

CBHPC Executive Committee Meeting

August 8, 2024

Committee Members Present:

Karen Baylor
Erika Cristo
Barbara Mitchell
Noel O'Neill
Daphne Shaw
Mike Phillips
Walter Shwe

Deborah Starkey
Arden Tucker *
Tony Vartan
Susan Wilson
Javier Moreno
Uma Zykofsky

*Joined later

Committee Members Absent: Monica Caffey

Staff Present: Jenny Bayardo, Ashneek Nanua, Simon Vue

Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson Deborah Starkey called the meeting to order, welcoming Council Members. Attendees introduced themselves. A quorum was established with 13 of 14 members present at the start of the meeting.

Approval of RDW Questions for Presenters (Action)

In April and June of 2024, the Executive Committee reviewed and discussed the questions proposed by the Reducing Disparities Workgroup. Uma Zykofsky reviewed the document revisions based on feedback provided by the committee which included:

1. A request to include instructions.
2. Allowing people to submit materials ahead of time in writing.
3. Examples for presenters to follow.
4. Ensuring the questions requested do not distract from the presentation or become a burden to presenters.

The document provided at this meeting was reviewed again by the Reducing Disparities Workgroup. Uma Zykofsky requested the committee approve the questions and try the document for a year.

Deborah Starkey opened the floor for public comment before the vote, there was no public comment.

Noel O'Neil made a motion to approve the use of the questions as written and Tony Vartan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed; 12-Yes 0-No and 2 members absent.

Deborah Starkey thanked Uma Zykovsky for her hard work and leadership in developing the questions.

Prop 1 Implementation: CBHPC Ad-Hoc Update (Action)

Proposition 1 Ad-Hoc members Barbara Mitchell, Javier Moreno, Susan Wilson and Executive Officer Jenny Bayardo provided a verbal update on the activities to date. The Council has provided written recommendations to the Department of Health Care Services, Department of Housing and Community Development, Cal Vet and the Business and Consumer Services and Housing Agency. All letters are posted on the Council's Advocacy and Legislation webpage. Advocacy has primarily been focused on including the Council and policy and regulation development and the definitions of homelessness, Chronic homelessness, and veterans. Members of the Ad-hoc have met with state representatives at the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Health and Human Services Agency.

The Ad-Hoc meets weekly. Susan Wilson shared that the Ad-Hoc committee is important for the visibility of the Council and commented on how Javier has been instrumental in bringing substance use disorder to the forefront of the Council and can speak to the SUD component of the Behavioral Health Services Act. Barbara Mitchell has been key in bringing the issues with the definitions to light and is our housing expert. Susan stated that she is getting familiar with proposition 1 in an effort to communicate the key items clearly to the population that needs to hear. The Ad-Hoc has decided there is a need to engage the CBHPC committees in the work related to the implementation. Barbara Mitchell added that several initiatives, such as Senate Bill 43 and the CARE Act, intersect with Proposition 1 and need to be considered as well.

The Ad-Hoc members then led the committee in a discussion about future activities, identifying what items rise to the top. Javier Moreno suggested we identify a few top priorities that committees could then make a deeper dive into. Barbara Mitchell stated the Ad-Hoc hopes the Executive Committee will take the lead and divide out some of the priority issues.

Suggestions of priorities and activities included.

- Housing Definitions
- Expansion to include substance use disorder in BHSA.
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Definitions of Veterans
- Every Committee should have a task in Proposition 1
- Staff of the Council and/or the Officer Team should put together a crosswalk.
- The Council should use this as an opportunity to step out and influence the implementation.
- The Operationalization of SUD into the smaller pot of treatment money is already taking place, so the Council should focus on what exactly is going on.
- Consider doing listening session.
- The SMC will spend time on Prop 1 in October.

- Divide the work into committees and have regular conversations during large meeting times to discuss the work of the committees.
- Address the implementation during General Session
- Have a presentation by Marlies Perez on SUD and Prop 1 at General Session.
- Advocate for housing for incarcerated individuals upon release.
- Committees may need to meet in between to keep up with the implementation and comment timely.

The discussion then moved to ideas for communicating the work of the Ad-hoc. Ideas include the creation of a page on the Council website, monthly e-mails to Council members and discussing during the Executive Committee meetings.

Deborah Starkey opened the floor for public comment on the topic.

Stephanie Ramos from CalVoices, family member, acknowledged the Council's thoughts around sending out materials on behalf of the state. Stephanie stated that the Planning Council is a trusted group and is not viewed as a government body. She then encouraged the Council to take a pause when distributing materials from the state. The Council is looked to as a recommending and guidance body by the behavioral health community. Stephanie also encouraged committee members to focus on workforce when looking at Proposition 1 implementation as many in the peer community are concerned and fearful about what is to come.

Theresa Comstock, California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions suggested the CBHPC reach out to the CA Association of Veterans services agency and other veterans associations in regard to the recommendations around the definition of veterans in the Behavioral Health Bond. Theresa also suggested the Council involve more experts in substance use disorder as well.

Meeting Facilitation Follow-up Discussion

The committee reviewed the updated housekeeping slides developed for use at the quarterly meetings. Council Members shared their experiences using the documents at the June committee meetings. The recording of the discussion will be provided to the Chief of Operations, who was absent, so Council Member concerns are addressed in the next version of the document. The revised slides will be presented at the October meeting, so members have the information prior to use at the October Committee meetings.

Public Comment (General)

There was no public comment.

Meeting Wrap-up & Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 pm.