

Follow-up Item from January 6, 2020, BH-SAC Meeting

Public Comment:

Carolina Valle, CPEHN: We ask DHCS to agendize the topic of cultural competence plans for a future meeting to achieve our shared goals. It is a good time to do that with the focus on integration of cultural competence plans. We know cultural competency plans have not been updated in quite some time, although California is undergoing change through CalAIM. We want to ensure we don't leave cultural competency behind. In the new quality strategy report, DHCS reported they had conducted an analysis of mental health cultural competence plans and (we) want to ask DHCS to share that analysis with this committee and get input to see what we can do to update those plans.

DHCS Response:

Behavioral Health Deputy Director Kelly Pfeifer reviewed the schedule of meetings and topics. In February, the BH SAC will discuss ODS; in May the discussion will be on children and youth. I will take the issue of cultural competency back to the team and figure out how to integrate that.

DHCS Follow-Up:

DHCS will consider this topic during a future BH-SAC meeting.