



# California Behavioral Health Planning Council

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## AGENDA

January 16, 17, 18, and 19, 2024  
Courtyard San Diego Old Town  
2435 Jefferson Street, San Diego, California, 92110

Notice: All agenda items are subject to action by the Council. Scheduled times on the agenda are estimates and subject to change. If Reasonable Accommodation is required, please contact the Council at 916-701-8211 by **January 9, 2024** in order to meet the request. All items on the Committee agendas posted on our website are incorporated by reference herein and are subject to action.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### **Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

2:00pm Performance Outcomes Committee

### **Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

8:30am [Executive Committee](#)

10:30am [Patients' Rights Committee](#)

11:00am Children/Youth Workgroup (working lunch)

12:00pm LUNCH (on your own)

1:30pm [Workforce and Employment Committee](#)

1:30pm [Legislation and Public Policy Committee](#)

### **Thursday, January 18, 2024**

8:30am [Housing and Homelessness Committee](#)

8:30am [Systems and Medicaid Committee](#)

12:10pm Reducing Disparities Work Group (working lunch)

12:10pm Substance Use Disorder Workgroup (working lunch)

**Thursday, January 18, 2024**

**COUNCIL GENERAL SESSION**

Conference Call (listen only) 1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 832 8251 1145

Participant Code: 557329

**Room:** Santa Barbara

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|----------------|--|--------------|
| <b>1:30 pm</b> | <b>Welcome and Introductions</b><br><i>Deborah Starkey, Chairperson</i>  |              |
| <b>1:40 pm</b> | <b>Approval of October Meeting Minutes</b><br><i>Tony Vartan, Chairperson-Elect</i>  | <b>Tab M</b> |
| <b>1:45 pm</b> | <b>Mental Health Block Grant Overview</b><br><i>Imperial County Program Directors</i><br><i>Maria Ruiz, Jose Lepe and Victoria Mansfield</i> | <b>Tab N</b> |
| <b>2:15 pm</b> | <b>Public Comment</b>  |              |
| <b>2:20 pm</b> | <b>Proposition 1 Overview</b>  |              |
| <b>2:30 pm</b> | <b>Proposition 1 Panel Presentations</b>   | <b>Tab O</b> |
| <b>3:15 pm</b> | <b>BREAK</b>   |              |
| <b>3:30 pm</b> | <b>Proposition 1 Panel Presentations (Continued)</b>   |              |
| <b>4:15 pm</b> | <b>Public Comment</b>  |              |
| <b>4:55 pm</b> | <b>Day 1 Wrap-up</b>   |              |
| <b>5:00 pm</b> | <b>Recess</b>  |              |

**Public Comment:** Limited to a **3-minute maximum** to ensure all are heard.

Mentorship Forum for Council members, including Committee Chairpersons and Chair-Elects, will occur following Thursday's General Session in the same room. We respectfully ask those not participating to exit the meeting space to allow for Council business to occur.

**Friday, January 19, 2024**

**COUNCIL GENERAL SESSION**

**Room:** Santa Barbara

Conference Call (listen only) 1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 832 8251 1145

Participant Code: 557329

**8:30 am Welcome and Introductions**

*Deborah Starkey, Chairperson*

**8:35 am CBHPC 2023 Highlights and Accomplishments**

**8:45 pm Committee Report-Outs**

- **Performance Outcomes:** Susan Wilson, Chairperson
- **Patients' Rights:** Daphne Shaw, Chairperson
- **Executive:** Deborah Starkey, Chairperson
- **Workforce and Employment:** Vacant, Chairperson
- **Housing and Homelessness:** Monica Caffey, Chairperson
- **Systems and Medicaid:** Karen Baylor, Chairperson
- **Children/Youth Workgroup:** Vandana Pant (interim)
- **Reducing Disparities Workgroup:** Uma Zykovsky
- **Substance Use Disorder Workgroup:** Javier Moreno

**9:30 am Department of Health Care Services Update**

*Michelle Baass, Director,  
CA Department of Health Care Services*

**10:00 am Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Update**

*Captain Emily Williams, LCSW-PIP,  
Regional Administrator, Region IX*

**10:15 am BREAK**

**10:35 am Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics  
Panel Presentation**

**Tab P**

*Captain Emily Williams, LCSW-PIP,  
Regional Administrator, Region IX  
Mario Zayas, LMFT, Program Manager, San Ysidro Health Clinic  
Priti Ojha, Medical Director, San Ysidro Health Clinic*

**11:50 am Public Comment**

**11:55 am Closing Remarks**

*Deborah Starkey, Chairperson*

**12:00 pm Adjourn**

### **Upcoming Council Meetings Schedule**

April 16-19, 2024: [Holiday Inn Sacramento Downtown - Arena](#)

June 18-21, 2024: [Lake Arrowhead Resort](#)

October 15-18, 2024: [Embassy Suites by Hilton Milpitas Silicon Valley](#)

**California Behavioral Health Planning Council  
General Session**

**Thursday, January 18, 2024**

**Agenda Item:** Approval of October 2023 Meeting Minutes

**Enclosures:** None

**Background/Description:**

The draft October 2023 meeting minutes for member review and approval will be sent to Council Members by e-mail in advance of the meeting. The draft minutes will also be posted online once available.

**California Behavioral Health Planning Council  
General Session  
Thursday, January 18, 2024**

**Agenda Item:** Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) Overview

**Enclosures:** None

**Background/Description:**

Imperial County Program Directors Maria Ruiz, Jose Lepe, and Victoria Mansfield will provide an overview of Imperial County's Mental Health Block Grant-funded programs.

To facilitate the Council's knowledge about Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) funding and counties' use of the funds within their systems of care, Imperial County will discuss (3) three main areas:

- 1) How does your county utilize the MHBG funds?
- 2) Describe any specific innovative program(s) the county has implemented and the impact on individuals with Serious Mental Illness and Serious Emotional Disturbance such as programs using First Episode Psychosis (FEP) or Dual Diagnosis (DDX) set-aside funding.
- 3) Tell us about any evidence-based or community-defined practice(s) implemented in your county that have been effective in meeting the needs of your county's population. Can you share any outcomes?

**California Behavioral Health Planning Council  
General Session  
Thursday, January 18, 2024**

**Agenda Item:** Proposition 1 Panel Presentations

**Enclosures:**

[Fact Sheet on Governor Newsom's Transformation of Behavioral Health Services](#) (September 2023)  
[SB 326 Senate Rules Committee Analysis](#)  
[Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development Analysis](#)  
[LAO Analysis of Proposition 1](#)

**Background/Information:**

Governor Gavin Newsom, in partnership with Senator Susan Talamantes Eggman (D-Stockton), proposed an initiative to amend the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) that passed the legislature on September 14, 2023. Senate Bill 326 (SB 326) and Assembly Bill 531 (AB 531) will appear jointly on the March 2024 ballot as Proposition 1.

**Three Key Elements of Governor Newsom's Proposal:**

- A Bond to Fund Behavioral Health Expansion and Housing for Homeless Veterans
- Modernizing the Mental Health Services Act
- Making Today's System of Care Work Better for All Californians

**AB 531 proposed:**

- \$6.38 billion bond to build 10,000 new treatment beds and supportive housing units to help serve more than 100,000 people annually.
- \$2.893 billion for grants for behavioral health treatment and residential settings building on the success of the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP).
- \$1.5 billion to be awarded to counties, cities, and tribal entities for grants for behavioral health treatment and residential settings eligible under BHCIP.
- \$1.065 billion worth of housing investments for veterans who are at risk of homelessness, experiencing homelessness, or experiencing chronic homelessness who have behavioral health needs, or a substance use disorder.
- \$922 million worth of investments for Californians (not specifically for veterans) who are at risk of homelessness, experiencing homelessness, or experiencing

chronic homelessness who have behavioral health needs, or a substance use disorder.

**SB 326 proposed:**

[SB 326](#) proposes a set of reforms, which will be placed on the March 2024 Ballot. Key proposed reforms include:

1. Rename the MHSA to the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)
2. Broaden the target population to include those with debilitating substance use disorders
3. Focus on the most vulnerable and most at-risk, including children and youth
4. Fiscal accountability, updates to county spending, and revise county processes
5. Update Local Categorical Funding Buckets:
  - **30% for Housing Interventions** for children and families, youth, adults, and older adults living with serious mental illness/serious emotional disturbance (SMI/SED) and/or SUD who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness. Funding could be used for rental subsidies, operating subsidies (including for BH settings built through the general obligation bond), shared and family housing, capital and non-federal share for transitional rent.
  - **35% for Full-Service Partnership (FSP) programs**, which should be optimized to leverage Medicaid as much as is allowable.
  - **35% for Behavioral Health Services and Supports**, including early intervention, outreach and engagement, workforce education and training, capital facilities, technological needs, and innovative pilots and projects, to strengthen the range of services individuals, families, and communities need.
    - A majority (51%) of this amount must be used for Early Intervention in the early signs of mental illness or substance misuse and at least 51% of these funds are directed to people 25 years and younger.
  - **Population-Based Prevention (4% of total funding)** through population-based programming on behavioral health and wellness to increase awareness about resources and stop behavioral health problems before they start.
    - A majority of Prevention (51%) programming must serve people 25 years and younger.

- **Workforce (3% of total funding)** investments to expand a culturally competent and well-trained behavioral health workforce to address statewide demand.
- **Statewide oversight and monitoring (3% of total funding)** to develop statewide outcomes, conduct oversight of county outcomes, train and provide technical assistance, research and evaluate, and administer programs.
  - **\$20 million** annually (FY 2026–27 to 2030–31) for the Behavioral Health Services Act Innovation Partnership Fund to provide grants to develop innovation with non-government partners.

The Council has invited those in support and opposition of the March 2024 Ballot Measure to share their perspectives on the potential impacts the Behavioral Health Modernization proposal will have on the system if passed by California voters. Members may also review and discuss the components of Proposition 1 as it relates to the prevue of the California Behavioral Health Planning Council.

As an advisory body, the Council must be informed of upcoming significant changes to the public behavioral health system, but the Council will not take an official position on the ballot measure.

## California Behavioral Health Planning Council General Session

Friday, January 19, 2024

**Agenda Item:** Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics

Panel Presentation

**Enclosures:** [Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic \(CCBHC\)  
Certification Criteria](#)

### **Background/Description:**

The California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC) exists as required by Public Law 102-321 for the state of California to receive block grant funds. Federal law requires the CBHPC to perform multiple functions including monitoring, reviewing, and evaluating annually the allocation and adequacy of mental health services within the State.

The Council regularly receives updates from the Regional Director for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Region IX. Council Members have requested to be informed of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic model supported by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

A Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model is designed to ensure access to coordinated comprehensive behavioral health care. CCBHCs are required to serve anyone who requests care for mental health or substance use, regardless of their ability to pay, place of residence, or age - including developmentally appropriate care for children and youth. CCBHCs can be supported through the Section 223 CCBHC Medicaid Demonstration, through SAMHSA administered CCBHC Expansion (CCBHC-E) Grants, or through independent state programs separate from the Section 223 CCBHC Medicaid Demonstration.

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Captain Emily Williams, LCSW-PIP, BCD will provide an overview of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic model. The presentation of the model will be followed by a presentation from a local CCBHC. Mario Zayas, LMFT, Program Manager, and Priti Ojha, Medical Director from San Ysidro Health will share about the programs and services provided at their Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic.

### **Panelist Information:**

CAPT Emily Williams, LCSW-PIP, BCD is the Regional Director for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Region IX. Her career has focused on underserved populations and has spanned more than 20 years of service delivery of Behavioral health services within the Indian Health Service and DOD. From working as a clinician in remote clinics to standing up a telephone Outreach Center for Active Duty family members and Veterans her ability to work with individuals and communities has strengthened the suicide prevention and crisis response in local, state and national arenas.

Since her commission as a United States Public Health Service officer in 2004, CAPT Williams has served a central role in conceptualizing, developing, and training federal mental health disaster response teams within the USPHS. She has served as a team leader and deployed to numerous public health emergencies including hurricanes, multiple Tribal behavioral health emergencies, the 2010 American Samoan Tsunami and coordinated deployments to assist hospitals with accreditation support.

San Ysidro Health is a non-profit organization committed to improving the health and well-being of the communities they serve with access for all. They offer high-quality, compassionate, accessible, and affordable healthcare and support services for patients of all ages. San Ysidro Health was founded in a small, three-room house in 1969 and has since expanded to over 20 clinic and program sites in areas across San Diego County.

**Additional Resource:** [What is a CCBHC? - YouTube Video](#)