

California Behavioral Health Planning Council

Executive Committee Agenda

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

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

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998 West Mission Bay Drive
San Diego, CA 92109
Shell Room

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| 8:30 a.m. | Welcome and Introductions
<i>Tony Vartan, Chairperson</i> | |
| 8:35 a.m. | Accept October 2025 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. | Council Membership Update
<i>Naomi Ramirez, Chief of Operations</i> | Tab 2 |
| 8:45 a.m. | FY 2025-26 Expenditure Report
<i>Naomi Ramirez, Chief of Operations</i> | Tab 3 |
| 8:50 a.m. | Council's Focus for 2026
<i>Tony Vartan, Chairperson, Susan Wilson, Chairperson-Elect, Deborah Starkey, Past Chairperson, and all</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2026 Council Priorities• General Session Topics for 2026• Committee Focus | Tab 4 |
| 9:45 a.m. | Workgroup Update
<i>Jenny Bayardo, Executive Officer</i> | Tab 5 |
| 9:50 a.m. | Report from CA Coalition for Behavioral Health
<i>Daphne Shaw</i> | |
| 9:55 a.m. | Report from the CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions | |

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- 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: Deborah Starkey, Chairperson Maria Sierra, Chair-Elect

Legislation: Barbara Mitchell, Chairperson Javier Moreno, Chair-Elect

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

Systems and Medicaid: Uma Zykofsky, Chairperson Karen Baylor, Chair-Elect

Workforce and Employment: Deborah Pitts, Chairperson, Bill Stewart, Chair-Elect

Performance Outcomes: Noel O'Neill, Chairperson

At-Large: Arden Tucker

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

CCBH: Daphne Shaw

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