

California Behavioral Health Planning Council

Workforce and Employment Committee Agenda

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

[Bahia Hotel](#)

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

[Zoom Link](#)

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| 1:30 pm | Welcome, Introductions, and Housekeeping
<i>Bill Stewart, Chairperson, and All Members</i> | |
| 1:35 pm | Change of Officers
<i>Bill Stewart, Chairperson</i> | |
| 1:40 pm | Review and Accept October 2025 Draft Meeting Minutes (Action)
<i>Dave Cortright, Chair-Elect and All Members</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee Discussion• Public Comment• Accept Minutes | Tab 1 |
| 1:45 pm | Presentation and Discussion of ELEVATE Behavioral Health Workforce Fund
<i>Andy Hall, Project Manager, ELEVATE Behavioral Health Workforce Fund</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation• Committee Member Discussion• Public Comment | Tab 2 |
| 3:15 pm | Break | |
| 3:30 pm | Presentation and Discussion of Supported Employment Integration in Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs
<i>California Department of Health Care Services</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation• Committee Member Discussion• Public Comment | Tab 3 |

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4:40 pm	Wrap Up/Next Steps and BH-CONNECT Workforce Initiative Written Update <i>Bill Stewart, Chairperson, and All Members</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee Member Discussion• Public Comment	Tab 4
5:00 pm	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.

Workforce and Employment Committee Members

Chairperson: Bill Stewart **Chair-elect:** David Cortright

Members: Susie Baker, John Black, Lynne Martin Del Campo, Jessica Grove, Lanita Mims-Beal, Donald Morrison, Dale Mueller, Deborah Pitts, Marina Rangel, Maria Sierra, Arden Tucker, Milan Zavala

WET Steering Committee Members: Abby Alvarez, Rayshell Chambers, Theresa Comstock, Chad Costello, Kristin Dempsey, Shanti Ezrine, Janet Frank, Tara Gamboa-Eastman, Randall Hagar, Le Ondra Clark Harvey, Kathryn Kietzman, Robb Layne, Robert McCarron, Steve Sodergren, Sierra Smith, Carli Stelzer, Heidi Strunk, Karen Vicari

Staff: Ashneek Nanua, Simon Vue

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