

California Behavioral Health Planning Council
Performance Outcomes Committee
January 14, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Noel O'Neill, Chairperson
Karen Baylor
Catherine Moore
Susan Wilson

Erin Franco
Don Morrison

Invited External Partners Present:

Theresa Comstock, CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards/Commissions
Samantha Spangler, Behavioral Health Data Project

Staff Present:

Justin Boese
Jenny Bayardo

Naomi Ramirez
Linda Dickerson

Item #1: Welcome and Introductions

The committee meeting began at 2:00 p.m.

Noel O'Neill welcomed all committee members and guests. A quorum was established with 6 out of 8 members.

Item #2: Review Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the meeting minutes for October 2024. The minutes were accepted with no revisions.

Item #3: Data Notebook "Part I" Analysis

Samantha Spangler presented to the committee on her analysis of the "Part I" data from the 2019-2023 Data Notebooks. The meeting packet included a data quality report that included quality standards and the types of analysis that could be performed with the data.

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Samantha explained three possible approaches to trend analysis for the Part I data, including the strengths and weaknesses of each approach. The three approaches and their pros/cons were:

1. 5 Year Trend Analysis
 - a. Requires data for all five years.
 - b. Captures year-over-year trends.
 - c. Lowest representation of the state.
2. 5 Year Change Analysis
 - a. Requires data for 2019 and 2023.
 - b. Does not capture trends in interim years.
 - c. Moderate representation of the state.
3. First Year to Last Year Analysis
 - a. Requires data for the first and last two years of available data in the time frame.
 - b. Difficult to interpret/requires controlling for number of years between items.
 - c. Maximum representation of the state.

Samantha then spoke about the use of estimated data before moving on to preliminary trend analysis of the Part I data. This analysis was organized by topic (Adult Residential Facilities, Institutions for Mental Diseases, Housing and Homelessness, and Children/Youth in Group Care) and showed the differences in the trends using the 3 different approaches described. Lastly, she discussed the potential for using publicly available data to fill gaps in the survey responses.

Noel asked Samantha what the next steps are for the project. Samantha answered that she will develop a draft report for the committee to review at the next quarterly meeting. Susan Wilson asked if Samantha had a particular audience in mind for writing the report and said it would be helpful if it was accessible for a broader audience. Samantha replied that typically the main report is more technical in nature, but that it will be accompanied by an executive summary that is more accessible.

Item #4: Nominate Chair-Elect for 2025 (Action Item)

Noel opened up discussion on nominations for the committee Chair-Elect for 2025. Erin Franco, who had been put forth as a nominee at the October meeting, expressed that she was not interested in pursuing the position at this time. After some discussion, Don Morrison was suggested for the position of Chair-Elect.

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A motion was made by Erin Franco and seconded by Susan Wilson to nominate Don Morrison for the position of Chair-Elect of the Performance Outcomes Committee. Staff took a roll call vote, and the motion passed. Don accepted the nomination.

Item #5: Behavioral Health Transformation Quality and Equity Advisory Committee Updates

Samantha Spangler updated the committee on the work of the Department of Health Care Services Quality and Equity Advisory Committee (QEAC). Samantha is a member of the technical subcommittee of the QEAC, which has been meeting to identify and rank behavioral health measures. She shared slides from the most recent QEAC meeting on January 9, 2025, which included an overview of the Population Behavioral Health Framework. This framework is designed to enable the behavioral health delivery system to make data-informed decisions. She went on to explain the Department's phased approach to measure selection, the statewide behavioral health goals, and the implementation timeline.

After Samantha's updates, Noel O'Neil said that the committee would schedule an interim meeting to discuss what input the committee can give to the Department regarding measure selection. Jenny Bayardo said that the Department wants to hear from the Performance Outcomes Committee and are open to attending an interim meeting to present on this process. Noel suggested scheduling the meeting on February 12, 2025. Samantha Spangler offered to put together a survey for the committee members to take so that feedback could be collected. The survey would ask their opinions about the top-ranked measures that the QEAC is considering.

Item #6: Subcommittee Reports (Action Item)

At the October 2024 quarterly meeting, the Performance Outcomes Committee decided to form two subcommittees to facilitate work on specific workplan goals. The two subcommittees formed are:

- Subcommittee 1, focused on Workplan Goal #4: Showcasing effective programs that feature the guiding principles of the committee and the Council that are successful in assisting consumers in their recovery.

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- Subcommittee 2, focused on Workplan Goal #3: Facilitating stakeholder engagement on behalf of the Council.

Susan Wilson updated the committee on Subcommittee 2. She said that the subcommittee will work with the Officer Team and Executive Committee to continue planning and facilitating stakeholder engagement events. This will include more listening session and public forums.

Noel O'Neill updated the committee on Subcommittee 1, which had its first meeting in September 2024. During that meeting, the members discussed the goals of the subcommittee and decided to look at categories of programs to highlight rather than endorsing individual programs. The first type of program that they would like to focus on are wellness and recovery centers. Noel stated that if the committee approves this project, there will not be specific deadlines, and the subcommittee will take as much time as needed to complete it.

Action Item: A motion was made by Susan Wilson and seconded by Catherine Moore for Subcommittee 1 to research wellness and recovery centers and develop a report based on their findings. Staff took a roll call vote, and the motion passed.

Item #7: Data Notebook 2023 and 2024 Updates (Action Item)

Susan Wilson informed the committee that the Overview Report and Executive Summary for the 2023 Data Notebook on Stakeholder Engagement have been completed and finalized. Noel acknowledged the hard work of the staff and committee members in developing the report. The Overview Report and Executive Summary will be posted on the Planning Council website.

Justin Boese and Linda Dickerson gave a brief update on the status of the online survey for the 2024 Data Notebook on Homelessness in the Public Behavioral Health System. At the time of the meeting the committee was still waiting on several counties who had requested extensions to complete their surveys. The survey will be closed in February, and Susan Wilson said that the goal was to have the Overview Report completed by the June quarterly meeting.

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Item #8: Data Notebook 2025 Planning and Topic Selection

At the October 2024 meeting the Performance Outcomes Committee decided to choose a topic for the 2025 Data Notebook based on input from the local boards and commissions. The 2024 Data Notebook survey asked the boards and commissions to identify up to 5 performance outcomes that they would like the committee to focus on in future data notebooks.

The committee reviewed the results of this survey question. The two topics that were chosen most in the survey were “Criminal Justice Involvement” and “School-Based Wellness for Children and Youth.” After some discussion, the committee decided to include both of these topics in the next data notebook and look at the relationship between them. The committee also decided to take more time for the development and analysis of this Data Notebook over the course of 2025 and 2026.

Item #9: Next Steps and Planning for Future Activities

Noel O’Neill and the committee members identified next steps and agenda items for the April 2025 meeting. These next steps include:

- Begin analysis of the 2024 Data Notebook.
- Interim meeting on February 12, 2025 to discuss QEAC measure selection.
- Draft report on Part I analysis by Samantha Spangler by the April meeting.
- Begin background research on 2025-2026 Data Notebook topic: Criminal Justice and School Based Wellness for Children and Youth.
- Updates from the DHCS Quality and Equity Advisory Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.