

Workforce and Employment Committee Agenda

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

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

[DoubleTree Marina del Rey](#)

13480 Maxella Avenue

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| 1:30 pm | Welcome, Introductions, and Housekeeping
<i>Deborah Pitts, Acting Chairperson and All Members</i> | |
| 1:35 pm | Review and Accept April 2025 Draft Meeting Minutes
(Action) <i>Bill Stewart, Chair-Elect and All Members</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee Discussion• Public Comment• Accept Minutes | Tab 1 |
| 1:40 pm | Review and Approve 2025-2026 Committee Work Plan
(Action) <i>Deborah Pitts, Acting Chairperson and All Members</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee Discussion• Public Comment• Accept Work Plan | Tab 2 |
| 1:55 pm | BH-CONNECT Medi-Cal Behavioral Health Community-Based Provider Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of Medi-Cal Behavioral Health Community-Based Provider Training Program: <i>Anne Powell, Health Program Specialist II, Policy Section of Office of Workforce Development; Matthew Ortiz, Staff Services Manager II, Department of Health Care Access and Information</i>• Discussion of Committee Input for the Implementation of the Medi-Cal Behavioral Health Community-Based Provider Training Program: <i>Karen Vicari, Director of Public Policy, Mental Health America of California (MHAC); Deborah Pitts, Acting Chairperson and All members</i>• Public Comment | Tab 3 |

3:15 pm **Break**

3:30 pm Integrating Employment in Recovery (IER) Pilot Program Tab 4

- Overview of the Integrating Employment in Recovery (IER) Pilot Program: *Cassandra Kemic, Team Manager, Integrating Employment in Recovery, California Department of Rehabilitation; Javier Moreno, Director of Government Relations, Aegis Treatment Centers*
- Committee Discussion of Integrating Employment in Recovery (IER) Pilot Program *Deborah Pitts, Acting Chairperson and All members*
- Public Comment

4:45 pm	Wrap Up/Next Steps <i>Deborah Pitts, Acting Chairperson and All Members</i>	Tab 5
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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: Deborah Pitts (Acting) **Chair-elect:** Bill Stewart

Members: Susie Baker, John Black, Lynne Martin Del Campo, David Cortright, Jessica Grove, Donald Morrison, Dale Mueller, Jessica Ocean, Marina Rangel, Maria Sierra, Arden Tucker

WET Steering Committee Members: Abby Alvarez, Chad Costello, Kristin Dempsey, Janet Frank, Tara Gamboa-Eastman, Le Ondra Clark Harvey, Kathryn Kietzman, Robb Layne, Robert McCarron, Carli Stelzer, Heidi Strunk, Karen Vicari

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