

# California Behavioral Health Planning Council Legislation and Public Policy Committee Agenda

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Wednesday, January 17, 2024

1:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Courtyard by Marriott San Diego Old Town  
2435 Jefferson Street San Diego, CA 92110  
Cabrillo Room

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID 837 1521 7979 Passcode: 930550

Join by phone: (669) 900-6833 Passcode: 930550

1:30 pm	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> <i>Veronica Kelley, Chairperson</i>	
1:35 pm	<b>Nomination of Chair-Elect (Action Item)</b> <i>Veronica Kelley, Chairperson</i>	Tab 1
1:40 pm	<b>Change of Officers</b> <i>Veronica Kelley, Chairperson</i>	
1:45 pm	<b>October 2023 Meeting Minutes</b> <i>Barbara Mitchell, Chairperson</i>	Tab 2
1:50 pm	<b>Discussion of Changes in Conservatorship Laws (Action Item)</b> <i>Daphne Shaw and Karen Baylor, LPPC Members</i>	Tab 3
2:15 pm	<b>Review/Update CBHPC Policy Platform (Action Item)</b> <i>Barbara Mitchell, Chairperson</i>	Tab 4
2:30 pm	<b>CBHDA Legislative Priorities for 2023 Governor's Proposed 2024-25 Budget Highlights</b> <i>Gail Gronert, Director of Strategic Initiatives, CBHDA</i>	Tab 5
2:55 pm	<b>Public Comment</b>	
3:00 pm	<b>Assemblymember Corey Jackson, DSW, MSW</b>	Tab 6
3:30 pm	<b>Public Comment</b>	
3:35 pm	<b>Break</b>	
3:50 pm	<b>Senator Scott Wiener</b>	Tab 7
4:20 pm	<b>Public Comment</b>	

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<b>4:25 pm</b>	<b>Discussion of Proposition 1</b> <i>All LPPC Members</i>	<b>Tab 8</b>
<b>4:55 pm</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>	
<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	

The scheduled times on the agenda are estimates and subject to change.

**Committee Members**

Veronica Kelley, Chairperson

Barbara Mitchell, Chair-Elect

Karen Baylor, Stephanie Blake, Monica Caffey, Erin Franco, Steve Leoni, Catherine Moore, Javier Moreno, Noel O'Neill, Liz Oseguera, Vandana Pant, Darlene Prettyman, Marina Rangel, Joanna Rodriguez, Daphne Shaw, Deborah Starkey, Tony Vartan, Susan Wilson, Uma Zykovsky

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**TAB 1**

**California Behavioral Health Planning Council  
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**Agenda Item:** Nomination of 2024 Committee Chair-Elect

**Enclosures:** None

**How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission**

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

The Chairperson and Chair-Elect lead their committee with a focus on supporting the Council's mission through their work.

**Background/Description:**

Each standing committee shall have a Chairperson and Chair-Elect. Barbara Mitchell will be assuming the Chairperson position at the January 2024 meeting. The committee members now have the opportunity to elect a new Chair-Elect.

The role of the Chair-Elect is outlined below:

- Facilitate the Legislation Committee meetings as needed, in the absence of the Chairperson
- Assist the Chairperson and staff with setting the committee meeting agenda and committee planning
- Participate in the Executive Committee Meetings
- Participate in the Mentorship Forums when the Council resumes meeting in person.

**Motion:** Nomination of a committee member as the Chair-Elect.

**TAB 2**

**California Behavioral Health Planning Council  
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**Agenda Item:** October 2023 Meeting Minutes

**Enclosures:** None

**Background/Description:**

The Committee Members will review the October 2023 meeting minutes, which will be provided prior to the meeting. The draft minutes will be adopted with any edits that are requested and agreed upon.

## TAB 3

**California Behavioral Health Planning Council  
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**Agenda Item: Discussion of Changes in Conservatorship Laws**

**How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission**

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

This agenda item will help Council members advocate for an accessible and effective behavioral health system.

**Background/Description:**

Senate Bill 43 (SB 43), which expands the definition of “gravely disabled” in state Welfare and Institution Code passed in October 2023. The Patients’ Rights Committee (PRC) is tracking the implementation of this legislation and invited Deb Roth from Disability Rights California to provide an update to the PRC on this topic. During this agenda item Daphne Shaw, PRC Chairperson, and LPPC member will provide an update based on Deb’s presentation.

Karen Baylor will also share insight on the impacts across the systems (hospital, outpatient, counties, providers, and legal), which she heard at the Behavioral Health Symposium in December 2023.

Following the updates, all members will have the opportunity to discuss the changes and decide if there is any action the committee would like to take.

**TAB 4**

**California Behavioral Health Planning Council  
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**Agenda Item:** Review/Approve CBHPC Policy Platform

**Enclosures:** [CBHPC Policy Platform](#)

**How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission**

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

The CBHPC is mandated to advocate for an accountable system of responsive services that are strength-based, recovery-oriented, culturally, and linguistically responsive, and cost-effective. To achieve these ends in an effective manner, the Council utilizes a Legislative Platform that clearly directs the policy consideration of legislation during the legislative session. Additionally, the Council's platform educates the public, the behavioral health constituency, and legislators on the Council's perspective on various issues.

**Background/Description:**

The platform was developed for staff to utilize to identify bills to bring to the committee for discussion and potential positions. The platform also gives the public an overview of the Council's views and areas of priority. The Legislation Committee spent time at the 2019 meetings revising the Council's long-standing Policy Platform and adopted the current version in January 2020. During the process, members decided that the Policy Platform should be organized in a format that clearly defines the Council's values in key areas. Since the Council had just reorganized with new committees the document was developed around the new committee's areas of focus.

At the January 2023 meeting members adopted revisions to the Workforce and Employment Committee (WEC) and the Systems and Medicaid Committee (SMC) sections to reflect the current focus of the committees. During this agenda item members will have an opportunity to review the Policy Platform and discuss any revisions required.

**TAB 5**

**California Behavioral Health Planning Council  
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**Agenda Item:** CBHDA Legislative Priorities for 2024

Governor's Proposed 2024-25 Budget Highlights

**Enclosures:** None

**How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission**

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

This presentation is intended to inform the committee on the Governor's Proposed 2024-25 State Budget and assist the members with identifying areas of focus for the coming year. Additionally, this presentation will assist the committee in identifying areas the Council can work with CBHDA to advocate for Californians with serious mental illness and substance use disorders and promote a system of services that are accountable, accessible, and responsive.

**Background/Description:**



Gail Gronert, CBHDA, Director of Strategic Initiatives, will discuss their priorities for 2024 and provide an overview of the Governor's Proposed 2024-25 State Budget. Gail is responsible for helping lead CBHDA's budget and advocacy efforts and provides strategic guidance to advance CBHDA's mission. Before joining CBHDA, she spent over two decades working in and around the California State Capitol. Most recently, she was a Special Assistant to the Speaker of the California State Assembly, serving as a member of the leadership policy team for the tenure of eight Speakers.

**TAB 6**

**California Behavioral Health Planning Council  
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**Agenda Item:** Assemblymember Corey Jackson, DSW, MSW

**Enclosures:** None

**How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission**

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

This presentation is intended to assist the committee in identifying areas the Council can partner with and support Assemblymember Jackson and the Select Committee on California's Mental Health Crisis. This committee will use the information to advocate for individuals with serious mental illness and substance use disorders and to promote a system of services that are accountable, accessible, and responsive.

**Background/Description:**



Assemblymember Corey A. Jackson, DSW, MSW, will discuss his priorities for 2024 and provide an overview of the Assembly's Select Committee on California's Mental Health Crisis, which he chairs.

Assemblymember Jackson was elected to the California State Assembly in November of 2022 to represent the 60th Assembly District. In 2023, he chaired the Human Services Committee and currently serves as the chair of Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Human Services.



Assemblymember Jackson served on the Riverside County Board of Education in 2020 and represented portions of the cities of Riverside, Moreno Valley, Perris, and the unincorporated community of Mead Valley. He also served as the founder and Chief Executive Officer of SBX Youth and Family Services who's mission is to break the cycle of poverty and violence through mentoring, education, and community organizing. The organization was instrumental in a historic settlement of a lawsuit against the unconstitutional Youth Accountability Team (YAT) program in Riverside County that treated thousands of youths — especially those of color — like criminals for minor adolescent misbehaviors, the county agreed to groundbreaking measures.

Dr. Jackson graduated from CSU San Bernardino, where he received his degree in political science and served as a member of the CSU Board of Trustees and Chair of the Santo Manuel Student Union Board of Directors. He is also a graduate of California Baptist University, where he received his Master of Social Work degree and a Doctor of Social Work degree.

**TAB 7**

**California Behavioral Health Planning Council  
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**Agenda Item:** Senator Wiener

**Enclosures:** None

**How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission**

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

This presentation is intended to assist the committee in identifying areas the Council can partner with and support Senator Scott Wiener and the Select Committee on Mental Health and Addiction. The committee will use this information to advocate for individuals with serious mental illness and substance use disorders and to promote a system of services that are accountable, accessible, and responsive.

**Background/Description:**



Senator Scott Wiener will discuss his priorities for 2024 and provide an overview of the Senate's the Select Committee on Mental Health and Addiction, which he chairs.

Elected in November 2016 and reelected in 2020, Senator Wiener represents District 11 in the California State Senate. District 11 includes all of San Francisco, Broadmoor, Colma, and Daly City, as well as portions of South San Francisco.

In the State Senate, Senator Wiener works day and night to make housing more affordable; strengthen and expand our public transportation systems; increase access

to health care, including mental health and addiction treatment; ensure families have access to food, child care, paid family leave, and other critical supports; fight climate change and keep California in the lead on climate action; reform our broken criminal justice system; and safeguard and expand the rights of all communities, including immigrants and LGBTQ people.

Senator Wiener has authored 75 bills that have been signed into law. Among them are SB 35 and 423, landmark laws to expedite housing permits, which have resulted in thousands of new affordable homes in San Francisco; SB 4, which allows faith institutions and nonprofit colleges to build affordable housing on their land by-right, without any discretionary approval process; SB 10, which provides a powerful tool for local governments to zone for more housing more quickly; SB 828, which required California cities to plan for much more housing than they had previously; SB 886, which streamlines and accelerates student housing production across the state; SB 922, which expedites approval of rapid bus lanes, bike lanes, and pedestrian safety projects; SB 855, which made California the national leader in mental health and addiction treatment access by requiring insurance companies to cover all medically necessary treatments; SB 822, which enacted the strongest net neutrality protections in the nation; SB 1045 and SB 40, which expanded and strengthened California's conservatorship laws to help individuals who are living on our streets with severe mental health and substance use disorders; SB 253, a first-in-the-nation climate law which requires corporations to disclose their greenhouse gas emissions; SB 379, which required cities to implement instant, app-based permitting for solar and energy storage systems; SB 700, the largest investment in clean energy storage in California history; SB 923, which modernized California's eyewitness identification standards to ensure innocent people are not sent to prison; SB 136, which reduced mass incarceration by repealing California's most commonly used sentence enhancement; SB 73, which ended mandatory minimum sentences for nonviolent drug offenses; SB 107, which provided refuge for trans kids and their families in California so they can avoid criminal prosecution for seeking or allowing gender-affirming care in states like Texas and Alabama; SB 407, which ensures foster families provide affirming environments for LGBTQ foster youth; SB 219, which protects LGBTQ seniors in long-term care facilities; SB 159, which allowed pharmacists to provide PrEP and PEP (powerful HIV prevention medications) without a physician's prescription; and SB 132, which required prisons to house transgender incarcerated individuals according to where they're safest (for example, by gender identity).

Senator Wiener has been recognized by respected community organizations for his work. Larkin Street Youth Services honored Senator Wiener for his work to combat youth homelessness in California. Senator Wiener was named Legislator of the Year by the California Sexual Assault Investigators Association and California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, for his work reforming California's criminal justice system, and by the San Francisco Housing Action Coalition and California Building Industry Association for his work addressing California's housing shortage. He was also named Legislator of the Year by the California Solar & Storage Association for his work to expand clean energy, and by the American Red Cross for his advocacy to support blood donations during the

COVID-19 pandemic and end discriminatory donation requirements for gay and bisexual men. The National Stewardship Action Council named him a Legislative Champion for his work to reduce plastic waste in California. For a full list of awards, please see awards tab.

Senator Wiener serves as Chair of the Senate Housing Committee. He serves as Co-Chair of the California Legislative Jewish Caucus and Chair of the Senate Mental Health Caucus. He is a past chair of the California Legislative LGBTQ Caucus. Senator Wiener is a member of the Public Safety Committee, Judiciary Committee, Governance and Finance Committee, Health Committee, Appropriations Committee, and the Committee on Legislative Ethics. He also serves on the Governor's Council on Holocaust and Genocide Education.

Before his election to the Senate, Senator Wiener served on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, representing the district previously represented by Supervisor Harvey Milk. During his time on the Board of Supervisors, Senator Wiener authored a number of first-in-the-nation laws, including mandating fully paid parental leave for all working parents and requiring water recycling and solar power in new developments. He focused extensively on housing and public transportation, authoring laws to expedite approval of affordable housing, legalize new in-law units, and tie public transportation funding to population growth.

Before his election to the Board of Supervisors, Senator Wiener spent fifteen years practicing law: as a Deputy City Attorney in the San Francisco City Attorney's Office, in private practice at Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe, and as a law clerk for Justice Alan Handler on the New Jersey Supreme Court. Senator Wiener co-chaired the Alice B. Toklas LGBTQ Democratic Club, BALIF (the Bay Area's LGBTQ bar association), and the San Francisco LGBTQ Community Center, and served on the national board of directors of the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest LGBTQ civil rights organization.

Senator Wiener grew up in New Jersey, the son of a small business owner and a teacher, and attended public school. He received a bachelor's degree from Duke University and a law degree from Harvard Law School. He spent a year in Chile on a Fulbright Scholarship doing historical research. He has lived in San Francisco's Castro neighborhood since 1997.

**TAB 8****California Behavioral Health Planning Council  
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**Agenda Item: Discussion of Proposition 1**

**Enclosure:** [LAO Analysis of Proposition 1](#)

**How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission**

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

If passed, Proposition 1 will redesign California's behavioral health system.

**Background/Description:**

On March 19, 2023, Governor Newsom announced that he was calling on lawmakers to place a measure on the 2024 ballot to modernize the state's behavioral health system. This initiative includes Senate Bill 326 (SB 326) and Assembly Bill 531 (AB 531) now being referred to as Proposition 1.

Some proposed changes included in the initiative are:

- The expansion of the use of Mental Health Services Act to include Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment.
- Updates to the categorical funding buckets, requiring 30 percent of MHSA funds be used on housing services.
- Updates to the county process and spending.

The Council has taken an active role in informing the public about the initiative, as well as informing the administration and legislature on the input of the public through public forums, summaries of the forums, requested amendments, and the Council's letter of Concern.

This agenda item provides committee members with an opportunity to discuss Proposition 1 before the presentations the full Council will hear during General Session.