

California Behavioral Health Planning Council
Performance Outcomes Committee
February 12, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Noel O’Neill, Chairperson

Karen Baylor

Catherine Moore

Susan Wilson

Erin Franco

Don Morrison

Uma Zykofsky

Invited External Partners Present:

Samantha Spangler, Behavioral Health Data Project

Staff Present:

Justin Boese

Jenny Bayardo

Naomi Ramirez

Item #1: Welcome and Introductions

The committee meeting began at 9:00am.

Noel O’Neill welcomed all committee members and guests. A quorum was established with 7 out of 8 members.

Item #2: Address from the Executive Officer

Jenny Bayardo briefly addressed the committee on the purpose of the meeting. She introduced Anna Naify, the Quality and Equity team leader from the Department of Healthcare Services. Jenny said that it is the responsibility of the Planning Council in the Welfare and Institutions Code to evaluate the effectiveness of the public Behavioral Health System. The Planning Council is also mentioned specifically in the Behavioral Health Services Act as an advisory body for the Department of Health Care Services to consult regarding behavioral health outcomes measures.

Jenny shared that the Council has an ad-hoc committee providing feedback to the Department of Health Care Services regarding Behavioral Health Transformation. The Performance Outcomes Committee will assist the ad-hoc committee in developing recommendations for the behavioral health measures identified by the Department

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based on the feedback gathered today. Jenny concluded by welcoming everyone to the meeting and thanking them for their participation.

Item #3: Quality and Equity Advisory Committee Behavioral Health Measure Selection Process

Anna Naify introduced herself as a consulting psychologist for the Department of Health Care Services and the lead for the Quality and Equity workstream team. Anna provided an overview of the Department's strategies for Behavioral Health Transformation planning and the implementation timeline. Modules 1 and 2 of the Behavioral Health Transformation Policy Manual will be published in early 2025. Anna then went over the selection process for the behavioral health measures, before going over each behavioral health goal and their respective outcomes measures for Phase 1 of the Quality and Equity Advisory Committee's work.

Item #4: Member Q&A / Discussion

Anna welcomed questions and comments after her presentation. Susan Wilson facilitated the discussion portion of the meeting. Noel O'Neill asked when counties will receive the finalized Phase 1 population-based measures to use for the development of their 2026 Integrated Plans. Anna stated there is no date set for that, but they will aim to provide it with enough time for the counties to review them before developing their Integrated Plans.

Catherine Moore brought up the topic of repeated readmission of patients, particularly with 5150 holds, and how this creates a "revolving door" issue. She asked Anna how they considered this issue when developing the measures. Anna answered that this topic is something they will look at deeper during Phase 2 which will focus on individual level measures, rather than population level measures.

Uma Zykofsky commented that the measure outcomes are difficult to understand. She said that some level of payer stratification was needed so that people could understand who was responsible for certain outcomes between the different systems of care. Uma also asked if there was any comparable data for managed care plans that counties could look at alongside the county data. Anna replied that they are already looking at payer stratification for Phase 2 of the process. Anna said she would take the question

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about managed care plan data back to the team.

Noel O'Neill said that he was a big fan of using these measures to tell the story of behavioral health in California. He said that he had concerns for small population counties, which often cover big geographic areas but have limited services and resources. Anna said that the team will consider this concern when developing the Phase 2 measures.

Noel thanked Anna for her presentation to the committee.

Item #5: Next Steps and Planning for Future Activities

Noel thanked everyone for their participation. He said that the next steps were for the Performance Outcomes Committee to work with the Behavioral Health Transformation ad-hoc committee. Feedback and recommendations received today will be developed into a letter, which will be sent to the Department of Health Care Services.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am.