of continuance be continued or recontinued to any subsequent meeting of the state body in the same manner and to the same extent set forth in Section 11128.5 for the adjournment of meetings. A copy of the order or notice of continuance shall be conspicuously posted on or near the door of the place where the hearing was held within 24 hours after the time of the continuance; provided, that if the hearing is continued to a time less than 24 hours after the time specified in the order or notice of hearing, a copy of the order or notice of continuance of hearing shall be posted immediately following the meeting at which the order or declaration of continuance was adopted or made.

(Amended by Stats. 1997, Ch. 949, Sec. 12. Effective January 1, 1998.)

11130.

(a) The Attorney General, the district attorney, or any interested person may commence an action by mandamus, injunction, or declaratory relief for the purpose of stopping or preventing violations or threatened violations of this article or to determine the applicability of this article to past actions or threatened future action by members of the state body or to determine whether any rule or action by the state body to penalize or otherwise discourage the expression of one or more of its members is valid or invalid under the laws of this state or of the United States, or to compel the state body to audio record its closed sessions as hereinafter provided.

(b) The court in its discretion may, upon a judgment of a violation of Section 11126, order the state body to audio record its closed sessions and preserve the audio recordings for the period and under the terms of security and confidentiality the court deems appropriate.

(c) (1) Each recording so kept shall be immediately labeled with the date of the closed session recorded and the title of the clerk or other officer who shall be custodian of the recording.

(2) The audio recordings shall be subject to the following discovery procedures:

(A) In any case in which discovery or disclosure of the audio recording is sought by the Attorney General, the district attorney, or the plaintiff in a civil action pursuant to this section or Section 11130.3 alleging that a violation of this article has occurred in a closed session that has been recorded pursuant to this section, the party seeking discovery or disclosure shall file a written notice of motion with the appropriate court with notice to the governmental agency that has custody and control of the audio recording. The notice shall be given pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 1005 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

(B) The notice shall include, in addition to the items required by Section 1010 of the Code of Civil Procedure, all of the following:

(i) Identification of the proceeding in which discovery or disclosure is sought, the party seeking discovery or disclosure, the date and time of the meeting recorded, and the governmental agency that has custody and control of the recording.

(ii) An affidavit that contains specific facts indicating that a violation of the act occurred in the closed session.

(3) If the court, following a review of the motion, finds that there is good cause to believe that a violation has occurred, the court may review, in camera, the recording of that portion of the closed session alleged to have violated the act.

(4) If, following the in camera review, the court concludes that disclosure of a portion of the recording would be likely to materially assist in the resolution of the litigation alleging violation of this article, the court shall, in its discretion, make a certified transcript of the portion of the recording a public exhibit in the proceeding.

(5) Nothing in this section shall permit discovery of communications that are protected by the attorney-client privilege.

(Amended by Stats. 2009, Ch. 88, Sec. 43. Effective January 1, 2010.)

11130.3.

(a) Any interested person may commence an action by mandamus, injunction, or declaratory relief for the purpose of obtaining a judicial determination that an action taken by a state body in violation of Section 11123 or 11125 is null and void under this section. Any action seeking such a judicial determination shall be commenced within 90 days from the date the action was taken. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a state body from curing or correcting an action challenged pursuant to this section.

(b) An action shall not be determined to be null and void if any of the following conditions exist:

(1) The action taken was in connection with the sale or issuance of notes, bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness or any contract, instrument, or agreement related thereto.

(2) The action taken gave rise to a contractual obligation upon which a party has, in good faith, detrimentally relied.

(3) The action taken was in substantial compliance with Sections 11123 and 11125.

(4) The action taken was in connection with the collection of any tax.

(Amended by Stats. 1999, Ch. 393, Sec. 5. Effective January 1, 2000.)

11130.5.

A court may award court costs and reasonable attorney's fees to the plaintiff in an action brought pursuant to Section 11130 or 11130.3 where it is found that a state body has violated the provisions of this article. The costs and fees shall be paid by the state body and shall not become a personal liability of any public officer or employee thereof. A court may award court costs and reasonable attorney's fees to a defendant in any action brought pursuant to Section 11130 or 11130.3 where the defendant has prevailed in a final determination of the action and the court finds that the action was clearly frivolous and totally lacking in merit.

(Amended by Stats. 1985, Ch. 936, Sec. 2.)

11130.7.

Each member of a state body who attends a meeting of that body in violation of any provision of this article, and where the member intends to deprive the public of information to which the member knows or has reason to know the public is entitled under this article, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Amended by Stats. 1997, Ch. 949, Sec. 14. Effective January 1, 1998.)

11131.

No state agency shall conduct any meeting, conference, or other function in any facility that prohibits the admittance of any person, or persons, on the basis of ancestry or any characteristic listed or defined in Section 11135, or that is inaccessible to disabled persons, or where members of the public may not be present without making a payment or purchase. As used in this section, "state agency" means and includes every state body, office, officer, department, division, bureau, board, council, commission, or other state agency.

(Amended by Stats. 2007, Ch. 568, Sec. 32. Effective January 1, 2008.)

11131.5.

No notice, agenda, announcement, or report required under this article need identify any victim or alleged victim of crime, tortious sexual conduct, or child abuse unless the identity of the person has been publicly disclosed.

(Added by Stats. 1997, Ch. 949, Sec. 16. Effective January 1, 1998.)

11132.

Except as expressly authorized by this article, no closed session may be held by any state body.

(Added by Stats. 1987, Ch. 1320, Sec. 4.)

**California Behavioral Health Planning Council
Executive Committee**

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Agenda Item: Committee Updates

Enclosures: None

Background/Description:

Chairperson Tony Vartan will facilitate updates from each committee's leadership highlighting their current activities, ongoing projects, and upcoming agenda items. This discussion keeps Council leadership fully informed about committee work, reinforces alignment with the Council's roles and responsibilities as defined by state and federal statutes, and promotes effective coordination when priorities or initiatives overlap across committees.

**California Behavioral Health Planning Council
Executive Committee**

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Agenda Item: Council's Focus for 2027 (Action)

Enclosures: [Focus for 2026](#)

[CBHPC Roles and Priorities](#)

[SAMHSA Strategic Priorities](#)

BHSA Council Prioritization

Background/Description:

The Executive Committee will evaluate the Council's priorities each October. The adopted priorities will direct the topics discussed during the General Session meetings and guide the work of all committees for the upcoming year.

The 2026 Areas of Focus were adopted at the January 2026 Executive Committee meeting. The committee will review the adopted areas of focus, evaluate what has been accomplished to date, and determine which priorities remain relevant for 2027. During this agenda item the committee will develop the 2027 Areas of Focus to ensure the Council's work continues to reflect current needs, align with state and federal mandates, and support coordinated efforts across all committees.

Proposed Motion: To adopt priorities for 2027.

Prioritization of Sections for BHSA					
Topic	Code Section(s)	Implementation Date (Effective Date)	Lead Committee	All Relevant Committees	Committee Action Update
Definitions of who can be served under BHSA	SEC 2(b); SEC 12 4094 (f)(1)(B); SEC 12 4094 (h); 4096.5(b); SEC 38 5806(a),(2)(a),(D)(E)(5)(7)(8)(9)(10); SEC 46 5835(2)(A); SEC 50 5840(E)(i)(ii) and (c)(3); SEC 53 5840.6(c)(1) and (f)(2); SEC 55 5840.7(a) (1)(3)(6); SEC 76 5868(a)(2)(A)(D)(3)(4)(5)(8)(9)(10); SEC 78 5878.1(a); SEC 81 5878.3(a)(1)(A)(c); SEC 95 5892(d) and (L)(7)	July 1, 2026 (All sections)	TBD	LPPC, HHC, SMC	8/8/2024: HHC coordinated and submitted a joint letter—cosigned by 13 state and local behavioral health organizations—urging the Administration to adopt key recommendations. 12/3/2024: HHC provided feedback and recommendations on housing definitions for the first Module of the BHSA Policy Manual. Outcome: The recommended definitions were adopted in the final Module 1 of the Policy Manual.
FSPs and restrictive nature of who is eligible/time limitations	Part 4.1: 5887(d)(1) ; 5887.1; SEC 95 5892(a)(2A)	July 1, 2026 (Both sections)	SMC	LPPC, SMC	The SMC has invited counties and local organizations to discuss this topic at the June 2025 Quarterly Meeting
Data Requirements	SEC 109 WIC 5963.02 (b), WIC 5963.04 (a)(2); SEC 18 WIC 5604.2 (a)(7); SEC 25 WIC 5610 (b)(1); SEC 27 WIC 5613, SEC 30 WIC 5664 (a)	January 1, 2025 (SEC 27 County Data to Boards and DHCS, SEC 25 WIC 5610 (b)(1), SEC 109 WIC 5963.04 (a)(2) BHOATR), July 1, 2025 (SEC 109 Integrated Plan Data), July 1, 2026 (SEC 25 WIC 5610 (b)(1))	POC	POC	In Progress

Topic	Code Section(s)	Implementation Date (Effective Date)	Lead Committee	All Relevant Committees	Committee Action Update
Outcomes	SEC 64. WIC 5848 (c),(e); SEC 84 WIC 5886 (k)(1); SEC 113 WIC 14707.5 (b)(2), (c), (d), (e)(1); SEC 114 WIC 14707.5; SEC 25 WIC 5610 (b)(1)	January 1, 2025 (SEC 64, SEC 84, SEC 113, SEC 114) July 1, 2026 (SEC 25)	POC	POC	In Progress
Integrated Plan (3-year County Plans)	SEC 40 5813.5 (d)(g)(4); SEC 63 5847; SEC 95 5892(a)(1)(B)(C); Chapter 3 Article 2 5963, 5963.01, 5963.02, 5963.03, 5963.04, 5963.05	January 1, 2025 (Chapter 3 Article 2 5963.03, 5963.05); July 2026 (Chapter 3 Article 2 5963.04 County Behavioral Health Outcomes, Accountability, and Transparency Report) July 1, 2026 (SEC 40 5813.5 (d)(g)(4)), SEC 95 5892(a)(1)(B)(C), Chapter 3 Article 2 5963, 5963.01, 5963.02)	SMC	SMC	In Progress
Engaging Stakeholders with Emphasis on Consumer Voice	SEC 38 WIC 5806 (1); SEC 64 WIC 5848 (a); SEC 95 WIC 5892 (c)(3), (e)(1)(C)	January 1, 2025 (SEC 38 Stakeholder Engagement on IPs)	POC	POC	In Progress

Topic	Code Section(s)	Implementation Date (Effective Date)	Lead Committee	All Relevant Committees	Committee Action Update
Statewide Workforce	SEC 2(e); 1095.5(a)(1); SEC 12 4094 (f)(1)(C)(D); SEC 38 5806 (C) and (b)(c); SEC 42 5830 (c)(3); SEC 53 5840.6(c)(4)(6); SEC 55 5840.7(c); SEC 66 5848.5(b)(3)(4)(8-b-iv-vi); SEC 95 5892(f)(1)(D) and (L)(5)	January 1, 2025 (SEC 10, SEC 66) July 1, 2026 (All Other Sections)	WEC	WEC	The WEC leadership presented the Workforce Initiative to the committee during the April 2025 Meeting. The WEC invited HCAI to discuss the Medi-Cal Community-Based Provider Training Program within this Initiative during the June 2025 Meeting. The committee also added this component to the Work Plan.
Housing Continuum	SEC 43 5830 (a)(1) SEC 95 5892 (a)(1)(A),(b)(1)	July 1, 2026 (Both sections)	HHC	HHC, SMC	In Progress
Implementation of SUD services in all parts of the mental health service system	SEC 2(b); SEC 40 5813.5(j)(k); SEC 50 5840(a)(1),(3), and (e); SEC 53 5840.6(e)(4); SEC 55 5840.7(a)(1)(5); SEC 81 5878.3(d)(2); SEC 90 5891(a)(1); SEC 92 5891.5(a)	July 1, 2026 (All sections)	SMC	LPPC, SMC	SMC is including this in the FSP conversation during the June 2025 Meeting
Effective collaboration with partners in the behavioral health transformation for a statewide plan that serves all Californians	SEC 109 5963.06. (c)(11); SEC 58 WIC 5845 (f)(13), (g)(1)	December 21, 2029 (SEC 109) January 1, 2026 (SEC 58 Collaboration between BHSOAC with CBHDA, DHCS, CBHPC on reports and recommendations)	TBD	TBD	In Progress
Behavioral Health Board	SEC 15 WIC 5604; SEC 19 WIC 5604.2; SEC 109 WIC 5963.03 (b)	January 1, 2025 (All sections)	POC	POC	In Progress

Topic	Code Section(s)	Implementation Date (Effective Date)	Lead Committee	All Relevant Committees	Committee Action Update
Voluntary vs. Involuntary Services*	SEC 12 4094(h); SEC 13;SEC 38 5806(E); SEC 61 5845.5(e)(2); SEC 74 5852.5(a), SEC 85 5886 (F)(viii); SEC 95 5892(d)	January 1, 2025 (SEC 61, SEC 74, SEC 85) July 1, 2026 (All Other Sections)	SMC	LPPC, PRC, SMC	In Progress
Crisis Continuum*	SEC 2(i); SEC 12 4094; SEC 13 4096.5; SEC 32 5675; SEC 36 5805; SEC 53 5840.6(7) and (e)(1) ; SEC 55 5840.7(a)(1)(2)(10); SEC 66 5848.5; SEC 74 5852.5(a); SEC 76 5868; Part 4.1 5887(e); SEC 95 5892(f)(1)(E)(vi)(IV)	January 1, 2025 (SEC 66, SEC 74) July 1, 2026 (All Other Sections)	SMC	SMC	SMC is tracking this item.
Statewide Prevention (non-FSP)*	SEC 46 5835; SEC 50 5840; SEC 53 5840.6; SEC 66 5848.5(b)(1) and (g)(1)(E); SEC 95 5892(f)(1)(E)(i)(ii)(V)(iii)(iv)(v)(vi)	January 1, 2025 (SEC 66) July 1, 2026 (All Other Sections)	SMC	SMC	In Progress
Fiscal implications/ sustainability*		July 1, 2026	TBD	All	In Progress
Evidence Based Practices and Community-Defined Evidence Practices*	SEC 46 5835(2); SEC 50 5840(B),(3)(A),(c); SEC 53 5840.6 (e)(2)(3) and (h); SEC 55 5840.7(a)(4)(8); SEC 66 5848.5(a),(b)(8)(B)(iii), Part 4.1 5887(a)(6) and (h)(1)(6); Chapter 3 Article 2 5963.02(a)(5)	January 1, 2025 (SEC 55, SEC 66) July 1, 2026 (All Other Sections)	SMC	SMC	SMC is tracking this item. Members attend the BHT Quality and Equity Advisory Committee meetings as well

Topic	Code Section(s)	Implementation Date (Effective Date)	Lead Committee	All Relevant Committees	Committee Action Update
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (How BHSA changes impact communities of color)*	SEC 38 5806(B)(C) and (3)(4)(10); SEC 40 5813.5 (e)(3); SEC 42 5830 (a)(1)(2) and b(A)(C); SEC 50 5840(C),(E)(ii),(f); SEC 53 5840.6(8),(e)(5),(f); SEC 55 5840.7(a)(4)(7); SEC 59 5845.1(b)(1)(2)(A); SEC 76 5868(b)(2)(B) and (D)(3); SEC 78 5878.1(b); SEC 95 5892(f)(1)(E)(IV) and (h)(5)(G); Chapter 3 Article 2 5963.02(b)(5) and (c)(8)(D); 5963.03(a)(2)(ii)	January 1, 2025 (5963.03(a)(2)(ii)) July 1, 2026 (All other sections) January 1, 2027 (SEC 42 repealed)	SMC	All	Integrated into all committee presentations by asking presenters to address CBHPC equity questions in their presentations

* = Added by Executive Committee Members 10/16/2024