

California Behavioral Health Planning Council

Executive Committee Agenda

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

8:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Marriott Riverside at the Convention Center

3400 Market Street

Riverside, CA 92501

Orange Crest Room

Zoom Meeting Link

Meeting ID: 935 7580 0944

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- 8:30 a.m. Welcome, Introductions, and Housekeeping**
Tony Vartan, Chairperson
- 8:35 a.m. Review and Accept January 2026 and April 2026 Draft Meeting Minutes (Action)** **Tab 1**
Susan Wilson, Chairperson-Elect
- Committee Discussion
 - Public Comment
 - Accept Minutes
- 8:40 a.m. Fiscal Year 2026-27 Transparency Statement (Action)** **Tab 2**
Naomi Ramirez, Chief of Operations
- 8:45 a.m. Fiscal Year 2025-26 Expenditure Report and Budget Update** **Tab 3**
Naomi Ramirez, Chief of Operations
- 8:50 a.m. Council Appointments Update, Recruitment Plan & 2026-27 Conference Discussion (Action)** **Tab 4**
Naomi Ramirez, Chief of Operations
- 9:10 a.m. Break**
- 9:15 a.m. Integration of Council's Focus for 2026: General Session Topics** **Tab 5**
Tony Vartan, Chairperson
- Council Focus and Proposed General Session Topics Alignment
 - Committee Discussion

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- 9:35 a.m. Report from CA Coalition for Behavioral Health**
Daphne Shaw
- 9:45 a.m. Report from the CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions**
Theresa Comstock
- 9:55 a.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.
- 10:00 a.m. Wrap-Up and Plan for Next Meeting**
Tony Vartan, Chairperson
- 10:05 a.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.

Executive Committee Members

Officers: Tony Vartan, Chairperson Susan Wilson, Chair-Elect
Deborah Starkey, Past Chair

Housing/Homelessness: Barbara Mitchell, Chairperson Maria Sierra, Chair-Elect

Legislation: Javier Moreno, Chairperson Deborah Starkey, Chair-Elect

Patients' Rights: Mike Phillips, Chairperson Richard Krzyzanowski Chair-Elect

Systems and Medicaid: Karen Baylor, Chairperson Ian Kemmer, Chair-Elect

Workforce and Employment: Bill Stewart, Chairperson David Cortright, Chair-Elect

Performance Outcomes: Noel O'Neill, Chairperson Elizabeth Osegura, Chair-Elect

At-Large: Arden Tucker

Liaisons: CBHDA: Elissa Feld **DHCS:** Erika Cristo

CCBH: Daphne Shaw

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**California Behavioral Health Planning Council
Executive Committee**

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Agenda Item: Accept January 2026 and April 2026 Draft Meeting Minutes (Action)

Enclosures: January 2026 Draft Meeting Minutes

April 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.

CBHPC Executive Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2026

Committee Members Present:

Karen Baylor
Erika Cristo*
Elissa Feld
Richard Krzyzanowski
Mike Phillips
Susan Wilson
Daphne Shaw

Barbara Mitchell
Javier Moreno
Don Morrison
Noel O'Neill
Maria Sierra
Deborah Starkey*

*=Remote Attendance

Committee Members Absent: Elissa Feld, Arden Tucker, Bill Stewart, Tony Vartan and Uma Zykofsky.

Staff Present: Jenny Bayardo and Naomi Ramirez

Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson-Elect Susan Wilson announced that the Chairperson and past Chairperson are not present for the January Quarterly meeting.

Susan called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Council Members and attendees introduced themselves. A quorum was established with 13 of 18 members present at the start of the meeting.

October 2025 Meeting Minutes (Action)

Chairperson-Elect Susan Wilson allowed committee members to review minutes. Richard requested the spelling of his name be corrected to include the I in his last name. There was no public comment on the minutes. October 2025 minutes were accepted with the requested edit.

Council Membership Update

Naomi Ramirez reviewed the Council Member appointment list provided in the meeting packet, identifying separations and new appointments since the last quarterly meeting. There are currently two vacancies for Persons with Lived Experience. Since the October meeting, two Council Members have been added, Samantha Tossetti, Family Member and Janet Frank representative of the California Commission on Aging.

Susan Wilson asked each new member to introduce themselves to the Executive Committee. Samantha Tossetti and Janet Frank shared about themselves and why they wanted to be on the Council.

FY 2025-26 Expenditure Reports

Chief of Operations Naomi Ramirez updated the committee and reviewed the enclosed expenditure report and allotments for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Naomi highlighted spending for the Mental Health Block Grant, to date October meeting expenses and salaries reflect the bulk of expenditures. The expenditures for Mental Health Services Act funds also reflect staff salaries and quarterly meetings.

Barbara Mitchell asked about the transition of MHSA funding to BHSA for next fiscal year. Naomi shared we anticipate receiving similar allotments. Noel O'Neill asked about the recent cut to SAMHSA that was restored within 24 hours and its potential impact on the Planning Council. Erika Cristo stated that due to the quick turnaround an analysis of the impact was not completed before the reversal.

Council Focus for 2026

Susan Wilson shared with the Committee that the Officer team met with Council Staff to plan for the year. Susan stated that Chairperson Tony Vartan was the driving force behind the proposed Areas of Focus. The Officer Team agreed that the Council should identify key areas of focus. The members of the Officer Team present, Executive Officer Jenny Bayardo, Chairperson-Elect Susan Wilson and Past Chairperson Deborah Starkey helped lead the review and discussion of the proposed Areas of Focus.

Committee members discussed the four areas identified. The discussion included confirmation of priorities and proposed edits, additions as follows:

- Housing and Homelessness has not been explicitly addressed; although it falls under the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), it should be clearly identified. Emphasis in the first paragraph or preferably a 5th area of focus specifically about housing. Supported by Karen Baylor, Noel O'Neill.
- The SAMHSA Strategic Priorities document is missing an emphasis on ending homelessness.
- Justice Involved needs to include identification of housing models.
- All committee members discussed how to identify which committee is responsible for the areas identified.
- Susan Wilson asked about the Executive Committee meeting in-between.
 - There was mixed interest in meeting in between quarterly meetings. Executive Officer Jenny Bayardo shared that it can be challenging at times to coordinate between committees. Although there are only four focus areas proposed these are big areas, some with significant overlap. It would be helpful to have committee Chairperson touch base between meetings to discuss even if just once this year.
 - Susan added we could include staff.

- Richard Krzyzanowski supported the focus and meeting in addition to the Quarterly meetings if needed.
- Karen Baylor supports in-between meetings if they are not long with a tight agenda.
- Mike Phillips suggested we use the committee report outs to focus on the key areas identified.
- Javier Moreno suggested that the Executive Committee decide the priorities and goals for the year to help committees focus. Also supports meeting in between quarterly meetings.
- Karen Baylor suggested we add more under Stakeholder engagement since it is such an important priority. Focus on persons with lived experience. (forums, listening sessions)
- Daphne Shaw wanted to include how to address the loss of consumer voice with recent initiatives.
- Noel O'Neill shared that focus on the areas suggested will only continue to approve the public opinion of the Council.
- Javier Moreno suggested adding a standing priority to protect access and open up more access. Impact of HR 1 on the Behavioral Health System should be added.
- Susan stated she would connect HR 1 to advocacy for persons with lived experience.
- Mike Phillips confirmed the section on Patients' Rights covers what should be covered, it also allows some flexibility.
- Richard Krzyzanowski encouraged the Council to broaden the scope on how we see patients' rights and advocate with, not for, people with lived experience.

During this discussion Barbara Mitchell stated that we need a method to address urgent/time sensitive items. Jenny Bayardo shared the current process currently used to address urgent items. For items that come up outside of the quarterly meetings staff review the Policy Platform and past positions taken. On occasion, there are items that do not clearly fall under the Policy Platform or past positions that we are unable to act quickly on.

The Officer Team will discuss the items brought up today and revise the Areas of Focus.

Workgroup Update

Susan Wilson described the work groups and read Bagley-Keene description of Ad-Hoc committees which have a limited purpose and are time limited dissolving once the task is complete. The Ad-Hoc is advisory only, cannot make decisions and includes only members of the governing body. The Officer Team met with the workgroup leaders. The SUD workgroup has disbanded after recommending that SUD be integrated into committees and General Session. The Children and Youth workgroup is on hold until there is an assignment. Workgroups have been asked not to have presentations at this time and instead refer to the appropriate committee of General Session. Noel O'Neill

noted that the workgroups are currently operating from a “What should we do?” approach, which is the opposite of what Bagley-Keene requires.

Report from CA Coalition for Behavioral Health (CCBH)

Daphne Shaw reported that the CA Coalition for Behavioral Health (CCBH) had a presentation from Cal Able which allows persons with disabilities to have money and still collect Social Security. Daphne suggested the Council consider having them present to the full Council. Daphne stated that the coalition approved three new members, elected officials and posted the annual report to the CCBH website.

Report from CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards (CALBHB/C)

Executive Director Theresa Comstock shared the top issues for support and advocacy identified: 1) Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), 2) Unserved and Underserved Populations and 3) Resources. The resources identified are around the crisis care continuum, workforce education and training, and substance use disorder. Theresa Comstock reported that they continue to support the 59 local boards and commissions.

General Public Comment

Janet Frank shared that the Council Priorities document included in the meeting packet that shows the Council’s roles and responsibilities in law and their relationships to the committee is helpful.

Theresa Comstock shared that Liz Oseguera is the new treasurer for CCBH.

Wrap-Up and Plan for Next Meeting

Susan suggested we have a 45-minute in-between meeting on the Areas of Focus. The next meeting is on April 15, 2026, in Sacramento, California.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

CBHPC Executive Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2026

Committee Members Present:

Erika Cristo*
Karen Baylor*
Mike Phillips
Susan Wilson
Daphne Shaw
Barbara Mitchell
Javier Moreno

Noel O'Neill
Deborah Starkey
Bill Stewart
Arden Tucker
Tony Vartan
Richard Krzyzanowski*

*=Remote Attendance

Committee Members Absent: Elissa Feld, Ian Kemmer and Maria Sierra

Staff Present: Jenny Bayardo and Naomi Ramirez

Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson Tony Vartan called the meeting to order at 8:53 a.m. Council Members and attendees introduced themselves. A quorum was established with 9 of 17 members present at the start of the meeting.

Review and Accept January 2026 Draft Meeting Minutes (Action)

January 2026 minutes were unavailable. The minutes will be approved at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

Council Appointments & Recruitment Plan Update

Jenny Bayardo reported on Council Member appointments on behalf of the Chief of Operations Naomi Ramirez. There are no new appointments currently. The Officer Team interviewed applicant Karen Cameron who attended the quarterly meeting in January. The Officer Team did make a recommendation to appoint the applicant and anticipate a response from the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) before the June 2026 meeting. There is currently one vacancy on the Council for a Person with Lived Experience. Executive Officer, Jenny Bayardo, asked committee members to encourage individuals they know with the expertise needed to apply. Currently, we need someone with Lived Experience of Substance Use Disorder, and we are lacking representation in the Los Angeles Area for this appointment category.

Arden Tucker asked if there is potential of having a youth on the Council. Naomi Ramirez shared that Council staff have been actively recruiting for a Transitional Age Youth.

FY 2025-26 Expenditure Report, Allotments & Budget Discussion

Chief of Operations Naomi Ramirez opened by sharing that the reason the April meeting is held in free spaces versus the hotel members stay at was to meet the required 15% reduction imposed by the Department of Health Care services in response to the Governors reduction plan. For this meeting the cost savings are estimated to be at least \$50,000 due to no AV fees or meeting space rentals.

Naomi reviewed the Expenditure Report provided to committee members. Most of the expenses in recent months are for conferences. Currently, we are only sending members and staff to conferences for exhibit tables and presentations. Naomi shared that for next fiscal year we will continue with the same process until we are notified of a change to the order prohibiting training and conferences for training and development purposes alone.

Barbara Mitchell asked if outstanding travel reimbursements are included in the budget. Staff clarified that while they not shown in the current expenditure report that are included in the projected spending plan and we will have enough to cover all travel expenses for members related to meetings and approved conferences.

Integration of Council's Focus for 2026: Committee Work

Chairperson Tony Vartan stated the purpose of this agenda item is to wrap up work the Officer Team and committee did around the Council's Areas of Focus. The Areas of Focus will guide the General Session Agendas and the work of each committee. Tony Vartan reviewed the timeline for the development of the Areas of Focus. The final Areas of Focus document was included in the tab for this agenda item. According to Chairperson Tony Vartan, the intent of this document is to ensure the Council moves together collectively to achieve its goals. Each year the Areas of Focus will be reviewed and updated.

The committees are asked to align agendas with the Areas of Focus identified. Committee members discussed how they are or may align with the items listed on the Areas of Focus document. The work of the Workgroups will be folded into the committees and full council.

Liz Oseguera commented that the work of the Reducing Disparities workgroup has not been fully incorporated. She requested that the Officer Team attend the next Reducing Disparities workgroup meeting to discuss this ,as many feel that disparities are not being addressed fully by all committees and the full Council. According to Liz, many feel this is not the time to pull away from focusing on Reducing Disparities. It was suggested

we evaluate how committees are currently addressing disparities before deciding whether to eliminate the reducing disparities workgroup.

Barbara recommended that the Council develop language expressing our values without conflicting with federal funding requirements. Noel O'Neill supported the idea that we continue the work of the Council but consider choosing language that is not prohibited by federal guidance.

In closing the agenda item, Tony stated the Officer Team will meet with the Reducing Disparities workgroup and pull in the chairpersons of committees as appropriate.

Report from CA Coalition for Behavioral Health (CCBH)

Daphne Shaw reported that the CA Coalition for Behavioral Health (CCBH) met on April 1st. The coalition talked about the California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) and California Behavioral Health Community-Based Organized Networks of Equitable Care and Treatment (BH-CHONNECT) initiative and shared partners concerns. Daphne invited Jenny Bayardo to elaborate on the coalition meeting's discussion related to HCAI, noting that HCAI was scheduled to attend but declined. Jenny Bayardo shared that members of the coalition were concerned about the lack of a written draft plan to respond to this far in the process. Many also felt like they were not included in the listening session conducted by HCAI. In addition, members expressed concerns about transparency regarding feedback provided to HCAI. In response, Jenny Bayardo invited CCBH members to send the Workforce and Employment Committee their letters to HCAI to be considered in the Council's feedback to HCAI. Coalition members were invited to attend HCAI's presentation at our General Session meeting.

Report from CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards (CALBHB/C)

Executive Director Theresa Comstock reported that CALBHB/C leadership members are concerned about programs previously funded by MHSA as we transition to BHSA such as wellness centers, NAMI programs, and the warmline. CALBHB/C is also concerned about funding concerns related to HR1. Most of their efforts focus on seeking increased funding and opposing budget reductions to include:

- California Association of Counties HR 1 Multi-year Budget Request.
- Opposition of the proposal to make Mobil Crisis Benefit Optional.
- California Reducing Disparities Project Budget Ask.
- Co-Sponsoring AB 2324: Vocational Education for Youth that are caregivers for family members. Gives high school credit for caregiving.
- Supporting AB 2011: Behavioral Health Parity

Theresa shared that they have entered a contract with the Commission on Behavioral Health. CALBHB/C is hiring an assistant Executive Director. The PRC chairperson will present at the CALBHB/C meeting on Friday. There will also be a presentation on Friday from Steinberg institute about the performance accelerator project related to the

Behavioral Health Transformation providing TA to counties to track performance outcomes.

General Public Comment

Janet Frank stated that there are diversity, equity and inclusion issues beyond communities of color and suggested the Council look at ways to address other disparities specifically those related to older adults.

Wrap-Up and Plan for Next Meeting

The next meeting is on June 17, 2026, in Riverside, California.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

**California Behavioral Health Planning Council
Executive Committee**

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Agenda Item: Transparency Statement (Action Item)

Enclosures: 2026-2027 Transparency Statement

Background/Description:

Each fiscal year the Executive Committee approves and posts the Council's annual transparency statement, as required by our transparency policy. The Transparency Statement serves as public acknowledgment of any paid employment with an entity that may come under review by the Council during its business in the coming fiscal year. The Statement is posted on the Council's Executive Committee page to serve as a transparent notice that members may be fiscally connected to an entity that the Council might review, evaluate, or otherwise scrutinize. On May 28, 2026, Council Members were provided the current Transparency Statement and asked to submit any new activities by June 1, 2026. The updated statement is enclosed.

10.5 Transparency Policy

To facilitate open communication and understanding on all projects conducted by the California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC) among its members who may or may not be involved in paid employment related to CBHPC business, Planning Council members will notify the Executive Officer, who will place a transparency statement notification on the Executive Committee agenda to be included in the Executive Committee minutes when the following occurs:

- A member is doing paid work for the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) or other state agencies whose work may be reviewed by the CBHPC.
- A member is doing paid work for the federal government that may be related to federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Act Block Grant activities.
- A member is doing paid work for a contractor of the DHCS.
- A member is doing paid work for a county when that work is likely to be reviewed by the CBHPC.

Motion: To approve the updated Transparency Statement.



2026-27 Transparency Statement

Date Reported	Council Member Name	Activity	Date of Executive Committee Approval
6/5/25	John Black	Contractor, MHSA-funded project, Stanislaus County	6/18/25
6/14/23	Steve Leoni	Contractor, Progress Foundation San Francisco	6/14/23
6/14/23	Deborah Starkey	Employee, Turning Point Community Programs contracts with Butte, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Solano, Sonoma and Yolo counties	6/14/23
6/14/23	Barbara Mitchell	Consultant, California Association of Social Rehabilitation Agencies (CASRA), non-profit agencies contracted with various counties, CalMHSA	4/17/24
6/14/23	Javier Moreno	Employee, Aegis Treatment Centers LLC contracted with 44 (3/4) of the counties statewide, Employee of Santa Rosa Treatment Center contracted with Sonoma County Behavioral Health	6/14/23



2026-27 Transparency Statement

Date Reported	Council Member Name	Activity	Date of Executive Committee Approval
12/20/23	Don Morrison	Employee, Youth for Change, program contracted to Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health	1/17/24
12/20/23	Maria Sierra	Employee, Victor Community Support Services, a contractor for San Joaquin County	1/17/24
12/20/23	Susie Baker	Employee, Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services	1/17/24
12/20/23	Danielle Sena	Employee, SoCal Detox	1/17/24
3/8/24	Karen Baylor	Independent Reviewer, Alameda County Behavioral Health	4/17/24
1/1/2025	Ian Kemmer	Director, Orange County Mental Health & Recovery Services	6/18/25
3/24/25	Tony Vartan	Consultant, County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California (CBHDA)	6/18/25

**California Behavioral Health Planning Council
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Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Agenda Item: Fiscal Year 2025-26 Expenditure Report and Budget Update

Enclosures: Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Expenditure Report

Background/Description:

The current expenditure report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 is enclosed. Chief of Operations Naomi Ramirez will present current and projected fiscal year spending. Fiscal Year 2025-26 Expenditure Report is enclosed. Council Members may inquire about current and future spending.

CBHPC MHA Expenditures FY 2025-26

PERSONAL SERVICES	Allotment	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Close-out	Total	Balance Remaining
Salaries	\$331,775	\$35,464	\$35,464	\$35,464	\$35,464	\$35,464	\$35,464	\$35,464	\$35,464	\$35,464	\$35,464	\$35,464	\$0	\$0	\$390,104	-\$58,329
Staff Benefits	\$124,437	\$15,820	\$15,820	\$15,820	\$15,820	\$15,820	\$15,820	\$15,820	\$15,820	\$15,820	\$15,820	\$15,820	\$0	\$0	\$174,020	-\$49,583
Total Personal Services	\$456,212	\$51,284	\$51,284	\$51,284	\$51,284	\$51,284	\$51,284	\$51,284	\$51,284	\$51,284	\$51,284	\$51,284	\$0	\$0	\$564,124	-\$107,912

OPERATING EXPENSES & EQUIPMENT(O&E)	Allotment	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Close-out	Total	Balance Remaining
General Expense ¹	\$88,549	\$5,428	\$0	\$0	\$19,581	\$0	\$0	\$16,716	\$0	\$0	\$969	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$42,694	\$45,855
Printing ²	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Communications	\$5,000	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$3,500
Postage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel In-State	\$65,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,611	\$0	\$11,826	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,152	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$31,589	\$33,411
Training	\$5,000	\$0	\$900	\$1,825	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,550	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,275	\$725
Facility Operations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other items	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Unallotted	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total OE & E	\$163,549	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$80,058	\$83,491

CONTRACTS	Allotment	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Close-out	Total	Balance Remaining
Consultnt & Prof, External	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000

TOTAL DIRECT BUDGET	Allotment	SPENT	BALANCE REMAINING
Total Direct Budget	\$203,549	\$80,058	\$123,491

DISTRIBUTED OVERHEAD	Allotment	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Close-out	Total	Balance Remaining
All Departmental Services	\$10,960	\$1,102	\$1,102	\$1,102	\$1,102	\$1,102	\$1,102	\$1,102	\$1,102	\$1,043	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,859	\$1,101

GRAND TOTAL	Allotment
Total Budget	\$670,721

MHA funded employees (1 SSM II, 1 RA II, 1 SSA/AGPA, 1 AGPA, and 1 HPS II)

1 This line item covers supplies, equipment, 30% of meeting venue and A/V costs, etc.

2 Computer-related office supplies (i.e. toner) and copy machine maintenance agreement deliverables.

CBHPC SAMHSA Expenditures FY 2025-26

PERSONAL SERVICES	Allotment	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Close-out	Total	Balance Remaining
Salaries	\$318,114	\$22,883	\$22,883	\$22,883	\$22,883	\$22,883	\$22,883	\$22,883	\$22,883	\$22,883	\$22,883	\$22,883	\$0	\$0	\$251,713	\$66,401
Staff Benefits	\$124,671	\$14,345	\$14,345	\$14,345	\$14,345	\$14,345	\$14,345	\$14,345	\$14,345	\$14,345	\$14,345	\$14,345	\$0	\$0	\$157,795	-\$33,124
Total Personal Services	\$442,785	\$37,228	\$37,228	\$37,228	\$37,228	\$37,228	\$37,228	\$37,228	\$37,228	\$37,228	\$37,228	\$37,228	\$0	\$0	\$409,508	\$33,277

OPERATING EXPENSES & EQUIPMENT(O&E)	Allotment	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Close-out	Total	Balance Remaining
General Expense ¹	\$132,451	\$12,666	\$0	\$0	\$35,007	\$0	\$0	\$35,813	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$83,487	\$48,964
Printing ²	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Communications	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Postage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel In-State	\$85,000	\$13,608	\$1,642	\$0	\$15,749	\$2,343	\$215	\$16,311	\$0	\$758	\$0	\$12,946	\$0	\$0	\$63,572	\$21,428
Training	\$10,000	\$1,020	\$790	\$440	\$450	\$0	\$0	\$1,950	\$825	\$650	\$2,750	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,875	\$1,125
Facility Operations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Unallotted	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total OE & E	\$227,451	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$155,934	\$71,517

CONTRACTS	Allotment	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Close-out	Total	Balance Remaining
Consultnt & Prof, External	\$85,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$85,000
Interdepartmental/Legal	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000

TOTAL DIRECT BUDGET	Allotment	SPENT	BALANCE REMAINING
Total Direct Budget	\$252,451	\$155,934	\$96,517

DISTRIBUTED OVERHEAD	Allotment	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Close-out	Total	Balance Remaining
All Departmental Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

GRAND TOTAL	Allotment
Total Budget	\$695,236

MHBG funded employees (1 EO and 2 HPS I).

1 This line item covers supplies, equipment, 70% of meeting venue and A/V costs.

2 Computer-related office supplies (i.e. toner) and copy machine maintenance agreement deliverables.

California Behavioral Health Planning Council Executive Committee

Wednesday, July 17, 2026

Agenda Item: Council Appointments Update, Recruitment Plan & 2026-27 Conference Discussion (Action)

Enclosures: [Council Appointment List](#)
Recruitment Plan
Conference Spending

Background/Description:

To ensure fulfillment of the provisions in Welfare and Institution Code Section 5771, the Chief of Operations updates the Executive Committee on appointments at each quarterly meeting. The Executive Committee reviews council composition needs and identifies any actions needed. The committee also periodically reviews the recruitment plan to ensure recruitment activities are relevant and focused on the immediate needs of the Council.

Appointments

There is currently one (1) vacancies on the Council for a Person with Lived Experience.

Summary of Council Member Activity since April 2026:

May

No changes

June

Appointments: Karen Cameron (Person with Lived Experience)

Recruitment Plan & 2026-27 Conference Discussion

The Chief of Operations will review the current recruitment plan and provide a report on activities/deliverables conducted to date in alignment with the plan.

Topics discussed related to the plan will include:

- Identification of members available to partner with staff at exhibit tables for upcoming conferences.
- Identification of conferences/events for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.
- Identification of 2-3 items in the “Recruitment tools and Deliverables” section of the Recruitment Plan to complete by end of this fiscal year.

This agenda item provides an opportunity for the committee to influence the recruitment activities of the Council and to discuss any changes or additions needed to the current plan.

Council Member Recruitment Plan

Council Member Recruitment Plan

The recruitment plan was adopted in 2019. All Council Members and staff will be familiar with the recruitment plan and current appointment needs. The primary goal is to fill current vacancies timely with qualified candidates whose strengths align with the Mission and Vision of the Council. This recruitment plan will help the Council in fill future vacancies as they become available. The Executive Committee will monitor the effectiveness of the plan quarterly and revise as needed.

Current Vacancies: As of June 2026, we have 1 vacancy for a Person with Lived Experience.

Mission and Vision of the California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC)

Vision: The CBHPC envisions a behavioral health system that makes it possible for individuals to lead full and productive lives. The system incorporates public and private resources to offer community-based services that embrace recovery and wellness. The services are client and family-driven, responsive, timely, culturally competent, and accessible to ALL of California's populations.

Mission: The CBHPC evaluates the behavioral health system for accessible and effective care. It advocates for an accountable system of responsive services that are strength-based, recovery-oriented, culturally and linguistically responsive, and cost-effective. To achieve these ends, the Council educates the public, the behavioral health constituency, and legislators.

Recruitment Process

The Executive Officer, along with the Officer Team (Chairperson, Past-Chair and Chair-Elect) will regularly assess membership to identify membership composition needs to ensure compliance with WIC Sec 5771 and discuss this with the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will ensure the Council's composition is demographically, geographically and culturally and linguistically balanced and reflects Council priorities and areas of interest. Our recruitment efforts will include:

1. Targeted recruitment efforts for regions under-represented on the Council
 - a. Identify members on the Council in these areas to solicit lists of organizations for potential recruitment
2. Targeted recruitment of members representative of California's diverse population
3. Targeted recruitment of individuals with SMI/SUD and family members of persons with SMI/SUD.
4. Targeted recruitment around areas of membership composition needs identified by the Executive Committee
 - a. Identify, prioritize and come to consensus on current areas of interest to focus on when recruiting new members for current vacancies

Council Member Recruitment Plan

Recruitment Strategies

Immediate:

1. Engage all current Council Members in the recruitment process as appropriate and when needed. Council Members are encouraged to:
 - a. Identify opportunities for partnership
 - b. Participate in relationship building
 - c. Make direct referrals
 - d. Post event photos, event announcements or articles of interest to the Council's Facebook Page or submit these items to CBHPC staff for posting
 - e. Assist with staffing CBHPC recruitment tables at conferences and other mental/behavioral health events
2. Identify and develop Council members who will establish new relationships and expand existing partnership within the identified targeted areas to assemble a pool of potential applicants for current and future vacancies.
 - a. CBHPC staff will collect information about Council Member's current partnerships
 - b. CBHPC staff will develop a "crosswalk" of Council Member partnerships including organization descriptions and identification of the organizations area of expertise
 - c. Executive Committee can/will utilize "crosswalk" to identify and recruit Council Members to assist with recruitment of new members to be considered for appointment by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
3. Engage existing partners in the recruitment process as appropriate and when needed.

Ongoing:

4. As ambassador of the California Behavioral Health Planning Council, the Executive Officer **must** have the ability to represent the Council state-wide to advance the Mission and Vision of the Council as well as fulfill our federal requirements and state mandates. It is essential that the Council partner with local behavioral health organizations. The Executive Officer will re-establish and strengthen existing partnerships as follows:
 - a. Attend local behavioral health meetings in target areas as appropriate
 - b. Identify and attend mental/behavioral health advocacy meetings across the state
 - c. Develop new relationships with various mental/behavioral health organizations (Consumer run, Tribal, Parent/Family)
5. The CBHPC staff shall engage in recruitment activities by actively participating in meetings, events and conferences identified by the Executive Committee. The

Council Member Recruitment Plan

Council should have tables at conferences that attract persons with lived experience, SMI/SUD advocates and family members.

Recruitment tools and other deliverables:

- Brochure and other materials to distribute to prospective Council Members
- Facebook Content: CBHPC staff, under the direction of the Chief of Operations, will create pre-approved recruitment post to share when vacancies occur in each appointment category
- CBHPC staff will work with Executive Committee to create standardized messaging about the Council's responsibilities, membership composition and needs
- Photo Library of Council Member activities to use in marketing efforts (social media posts, brochures, website)
- Council Member videos that tell our story and inspire others to get involved that can be posted online or shared via social media
- Letter to DHCS regarding the need for Council staff to engage in state-wide activities directly related to the mission, vision and mandates of the Council.
- Social Media Disclosure Statements and photo consent forms for members



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Projected Conference Spending

FY 2025–26 Conference Spending

Conference	Attendees	Registration Cost	Total
2025 Substance Use Disorder Integrated Care Conference	1. Jenny Bayardo 2. Javier Moreno 3. Susan Wilson	340	1,020
2025 Southern California State of Reform Health Policy Conference	1. Jenny Bayardo 2. Deborah Starkey 3. Uma Zykofsky	300	900
2025 California Alliance Child and Family Services Conference	1. Monica Caffey	750	750
2025 CASRA Fall Gathering	1. Jenny Bayardo 2. Maydy Lo	220	440
CBHA 40th Anniversary	1. Jenny Bayardo	40	40
CBHDA Policy Forum	1. Jenny Bayardo 2. Susan Wilson 3. Uma Zykofsky 4. Barbara Mitchell 5. Tony Vartan	425	2,125
2025 CHA Behavioral Health Care Symposium	1. Karen Baylor 2. Uma Zykofsky 3. Jenny Bayardo	450	1,350



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CBHA Spring Policy Forum	1. Jenny Bayardo 2. Deborah Starkey 3. Susan Wilson 4. Karen Baylor	275	1,100
51st Annual FMHAC Conference	1. Jenny Bayardo 2. Marina Rangel	650/650	650/650
Housing California	1. Jenny Bayardo 2. Deborah Starkey 3. Maria Sierra 4. Simon Vue	650/625	1,950/625
ASAM 57th Annual Conference- Innovations in Addiction Medicine and Science*	1. Jenny Bayardo 2. Javier Moreno 3. Ashneek Nanua 4. Simon Vue	2,350	2,350
2026 Partnerships for Well-Being Institute	1. Jenny Bayardo	450	450
CMHACY's 46th Annual Conference	2*	725	0
Total			\$14,400

Legend:

Green = MHSА-funded Conferences

Orange = MHBG-funded Conferences

*CBHPC Table at conference.

**Projected spending included registrations; however, our proposal was not accepted so we did not attend.

Notes: We received \$5,000 of MHSА funding for conferences and \$10,000 of MHBG funding.

Remaining MHSА Funding- \$885 Remaining MHBG Funding: **-\$285**



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FY 2026–27 Projected Conference Spending

Conference	Dates	Attendees	Estimated Cost	Total
<u>2025 Substance Use Disorder Integrated Care Conference</u>	August 25-27, 2026	1 Staff 2 Members	\$350	\$1,050
<u>California Alliance Child and Family Services Fall 2026 Conference*</u>	August 31-September 3, 2026	1 Staff 2 Members	\$4,500 Exhibit (includes 2 registrations) Additional \$800 each	\$5,300
<u>2026 Southern California State of Reform Health Policy Conference</u>	September 3, 2026	1 Staff 2 Members	\$300 Registration	\$900
<u>CBHA Whole System Care Conference*</u>	October 1-2, 2026	1 Staff 2 Members	\$500 Exhibit \$450 Registration	\$1,850
<u>NAMI California Annual Conference*</u>	October 8-9, 2026	1 Staff 2 Members	Waiting for Exhibit Info (\$750 in past) \$250 Registration	\$1,000
<u>2026 CSAM Annual Conference*</u>	October 21-24, 2026	1 Staff 2 Members	\$4,000 Exhibit (includes 4 registrations)	\$4,000
<u>California Alliance Child and Family Services Spring 2026 Conference*</u>	March 23-26, 2027	1 Staff 2 Members	\$4,500 Exhibit (includes 2 registrations) Additional \$800 each	\$2,400
2026 CASRA Fall Gathering	TBD	1 Staff 2 Members	\$220	\$660
CBHDA Policy Forum	TBD	1 Staff 2 Members	\$425	\$1,275



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2026 CHA Behavioral Health Care Symposium	TBD	1 Staff	\$450	\$1,350
CBHA Spring Policy Forum	TBD	1 Staff 2 Members	\$275	\$825
51st Annual FMHAC Conference*	TBD	1 Staff 2 Members	Waiting for Exhibit Info (\$1,000 in past) \$650 Registration	\$1,000
Housing California	TBD	1 Staff 2 Members	\$650	\$1,950
CMHACY's 47th Annual Conference	TBD	1 Staff 2 Members	\$725*	\$2,175
Total	TBD			\$25,735

*Projected amount based on previous years.

Notes: We will request \$5,000 of MHSA funding for conferences and \$10,000 of MHBG funding.

**California Behavioral Health Planning Council
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Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Agenda Item: Integration of Council's Focus for 2026: General Session Topics

Enclosures: Focus for 2026

Background/Description:

In April 2026, the Executive Committee adopted the Council Focus for 2026. This set of adopted priorities will guide the development of General Session topics and direct the work of all committees throughout the year.

During this agenda item, members will review the proposed General Session presentation topics submitted to date and assess how they align with the approved Council Focus for 2026. The committee will then identify which committees will take the lead on each priority area as planning for future presentations continues.



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Focus for 2026

Purpose

The California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC) establishes the following strategic focus areas for 2026 to guide its policy advisement, oversight, and stakeholder engagement activities. These priorities reflect key system transformation efforts underway across California and are intended to inform state leadership, counties, and community partners.

1. Statewide Behavioral Health Integration (including all populations: children, adults, and older adults)
 - Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
 - Educate the full Council on SUD and SUD Treatment
 - Behavioral Health Services Act
 - Modifications of Regulations
 - Managed Care & Specialty Mental Health
 - Educate on reorganization and rebalancing of funding
 - SAMHSA Strategic Priorities
 - Housing for individuals with behavioral health needs
 - Lack of Funding
2. Advocacy for Persons with Lived Experience and Stakeholder Engagement
 - Outreach and engagement with Persons with Lived Experience
 - Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) County Integrated Plans
 - Peer Certification (Senate Bill 803)
 - Wellness Community Coaches
3. Patients' Rights
 - Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act Reform and the Impact on Patients' Rights
 - Involuntary Treatment
 - Senate Bill 43
 - Adequate Patients' Rights Support in Communities and Jails



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- Community Assistance, Recovery & Empowerment (CARE) Act
- 4. Justice-Involved Populations in the Behavioral Health System
 - Lack of Resources
 - Alternative Resources
 - Shifting Responsibility Back to Counties
 - Potential Increase in Murphy Conservatorships
 - Dependents of the Court and Wards of the Court
 - Efficacy of Prop 36