

# 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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| <b>8:30 a.m.</b> | <b>Welcome and Introductions</b><br><i>Tony Vartan, Chairperson</i>   |              |
| <b>8:35 a.m.</b> | <b>Accept October 2025 Meeting Minutes (Action)</b><br><i>Susan Wilson, Chairperson-Elect</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Committee Discussion</li><li>• Public Comment</li><li>• Accept Minutes</li></ul>  | <b>Tab 1</b> |
| <b>8:40 a.m.</b> | <b>Council Membership Update</b><br><i>Naomi Ramirez, Chief of Operations</i>   | <b>Tab 2</b> |
| <b>8:45 a.m.</b> | <b>FY 2025-26 Expenditure Report</b><br><i>Naomi Ramirez, Chief of Operations</i>   | <b>Tab 3</b> |
| <b>8:50 a.m.</b> | <b>Council's Focus for 2026</b><br><i>Tony Vartan, Chairperson, Susan Wilson, Chairperson-Elect, Deborah Starkey, Past Chairperson, and all</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2026 Council Priorities</li><li>• General Session Topics for 2026</li><li>• Committee Focus</li></ul> | <b>Tab 4</b> |
| <b>9:45 a.m.</b> | <b>Workgroup Update</b><br><i>Jenny Bayardo, Executive Officer</i>  | <b>Tab 5</b> |
| <b>9:50 a.m.</b> | <b>Report from CA Coalition for Behavioral Health</b><br><i>Daphne Shaw</i>   |              |
| <b>9:55 a.m.</b> | <b>Report from the CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions</b>   |              |

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# California Behavioral Health Planning Council

*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:** 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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**TAB 1**

**California Behavioral Health Planning Council  
Executive Committee**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026**

**Agenda Item:** Accept October 2025 Meeting Minutes (Action)

**Enclosures:** Draft Minutes October 2025

**Background/Description:**

The October 2025 Draft Meeting Minutes are enclosed. Committee members will review and accept meeting minutes.

# **CBHPC Executive Committee Meeting**

## **DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

### **October 15, 2025**

#### **Committee Members Present:**

Erika Cristo\*  
Elissa Feld  
Richard Krzyzanowsk\*  
Mike Phillips  
Susan Wilson  
Daphne Shaw  
Barbara Mitchell  
Javier Moreno  
Don Morrison

Noel O'Neill  
Deborah Pitts  
Maria Sierra  
Deborah Starkey  
Bill Stewart  
Arden Tucker  
Tony Vartan  
Uma Zykofsky

\*=Remote Attendance

**Committee Members Absent at the start of the meeting:** Karen Baylor

**Staff Present:** Jenny Bayardo and Naomi Ramirez

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

Chairperson Tony Vartan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Council Members and attendees introduced themselves. A quorum was established with 17 of 18 members present at the start of the meeting.

#### **January, April, and June 2025 Meeting Minutes (Action)**

Chairperson Susan Wilson allowed committee members to review minutes. There were no edits requested. There was no public comment on the minutes. January, April, and June minutes were accepted as written.

#### **Council Membership Update**

Naomi Ramirez reviewed the Council Member appointment list provided in the meeting packet, identifying separations and new appointments. Naomi shared that Susan Demoise, the new Department of Aging representative, will send designees to committee meetings and General Session.

Currently, there are two Family Member vacancies and two Persons with Lived Experience vacancies. The officer team recently conducted interviews in partnership with DHCS. Several applicants plan to attend the October meeting.

## **Expenditure Reports & Allotments Update**

Chief of Operations Naomi Ramirez updated the committee and reviewed the enclosed expenditure report and allotments for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The Council successfully achieved the reduction needed by all state departments for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Naomi shared that the reduction in MHSA funds remains for the new allotment.

Javier Moreno asked for clarification on the reduction in funding. Naomi Ramirez stated that the Council had to reduce the MHSA spending by \$249,000. She added that many departments at the Department of Health Care Services did not achieve the cost savings required, which is what caused a delay in the current year's allotments. Jenny Bayardo added that the reduction was a result of the Governor's order for all departments to reduce expenses by 15 percent. Susan Wilson confirmed that 15% was out of the State Fund only.

Uma Zykofoy asked the Executive Officer, Jenny Bayardo, to speak to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration funding. Jenny Bayardo stated there are no cuts to the Council's Mental Health Block Grant funds and no cuts to the state's funding at this time. Erika Cristo confirmed that as of today, this remains true.

## **Council Annual Vision and Focus**

Chairperson Tony Vartan led the committee in a discussion about the Annual Vision and focus presented in Tab 4 of the meeting packet to the Executive Committee. The Officer Team created this document to focus committee work on priority areas. This document will also guide General Session Agenda topics.

Tony Vartan reviewed the four proposed categories, then asked for committee input. The committee thoroughly reviewed and discussed the proposal. Council staff took notes and will modify the document to include the requested edits and additions. Some items discussed included:

- Support for the Justice-Involved Category
  - Add: 300 Dependents Support and 602 Ward Support (Noel O'Neill).
  - Add: Proposition 36 (Javier Moreno).
- Consider emphasis on the Impact of Federal Changes and potential regulations modifications needed as a result of federal actions (Barbara Mitchell).
- Elaborate on the first bullet: Impact on program and funding, for example, the Managed Care Plans and Behavioral Health side have to share certain programs. There is a need to understand the rebalancing of the Behavioral Health Services Act and address the profound integration of Managed Care Plans and Behavioral Health (Uma Zykofoy).
- Add a bullet to point out the education of the Council on SUD and Integration (Javier Moreno). Supported by Susan Wilson.
- We need to address older adults and children and not exclusively focus on Substance Use Disorder (Tony Vartan).
- Advocate for Medi-Cal funding due to HR 1 reductions (Javier Moreno).

- Add Wellness Coaches under Peer Support (Maria Sierra).
- Consider adding SAMHSA priorities to the integration section of the document (Uma Zykofsky).
- Patient's Rights and the trend to increase institutionalization need to be highlighted (Daphne Shaw).

Arden Tucker asked specifically about older adults. Tony Vartan shared that that level in detail will be covered by committees under the areas of focus. Susan Wilson stated that committees will do the work, and what is not addressed by the committees will be addressed during the General Session. Jenny Bayardo reviewed the background information and highlighted the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service (SAMHSA) priorities document for the committee's discussion. Elisa Fields stated that we need to account for the Federal priorities in the work of the Council. Elisa thanked Jenny Bayardo for bringing this to the attention of the Council. Barbara Mitchell requested that we share the SAMHSA strategic priorities with the entire Council. Barbara also suggested we address this at General Session in January. Tony stated that the information will be shared with all Council Members, and we will discuss further in January 2026.

Tony Vartan called for public comment before the vote. Janet Frank from the Commission on Aging thanked the Council for prioritizing older adults. She also stated the Commission should consider a process similar to the one the Council has, and could learn a lot from the Council, in particular, by tying the work of committees back to priorities.

**Motion:** Tony Vartan made a motion to approve the proposed areas of focus, incorporating the items outlined during the discussion. The motion was seconded by Uma Zykofsky. Deborah Pitts abstained. The motion passed.

### **Workgroup Discussion (Action)**

Jenny Bayardo provided the Committee with an overview of the existing workgroups and the history of how they came about. Workgroups were intended to be focused and time-limited. Jenny Bayardo shared the document included in the meeting packet, created by Council Staff, to clarify and define the roles of the workgroups.

Tony Vartan led the committee in a discussion about the current ad hoc committee and work groups. There is concern that these groups could grow large enough to form a quorum of the Council, potentially violating Bagley-Keene. The workgroups must be aligned with state and federal mandates, as well as the Council's priorities. Committee members agreed that the purpose of these groups and the need for them to meet needs to be re-evaluated. Some groups may need to refocus; for example, the Reducing Disparities Workgroup could focus on prevention in the Behavioral Health Services Act. It was also agreed that the workgroups should not have presentations. The Executive Committee and Officer Team will continue to evaluate the effectiveness of and need for

the workgroups. Daphne Shaw suggested that we review the committees to determine if they are still relevant. Mike Phillips shared that he hopes we meaningfully incorporate the work of the workgroups into the conversations of the committees and full Council, Tony agreed. Liz Oseguera stated the workgroups should continue as they create space and intentionality that does not exist in our current committee and General Session structure. The workgroups may need to be refocused but not eliminated. Tony Vartan thanked Liz for her comments and re stated the work needs to go through the Council.

### **Report from CBHPC Workgroups**

Workgroup reports were deferred to General Session.

### **Report from CA Coalition for Behavioral Health**

There was no report due to changes in agenda. Tis report was deferred to General Session at the discretion of the Chairperson.

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

Executive Director Theresa Comstock reported that not as many CALBHB/C board members will be in attendance since the Council is not paying for the meeting space this year. The regions that attend Council meetings will change; for example, the superior region will be invited to the Council's April meeting. CALBHB/C has been providing support around the Community Planning Process in the Integrated Plans. Theresa shared that the Brown Act has some teleconference changes that allow members to vote remotely without disclosing their address.

### **General Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Wrap-Up and Plan for Next Meeting**

The next meeting is on January 21, in San Diego, California.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

**California Behavioral Health Planning Council  
Executive Committee**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026**

**Agenda Item:** Council Membership Update

**Enclosures:** [Council Appointment List](#)

**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 membership needs and identifies any actions needed.

There are currently four vacancies in the Council's membership. The vacancies are for two (2) Persons with Lived Experience and two (1) family members. After the October 2025 meeting, Naomi Ramirez, Chief of Operations (COO), carried out the following activities:

- Submitted information for interviewed applicants who attended the October 2025 Quarterly meeting to the Department of Health Care Services.
- Submitted information for Council Members interested in being reappointed to the Department of Health Care Services.
- Informed the Department of Health Care Services that, in accordance with [Assembly Bill 2207](#) (2024) the Council is required to appoint a representative from the California Commission on Aging effective January 1, 2026.

**Summary of Council Member Activity since October 2025:**

**November**

No changes

**December**

No changes

**January**

Appointments: Samantha Tosetti (Family Member)

Janet Frank (California Commission on Aging)



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**Agenda Item:** Expenditure Reports & Allotments Update

**Enclosures:** Fiscal Year 2025-26 Expenditure Report

**Background/Description:**

The current expenditure report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 is enclosed. The Chief of Operations, Naomi Ramirez, will provide an overview of the report. Council Members may ask questions about current-year spending.

CBHPC SAMHSA Expenditures FY 2025-26																
PERSONAL SERVICES	Allotment	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Close-out	Total	Balance Remaining
Salaries	\$318,114	\$22,883	\$22,883	\$22,883	\$22,883	\$22,883	\$22,883	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$137,298	\$180,816
Staff Benefits	\$124,671	\$14,345	\$14,345	\$14,345	\$14,345	\$14,345	\$14,345	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$86,070	\$38,601
Total Personal Services	\$442,785	\$37,228	\$37,228	\$37,228	\$37,228	\$37,228	\$37,228	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$223,368	\$219,417

OPERATING EXPENSES &EQUIPMENT(O&E)	Allotment	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Close-out	Total	Balance Remaining
General Expense <sup>1</sup>	\$132,451	\$12,666	\$0	\$0	\$35,007	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$47,674	\$84,777
Printing <sup>2</sup>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Communications	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Postage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel In-State	\$85,000	\$13,608	\$1,642	\$0	\$15,749	\$2,343	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$33,342	\$51,658
Training	\$10,000	\$1,020	\$790	\$440	\$450	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,700	\$7,300
Facility Operations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Unallotted	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total OE & E	\$227,451	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$83,716	\$143,735
CONTRACTS	Allotment	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Close-out	Total	Balance Remaining
Consultnt & Prof, External	\$85,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$85,000
Interdepartmental/Legal	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000

TOTAL DIRECT BUDGET	Allotment	SPENT	BALANCE REMAINING
Total Direct Budget	\$252,451	\$83,716	\$168,735

DISTRIBUTED OVERHEAD	Allotment	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Close-out	Total	Balance Remaining
All Departmental Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

GRAND TOTAL	Allotment
Total Budget	\$695,236

MHBG funded employees (1 EO and 2 HPS I).

1 This line item covers supplies, equipment, 70% of meeting venue and A/V costs.

2 Computer-related office supplies (i.e. toner) and copy machine maintenance agreement deliverables.

CBHPC MHSA Expenditures FY 2025-26																
PERSONAL SERVICES	Allotment	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Close-out	Total	Balance Remaining
Salaries	\$331,775	\$35,464	\$35,464	\$35,464	\$35,464	\$35,464	\$35,464	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$212,784	\$118,991
Temporary Help	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Staff Benefits*	\$124,437	\$15,820	\$15,820	\$15,820	\$15,820	\$15,820	\$15,820	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$94,920	\$29,517
<b>Total Personal Services*</b>	<b>\$456,212</b>	<b>\$51,284</b>	<b>\$51,284</b>	<b>\$51,284</b>	<b>\$51,284</b>	<b>\$51,284</b>	<b>\$51,284</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$307,704</b>	<b>\$148,508</b>

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TOTAL DIRECT BUDGET	Allotment	SPENT	BALANCE REMAINING
Total Direct Budget	\$203,549	\$40,845	\$162,704

DISTRIBUTED OVERHEAD	Allotment	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Close-out	Total	Balance Remaining
All Departmental Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

GRAND TOTAL	Allotment
Total Budget	\$659,761

MHSA funded employees (1 SSM II, 1 RA II, 1 SSA/AGPA, 1 AGPA, 1 HPS II, and 1 Seasonal Clerk)

1 This line item covers supplies, equipment, 30% of meeting venue and A/Vcosts, etc.

2 Computer-related office supplies (i.e. toner) and copy machine maintenance agreement deliverables.

## **California Behavioral Health Planning Council Executive Committee**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026**

**Agenda Item:** 2026 Council Focus (Action)

**Enclosures:** Focus for 2026

General Session Topics

[CBHPC Roles and Priorities](#)

BHSA Council Prioritization

[SAMHSA Strategic Priorities](#)

### **Background/Description:**

The Officer Team met on August 26, 2025, to plan the Council's General Session activities for 2026. They decided that the Executive Committee will evaluate the Council's areas of focus each October. The adopted areas of focus will direct the topics discussed during the General Session meetings and guide the work of all committees and workgroups for the upcoming year.

At the October 2025 Executive Committee meeting, all members had an opportunity to discuss and provide feedback on the areas of focus identified by the Officer Team. The committee voted to adopt the proposed focus for 2026, with some requested modifications.

During this agenda item, members will have an opportunity to review the updated document, which includes the requested modifications. The committee will then review the General Session presentation ideas submitted to date to identify those in alignment with the agreed-upon priorities. Lastly, members will identify which committees will focus on each area of focus throughout the year.



## California Behavioral Health Planning Council

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### Focus for 2026

Statewide Behavioral Health Integration (including all populations: children, adults, and older adults)

- Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
  - Educate the full Council on SUD and SUD Treatment
- Behavioral Health Services Act
  - Modifications of Regulations
  - Managed Care & Specialty Mental Health
    - Educate on reorganization and rebalancing of funding
- SAMHSA Strategic Priorities

Advocacy for Persons with Lived Experience and Stakeholder Engagement

- Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) County Integrated Plans
- Peer Certification (Senate Bill 803)
  - Wellness Community Coaches

Patients' Rights

- Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act Reform and the Impact on Patients' Rights
- Involuntary Treatment
- Senate Bill 43
- Adequate Patients' Rights Support in Communities and Jails
- Community Assistance, Recovery & Empowerment (CARE) Act

Justice-Involved Populations in the Behavioral Health System

- Lack of Resources
- Alternative Resources
  - Shifting Responsibility Back to Counties Without Resources
- Potential Increase in Murphy Conservatorships
- Lack of Funding for Public Guardians and Conservators
- Dependents of the Court and Wards of the Court
- Efficacy of Prop 36

General Session Topics

Proposed Topic Title	Submitted By	Summary/Description	Recommended Presenter(s)	CBHPC Responsibilities	Priority (High/Med/Low)	Approved (Y/N)	Scheduled Date	Notes
Fentanyl High Film Screening & Discussion	Dave Cortright	Screening primarily be aimed at Council Members and open to the public. Virtual or in person Q& A with the filmmaker and discussion.	Filmmaker <a href="https://www.fentanylhigh.com">https://www.fentanylhigh.com</a>	WIC § 5772	TBD	TBD	TBD	Reccomended to take place on the Thursday evening of the Quarterly meeting as a potential joint event with the SUD workgroup. The filmmaker is located in the Bay Area.
California Healthy Kids Survey	Karrie Sequeira	TBD	TBD	WIC § 5772(c)(1 - 4) WIC § 5604.2(a)(7)	TBD	TBD	TBD	Will be presented at CYW before determining if it will be brought to full Council.
BHT Initiatives for Justice Involved Population	Marina Rangel	Overview of how counties bring different BHT initiatives together to make access and treatment easier for Justice-Involved population.	Local Counties	WIC § 5772	TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A
BH-CONNECT and BHSA EBP Rollout and Impacts	Deborah Pitts	Overview of the development, rollout, and challengesof BH Connect and BHSA EBP.	TBD	WIC § 5772	TBD	TBD	TBD	Request for presentations similar to SMC presentation on FSPs.
Oversight of Virtual Platforms (Soluna and BrightLife Kids)	SMC	Overview of who provides oversight and how, including the quality of service and timeliness.	Autumn Boylan/CYBHI Director	WIC § 5772	TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A

General Session Topics

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Innovation Partnership Fund	BHSA Ad-Hoc	Either an opportunity for members to provide feedback or an update from OAC on Innovation.	Brenda Grealish	WIC § 5772 (g)	TBD	TBD	TBD	Could be advertised and used as an opportunity for people with lived experience and family members to give feedback. Members not sure if this presentation would still be timely since initial 30 comment period will be over. Anticipating comments being accepted in November for 30 days before submitting to CMS.
2024 Data Notebook	POC	Overview of the 2024 Data Notebook to inform members and the public of the analysis and reccomendations.	Susan Wilson/Linda Dickerson	WIC § 5772(c)(1)–(4)	TBD	TBD	TBD	Members of the POC suggested presented to ensure all members are informed since they may not read the full report.
BHSA Intergrated Plans	Jenny/Council Members/CALBH B/C/Lived Experience Partners	Overview of roles and oportunites for engagement in the community planning process.	TBD	BHSA County Policy Manual, WIC § 5963.02(b)(1)	High	TBD	TBD	N/A
WET Plan Review	WEC	Review and discuss HCAI's proposed WET Plan.	WET Committee	WIC §§ 5820–5822	High	TBD	TBD	Must occur at January 2025 Meeting.



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WET Plan Review/Approval	WEC	Review and vote on approval of HCAI's proposed WET Plan.	HCAI Staff	WIC §§ 5820–5822	High	TBD	TBD	Must occur at April 2025 Meeting.
SUD Training for Council Members	Susan and Javier	Provide training on SUD including treatment paths, continuum levels of care, living situations, etc.	Javier & Individuals with Lived Experience	WIC § 5772	High	TBD	TBD	Mike Phillips willing to have members from his team to present or be part of a presentation related to SUD Patient Rights/Resident Rights.
Public Forums	POC	Topics TBD	TBD	WIC § 5772	TBD	TBD	TBD	Recommend Fridays are used for Public Forums. Propose focus on informing stakeholders on Data Notebook topics, findings, and other surveys/reports. Also potentially release information on Data Notebooks at meeting around time that it is released.
Children-SUD & Mental Health	CYW	Bring in experts to discuss children mental health and SUD and potentially have an event following.	TBD	WIC § 5772	TBD	TBD	TBD	Javier reccomends the SUD foundation set first before focusing on youth population.

General Session Topics

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County MHBG Updates	Jenny	Overview of how local counties are utilizing their MHBG funds.	Local County Behavioral Health Directors	Title XIX, Part B, Subparts I and III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x–1 to 300x–9 and 300x–51 to 300x–64)	High	TBD	TBD	N/A
MHBG Implementation Report Review	Naomi	The Council must review the state's MHBG Implementatyion Report annually. The FY 2024 MHBG Implementation Report has not been provided yet.	MHBG Liasion/DHCS Grant Staff	Title XIX, Part B, Subpart III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x-52(a))	High	TBD	TBD	N/A
Peer Certification Update	Jenny	Overview of what is working well and lessons learned so far.	TBD	Senate Bill 803: Peer Support Specialist Certification Program Act of 2020 (CA WIC 14045.52(a))	TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A
MHBG Application/Mini-App	Naomi	Bi-annually the Council must review and provide input on the state's MHBG application. On the years there is not an application the Council must review and comment on the mini application.	MHBG Liasion/DHCS Grant Staff	Title XIX, Part B, Subpart III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x-52(a))	High	TBD	TBD	N/A

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CalAIM Waiver Renewals	Ashneek Nanua	Overview of what is included in the new waivers effective January 2027.	DHCS	WIC § 5772	TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A
ACES Aware	Dave Cortright	Overview of the ACES Aware program <a href="https://www.acesaware.org/">https://www.acesaware.org/</a>	Representative from ACES Aware	WIC § 5772(c)(1 - 4) WIC § 5604.2(a)(7)	TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A

General Session Topics

Proposed Topic Title	Submitted By	Summary/Description	Recommended Presenter(s)	CBHPC Responsibilities	Priority (High/Med/Low)	Approved (Y/N)	Scheduled Date	Notes
BH-CONNECT Initiative Implementation	Ashneek Nanua	<b>Section 1115 Approvals</b> » Workforce Initiative, Activity Funds, Access, Reform and Outcomes Incentive Program, Community Transition In-Reach Services, Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Program: Federal Financial Participation (FFP) for Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD), Transitional Rent (Short-Term Rental Assistance) <b>SPA Approvals</b> » Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)/Forensic ACT (FACT), Coordinated Specialty Care for First Episode Psychosis (CSC for FEP), Clubhouse Services, Individual	DHCS, HCAI	WIC § 5772	TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A

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)	<b>July 1, 2026</b> (All sections)	TBD	LPPC, HHC, SMC	<b>8/8/2024:</b> HHC coordinated and submitted a joint letter—cosigned by 13 state and local behavioral health organizations—urging the Administration to adopt key recommendations.  <b>12/3/2024:</b> HHC provided feedback and recommendations on housing definitions for the first Module of the BHSA Policy Manual.  <b>Outcome:</b> 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)	<b>July 1, 2026</b> (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)	<b>January 1, 2025</b> (SEC 27 County Data to Boards and DHCS, SEC 25 WIC 5610 (b)(1), SEC 109 WIC 5963.04 (a)(2) BHOATR), <b>July 1, 2025</b> (SEC 109 Integrated Plan Data), <b>July 1, 2026</b> (SEC 25 WIC 5610 (b)(1))	POC	POC	In Progress

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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)	<b>January 1, 2025</b> (SEC 64, SEC 84, SEC 113, SEC 114) <b>July 1, 2026</b> (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	<b>January 1, 2025</b> (Chapter 3 Article 2 5963.03, 5963.05); <b>July 2026</b> (Chapter 3 Article 2 5963.04 County Behavioral Health Outcomes, Accountability, and Transparency Report) <b>July 1, 2026</b> (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)	<b>January 1, 2025</b> (SEC 38 Stakeholder Engagement on IPs)	POC	POC	In Progress

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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)	<b>January 1, 2025</b> (SEC 10, SEC 66) <b>July 1, 2026</b> (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)	<b>July 1, 2026</b> (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)	<b>July 1, 2026</b> (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)	<b>December 21, 2029</b> (SEC 109) <b>January 1, 2026</b> (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)	<b>January 1, 2025</b> (All sections)	POC	POC	In Progress

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<b>Voluntary vs. Involuntary Services*</b>	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)	<b>January 1, 2025</b> (SEC 61, SEC 74, SEC 85) <b>July 1, 2026</b> (All Other Sections)	SMC	LPPC, PRC, SMC	In Progress
<b>Crisis Continuum*</b>	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)	<b>January 1, 2025</b> (SEC 66, SEC 74) <b>July 1, 2026</b> (All Other Sections)	SMC	SMC	SMC is tracking this item.
<b>Statewide Prevention (non-FSP)*</b>	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)	<b>January 1, 2025</b> (SEC 66) <b>July 1, 2026</b> (All Other Sections)	SMC	SMC	In Progress
<b>Fiscal implications/sustainability*</b>		<b>July 1, 2026</b>	TBD	All	In Progress
<b>Evidence Based Practices and Community-Defined Evidence Practices*</b>	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)	<b>January 1, 2025</b> (SEC 55, SEC 66) <b>July 1, 2026</b> (All Other Sections)	SMC	SMC	SMC is tracking this item. Members attend the BHT Quality and Equity Advisory Committee meetings as well



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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

## **California Behavioral Health Planning Council Executive Committee**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026**

**Agenda Item:** Workgroup Update

**Enclosures:** Definition of Workgroups

### **Background/Description:**

As outlined in the Council's Operating Policies and Procedures, the Executive Committee can establish ad-hoc committees and workgroups to address specific issues or time-limited tasks. The Council currently has four ad-hoc groups. They are:

- Children and Youth
- Reducing Disparities
- Substance Use Disorder
- Proposition 1/Behavioral Health Transformation

At the October 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed the Council's enclosed Definition of Workgroups, which includes the purpose, role, and activities of workgroups within the Council. The committee then engaged in a discussion about the current ad-hoc groups. Points of discussion included:

- Effectiveness of established groups.
- Relevance (are these groups still needed).
- Current activities and approval process.
- Potential assignments for current groups.
- Staffing.
- Establishment of future groups.
- Meeting dates, times, and frequency
- Lunch.

Following the October 2025 meeting, the Officer Team met with the leadership of each ad-hoc group to discuss their current activities. During this agenda item, Executive Officer Jenny Bayardo will provide an update from those meetings.