

California Behavioral Health Planning Council

Systems and Medicaid Committee Agenda

Thursday, January 22, 2026

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

[Bahia Hotel](#)

998 West Mission Bay Drive
San Diego, California, 92109
Ventana Room

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 836 6711 9380

Passcode: SMC2026

Join by phone: 1-669-900-6833

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Meeting Focus: **Behavioral Health Community-Based Organized Networks of Equitable Care and Treatment (BH-CONNECT) Implementation**

8:30 a.m. Welcome, Introductions, and Housekeeping

Karen Baylor, Chairperson and All Members

8:35 a.m. Changing of Officers

Karen Baylor, Chairperson

8:40 a.m. Review and Accept October 2025 Draft Meeting Minutes (Action)

Tab 1

Ian Kemmer, Chair-Elect and All Members

- **Committee Discussion**
- **Public Comment**
- **Accept Minutes**

8:45 a.m. Update Systems and Medicaid Committee Work Plan for 2026-2028 (Action)

Tab 2

Karen Baylor, Chairperson and All Members

9:05 a.m. Public Comment

9:10 a.m. Overview and Updates for BH-CONNECT Implementation

Tab 3

California Department of Health Care Services

9:50 a.m. Public Comment

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9:55 a.m.	San Diego County Perspective for BH-CONNECT Implementation <i>Nadia Privara-Brahms, Acting Behavioral Health Director, San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency</i> <i>Kimberly Pauly, Deputy Director of Behavioral Health Services, San Diego County Health and Human Services</i>	Tab 4
10:40 a.m.	Public Comment	
10:45 a.m.	Break	
11:00 a.m.	Orange County Perspective for BH-CONNECT Implementation <i>Ian Kemmer, Behavioral Health Director, Orange County Health Care Agency Behavioral Health Services Department</i>	Tab 5
11:45 a.m.	Public Comment	
11:50 a.m.	Committee Updates, Wrap Up, and Next Steps <i>Karen Baylor, Chairperson and All Members</i>	
12:00 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.

Systems and Medicaid Committee Members

Karen Baylor, Chairperson	Ian Kemmer, Chair-Elect	
Amanda Andrews	Dale Mueller	Karrie Sequeria
Jessica Grove	Noel O'Neill	Tony Vartan
Steve Leoni	Liz Oseguera	Susan Wilson
Catherine Moore	Deborah Pitts	Milan Zavala
Javier Moreno	Marina Rangel	Uma Zykfosky

Committee Staff: Ashneek Nanua, Health Program Specialist II

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