

California Behavioral Health Planning Council

Performance Outcomes Committee Agenda

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

[Residence Inn by Marriott](#)

1121 15th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
Board Meeting Room

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| 2:00 p.m. | Welcome, Introductions, and Housekeeping <i>Noel O'Neill, Chairperson</i> | |
| 2:05 p.m. | Review January 2026 Meeting Minutes (Action) <i>Noel O'Neill, Chairperson</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee Discussion• Public Comment• Accept Meeting Minutes | Tab 1 |
| 2:10 p.m. | Wellness and Recover Center Webinar Debrief <i>Noel O'Neill, Susan Wilson, and Don Morrison</i> | Tab 2 |
| 2:15 p.m. | Nomination of Chair-Elect (Action) <i>Noel O'Neill, Chairperson</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee Discussion• Public Comment• Roll Call Vote | Tab 3 |
| 2:30 p.m. | Behavioral Health Services for Foster Youth Panel <i>Diana Boyer, Managing Director of Research and Policy Development, County Welfare Directors Association of California</i> <i>Adrienne Shilton, Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Strategy, California Alliance of Child and Family Services</i> <i>Elizabeth Oseguera, Council Member, Director of Public Policy for the California Alliance of Child and Family Services</i> <i>Elissa Feld, Director of Policy, California Behavioral Health Directors Association</i> <i>Jodie Langs, Senior Policy Analyst, California Behavioral Health Directors Association</i> | Tab 4 |

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- 3:00 p.m. Break**
- 3:10 p.m. Behavioral Health Services for Foster Youth Panel (Continued)**
- 3:45 p.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.
- 3:50p.m. Break**
- 4:00 p.m. 2026 Data Notebook Survey Development Tab 5**
- 4:40 p.m. Behavioral Health Transformation Quality and Equity Tab 6**
Advisory Committee (QEAC) Updates
Noel O’Neill, Chairperson
- 4:50 p.m. Meeting Wrap-Up and Next Steps**
Noel O’Neill, Chairperson
- 4:55 p.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.
- 5:00 p.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.

Committee Members

Chairperson: Noel O’Neill

Interim Chair-Elect: Susan Wilson

Members:

Karen Baylor
Catherine Moore
Liz Oseguera

Lanita Mims-Beal
Don Morrison
Uma Zykofsky

Invited External Partners:

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

Council Staff

Justin Boese

Linda Dickerson

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Agenda Item: Review January 2026 Meeting Minutes (Action)

Enclosure: January 2026 Draft Meeting Minutes

Background/Description:

Committee members will have the opportunity to ask questions, request edits, and provide other feedback before the minutes are accepted.

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Committee Members Present:

Noel O’Neill, Chairperson
Karen Baylor
Catherine Moore
Liz Oseguera

Susan Wilson, Interim Chair-Elect
Lanita Mims-Beal
Don Morrison

Invited External Partners Present:

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Staff Present:

Justin Boese
Linda Dickerson

Jenny Bayardo
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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 7 out of 8 members present.

Item #2: Review Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed and accepted the October 2025 meeting minutes.

Item #3: Homelessness Webinar Debrief

Noel O’Neil led a debrief of the webinar on homelessness that was held on December 4, 2025. The one-hour webinar event was facilitated by Noel. Susan Wilson and Samantha Spangler presented findings and recommendations from the 2024 Data Notebook Overview Report and the Data Notebook Part I 5-Year Analysis Report. Noel shared that he felt the event was very successful.

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Noel asked Jenny Bayardo for her thoughts on the event and what improvements could be made for the next one. Jenny said that advertising the event earlier and more often would be the main improvement. She said that between thirty and forty people attended the event, including some legislative staff. Samantha Spangler said that she felt it was a very good turnout for the first webinar the committee has facilitated.

Item #4: Quality and Equity Advisory Committee Updates

Anna Naify from the Department of Health Care Services, Quality and Population Health Management program presented to the committee on the activities of the Quality and Equity Advisory Committee. Her presentation gave a brief overview of the purpose and structure of the committee. She then described the two phases of their work developing behavioral health measures.

Anna said that Phase 1 are interim measures based on publicly available data. These population level measures are not performance measures. Phase 2 is the development of performance measures that use Medi-Cal claims data for county behavioral health and managed care plans. She said it will result in fifty to seventy measures in total that will be used for planning purposes. The Department of Health Care Services will use the claims data to calculate the measures which will be published annually. Anna noted that a statewide data analytics tool will be implemented to make the data more available and accessible.

Item #5: Data Notebook Debrief and Discussion

Noel O'Neill asked staff for an update on the publication of the Overview Report for the 2025 Data Notebook on Wellness and Recovery Centers. Justin Boese reported that the report was in the final stages of review by the Department of Health Care Services and is expected to be approved soon. Once it is approved, the report will be distributed to the local behavioral health boards and commissions, county behavioral health departments, and other stakeholders. Noel asked Linda Dickerson to share her thoughts on the completed report. Linda said she was very impressed with how informative and well-edited the final product is.

Noel then reviewed the proposal for the 2026 Data Notebook that was included in the meeting packet for members. The document proposes that the focus for the 2026 Data Notebook would be behavioral health services for foster youth. Noel noted that the

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committee would partner with the California Alliance of Child and Family Services for the 2026 Data Notebook. The proposal included the following questions to guide the development of the 2026 Data Notebook: :

1. Is our study to learn more about how counties work with their local system of care to serve this group?
2. Are we interested to know the access, quality and length of treatment that individual youth receive?
3. Do we want to know the concerns and needs for change the organizations within the Alliance are promoting?
4. Do we want to know specifically how the Boards and Commissions view services that foster care youth receive?
5. Ultimately, are foster youth receiving the quality care that they need and deserve from trusted providers in a timely manner?

Noel noted that planning for the 2026 Data Notebook is in the early stages, and the committee will have more discussion during the development.

Item #6: Behavioral Health Services for Foster Youth Panel

The committee received presentations from a panel of speakers on the topic of behavioral health services for foster youth.

The purpose of the panel was to educate the committee on the foster youth system for the 2026 Data Notebook. The panelists included:

- Liz Oseguera, Performance Outcomes Committee member and Director of Public Policy for the California Alliance of Child and Family Services.
- John Bucher, a Program Director at the San Diego Center for Children.
- Jeff Wieman, Executive Director of the Angels Family Foster Network.

Liz Oseguera provided background information on the membership of the California Alliance of Child and Family Services and the work they do. The Alliance is the collective voice for over 160 non-profit community-based organization dedicated to service children, youth, and families. The organization provides legislative and regulatory advocacy to the Governor, the Legislature, and various state departments.

Liz presented an overview of several topics to inform the committee, including:

- California Department of Social Services (CDSS) tiered rate structure (TRS). The tiered rate structure is a new method for paying those that work in child welfare that are based on the individual needs of each child, rather than the type of placement they are in.
- Concerns about the tiered rate structure from the Alliance, including the concern

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- that unsustainable rates will lead to service providers closing their doors.
- High Fidelity Wraparound, an evidence-based, team-based practice for servicing youth and families with the most intensive mental or behavioral health challenges.
 - A cost analysis of the CDSS tiered rate structure.
 - A summary of Assembly Bill 896, which mandates changes to the foster care placement and transition practices.

John Bucher informed the committee about his work in San Diego, where he a=has provided wraparound services for youth for over 12 years. Last year his program served over 240 youths. He described the team structure, the population they serve, and how the wraparound model of care works in practice. The program is currently going through the certification process for the High-Fidelity Wraparound model with support from UC Davis. John also highlighted key successes, challenges, and the challenges that youth and their families continue to face.

Jeff Wieman shared the story of how he founded Angels Foster Family Network after his family experienced fostering a young child. Angels Foster Family Network primarily focuses on children from ages 0 to 5. Jeff said that the state is focused on a kinship-first model, where the priority is to have foster children placed with family members rather than unrelated foster families. Jeff expressed support for this model but said that there is a gap in terms of support services for the family or kinship caregivers. Angels Foster Family Network piloted a kinship caregiving program since March 2025, but it is completely self-funded. Due to unsustainable funding and rates, they are closing in a couple of months.

Noel thanked the panelists for their presentations. He asked members how they would like to approach the 2026 Data Notebook focused on foster youth. Karen Baylor asked whether local behavioral health boards and commissions would have much knowledge about this topic. Susan Wilson noted that a key goal of the committee is to help educate the behavioral health boards. Liz added that specialty mental health plans will now include a High-Fidelity Wraparound component. She mentioned that the counties may not be fully aware of the issues in the child welfare system but agreed with Susan that the committee could help educate them on it. Noel concluded by stating that the committee will continue the discussion at the next meeting in Sacramento.

Item #7: Next Steps and Planning for Future Activities

Noel O'Neill and the committee members identified some next steps and agenda items for the April 2026 meeting. These next steps include:

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- Facilitate a webinar on Wellness and Recovery Centers, sharing results from the 2025 Data Notebook.
- Continue the development of the 2026 Data Notebook on behavioral health services for foster youth, including drafting potential survey questions.
- Invite presenters to speak to the committee on foster youth services, from organizations such as the California Alliance of Child and Family Services, the Department of Social Services, and/or the County Behavioral Health Director's Association of California.
- Nominate a new chair-elect for the committee

The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

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Agenda Item: Wellness and Recovery Center Webinar Debrief

How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission

To review, evaluate, and advocate for an accessible and effective behavioral health system.

This agenda item allows Council members to review the March 25, 2026, webinar on Wellness and Recovery centers in the Public Behavioral Health System and discuss future stakeholder engagement events.

This discussion aligns with the Performance Outcomes Committee Work Plan Goal 2.

- **Goal 2:** Facilitate Regular Stakeholder Engagement on Behalf of the Planning Council.

This item aligns with the Council's 2026 priorities by educating stakeholders about changes to programs and services under the Behavioral Health Services Act. Specifically, it supports continued funding for Wellness and Recovery Centers, recognizing them as vital parts of the Public Behavioral Health System.

Background/Description:

In 2026, the Performance Outcomes Committee partnered with the California Association of Social Rehabilitation Agencies (CASRA) to gather data on Wellness and Recovery Centers. This collaboration resulted in the 2026 Data Notebook on Wellness and Recovery Centers in the Public Behavioral Health System, as well as a separate report published by CASRA on wellness centers.

A one-hour webinar event, facilitated by Noel O'Neill, was held on March 25, 2026. Susan Wilson, Chad Costello and Don Morrison presented findings and recommendations from the reports to webinar attendees, followed by a question-and-answer session.

Noel, Susan, and Don will report to the committee on the webinar and share their insights and suggestions for future events.

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Agenda Item: Nomination of Chair-Elect (Action)

How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission

To review, evaluate and advocate for an accessible and effective behavioral health system.

This agenda item provides the opportunity for committee members to nominate the next Performance Outcomes Committee Chair-Elect. The Chair-Elect is responsible for supporting the Chairperson with leading committee activities.

Background/Description:

Each standing committee shall have a Chairperson and Chair-Elect. The committee members shall nominate a Chairperson and Chair-Elect to be submitted to the Council's Officer Team for appointment.

The current committee Chairperson is Noel O'Neill, who will finish his 2-year term at the end of 2026. The term of the nominated Chair-Elect will be 1 year, and they will begin their term as Chairperson in 2027.

The role of the Chair-Elect is outlined below:

- Facilitate the committee meetings as needed, in the absence of the Chairperson
- Assist the Chairperson and staff with setting the committee meeting agendas and other committee planning
- Participate in the Executive Committee Meetings
 - Wednesday of every quarterly meeting from 8:30 am – 10:00 am
- Participate in the Mentorship Forums

Motion: Nomination of a committee member as the Chair-Elect of the Performance Outcomes Committee.

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Agenda Item: Behavioral Health Services for Foster Youth Panel

How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission

To review, evaluate, and advocate for an accessible and effective behavioral health system.

This agenda item provides Council members with multiple perspectives on behavioral health services for foster youth in California. The Performance Outcomes Committee will use this information during the development of the 2026 Data Notebook as part of the committee's goal to evaluate the behavioral health system.

This agenda item corresponds with the Performance Outcomes Committee Work Plan Goal 1.

- **Goal 1:** Collect County-Specific Data to Evaluate the Public Behavioral Health System.

The Data Notebook Project helps the Council fulfill its duties to review and report annually on the performance of mental health and substance use disorder programs and make recommendations regarding all components of the behavioral health system.

Background/Description:

Each year, the Council releases a Data Notebook to the local mental/behavioral health boards and commissions to complete with their perspectives on focused areas of the public behavioral health system. The topic for the 2026 Data Notebook is *Behavioral Health Services for Foster Youth*. The committee has invited a panel of presenters to speak on behavioral health services for foster youth. The committee will use the information provided to inform the development of the 2026 Data Notebook. The panel will consist of:

- Diana Boyer, Managing Director of Research and Policy Development, County Welfare Directors Association of California
- Adrienne Shilton, Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Strategy, California Alliance of Child and Family Services
- Elizabeth Oseguera, Council Member, Director of Public Policy for the California Alliance of Child and Family Services
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Agenda Item: Data Notebook 2026 Development

Enclosures: Draft of 2026 Data Notebook Survey Questions

How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission

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This agenda item provides Council members with an opportunity to work on the development of the 2026 Data Notebook as part of the committee's goal to evaluate the behavioral health system.

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Enclosed is a draft of the 2026 Data Notebook survey questions. Noel O'Neill will lead the committee's review of the draft questions. Committee members will have the opportunity to provide feedback and suggestions for editing.

2026 Data Notebook on Behavioral Health Services for Foster Youth

Draft Survey Questions

Note to Boards and Commissions: The following questions are focused upon foster youth who have been made 300 dependents of the court and are served by the local child welfare staff. These youth will have full scope Medi-Cal and often do have behavioral health needs. These questions are not typically tracked or discussed by behavioral health boards, but more than likely the BH Managed Care Plan in your county will have these responses in the Quality Assurance Program. Our hope is that the Boards will want to work closely with the BH Plan in your county that serves the seriously mentally ill foster youth to provide this information to the Planning Council.

1. Does your county track the number and type of Medicaid Services provided to foster youth?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
2. What is the unduplicated count of foster youth who received behavioral health services in your county during FY 24/25?
 - a. [Text box for numerical response]
3. Who provides the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment for foster care youth in your county? (select all that apply)
 - a. County Child Welfare
 - b. County Behavioral Health Department
 - c. Other [with text box]
4. Does your county provide behavioral health services directly to foster youth, or are the services provided by contractors?
 - a. We provide services directly
 - b. Services are provided by contractors
5. Does your county offer wraparound services for foster youth? If yes, does your behavioral health department provide them directly, or are they provided by a contractor?
 - a. Yes, wraparound services are provided directly by county behavioral health
 - b. Yes, wraparound services provided by a contractor
 - c. No, wrap around services are not provided
6. How many unduplicated foster youth were served by wraparound services in fiscal year 24/25?
 - a. [Numerical response]
 - b. Not applicable

7. Is the implementation of High-Fidelity Wraparound (HFW) services discussed in your county's BHSA Integrated Plan?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
8. About how often does your county Behavioral Health team meet with staff from county child welfare services?
 - a. More than once a month
 - b. Once a month
 - c. Once a quarter (every 3 months)
 - d. Once a year
 - e. Less than once a year
 - f. Never
9. Is your county behavioral health department planning to meet with child and family teams (CFTs) to determine best practices for foster youth care as part of High Fidelity Wraparound implementation?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Unknown
10. In the past year, has your board/commission had any agenda items focused on foster youth? If yes, what were the agenda items?
 - a. Yes [with text box]
 - b. No
11. In fiscal year 24/25, did any foster youth receiving wrap around services "graduate" from the service? If yes, how many?
 - a. Yes [with numerical response]
 - b. No
 - c. Not Applicable
12. During fiscal year 24/25, about how many foster youth in your county were hospitalized for inpatient psychiatric care?
 - a. None
 - b. A few
 - c. Several
 - d. Many
13. Are foster youth in your county assessed for medication monitoring services?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
14. Are outpatient substance use interventions being offered to foster youth in your county?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

15. Are foster youth in your county able to access Full Service Partnership (FSP) services?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
16. Does your county behavioral health department work with school districts to implement the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) and offer school based services to foster youth?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
17. Does your county behavioral health department provide support services for pregnant or parenting foster youth?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
18. Does your county have any comments/concerns about the implementation of High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW)?
 - a. [Text box for comment]
19. Does your advisory board have any comments they would like to make about the services for foster youth in your county?
 - a. [Text box for comment]

TAB 6

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Agenda Item: Behavioral Health Transformation Quality and Equity Advisory Committee (QEAC) Updates

How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission

To review, evaluate and advocate for an accessible and effective behavioral health system.

This agenda item provides Council members with updates regarding the ongoing work of the Quality and Equity Advisory Committee to establish statewide behavioral health measures. The Performance Outcomes Committee will use this information to provide ongoing feedback to the Department of Health Care Services on the development of outcomes measures as part of the Council's mandated duties.

This agenda item corresponds with the Performance Outcomes Committee Work Plan Goal 1.

- **Goal 2:** Review and approve performance outcomes measures for the Public Behavioral Health System.

This agenda item relates to the Council's mandated duty to review and approve performance indicators.

Background/Description:

The Department of Health Care Services established the Behavioral Health Transformation Quality and Equity Advisory Committee to support the development of a quality and equity strategy and advise the Department in improving behavioral health statewide. This committee meets quarterly to provide the Department with guidance and recommendations on proposed statewide population behavioral health goals and associated measures.

The Performance Outcomes Committee has identified the activities of the Quality and Equity Advisory Committee regarding performance outcomes measures align with the committee's duties and interests. Several Council members and partners of the Performance Outcomes Committee are on the Quality and Equity Advisory Committee including Noel O'Neill, Theresa Comstock, and Samantha Spangler. Noel O'Neill will provide relevant updates to the committee.