### **California Behavioral Health Planning Council**

### Legislation and Public Policy Committee In-Between Meeting Agenda

Friday, July 18, 2025 9:00 am to 10:00 am

### Zoom Meeting Link

Join by phone: 1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID: 894 7486 5879 Passcode: 493866

Tab 1

9:00 am Welcome, Introductions and Housekeeping

Barbara Mitchell, Chairperson

9:05 am Pending Legislation Discussion (Action Item)

Barbara Mitchell, Chairperson, and All LPPC Members

9:50 am General Public Comment

Members of the public can comment on any general item.

9:55 am Meeting Wrap-up & Adjourn

**Notice:** All agenda items are subject to action. Scheduled times on the agenda are estimates and subject to change.

Public Comment: Limited to a 2-minute maximum to ensure all are heard.

### **Committee Members**

Barbara Mitchell, Chairperson Javier Moreno, Chair-Elect

Amanda Andrews, Karen Baylor, Monica Caffey, Erin Franco, Ian Kemmer, Steve Leoni, Catherine Moore, Noel O'Neill, Liz Oseguera, Sarah Poss, Danielle Sena, Karrie Sequeira, Daphne Shaw, Deborah Starkey, Tony Vartan, Susan Wilson, Milan Zavala, Uma Zykofsky

# California Behavioral Health Planning Council Legislation and Public Policy Committee (LPPC) In-Between Meeting

Friday, July 18, 2025

**Agenda Item:** Pending Legislation Discussion (Action Item)

**Enclosures:** Tiers for Prioritizing Bills Diagram

CBHPC Pending Legislative Positions Chart for July 2025

July 2025 Pending Legislations Bill Summaries

Fact Sheets for Assembly Bill 1267\*, Senate Bill 28\*, Senate Bill 35\*,

Senate Bill 83\*, Assembly Bill 1387\*

### **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's Legislation and Public Policy Committee review and discuss legislation identified as aligning with the annual Policy Priorities and/or the Council's Policy Platform to determine potential action (positions).

### **Background/Description:**

The Pending Legislative Positions Chart outlines proposed legislation identified by Council staff, Council members, and/or other CBHPC committees as aligning with the Policy Priorities for 2025 or with the Council's Policy Platform. The Pending Legislative Positions Chart is organized first with bills that have been identified as aligning with the Policy Priorities for 2025, followed by bills that are in alignment with the Council's Policy Platform only, and then bills requested for the Council's consideration by Council members and/or other CBHPC committees.

Committee members are encouraged to submit questions regarding specific bills on the Pending Legislative Positions Chart to Council staff Maydy Lo, in advance to allow staff sufficient time to obtain the information to provide during the discussion.

During this agenda item, the committee will discuss and take positions on the bills outlined in the Pending Legislative Positions Chart as time allows. Council members

may also request bills to be added for the committee's consideration during the current two-year legislative bill cycle.

\*For copies of these documents, please contact Maydy Lo at <a href="maydy.lo@cbhpc.dhcs.ca.gov">maydy.lo@cbhpc.dhcs.ca.gov</a>.

## California Behavioral Health Planning Council Legislation and Public Policy Committee (LPPC)

### **Tiers for Prioritizing Bills Diagram**

### Tier 1: High Priority (FULL ADVOCACY)

May include all or some of the following:

- Send a letter on behalf of the Council to the Legislature
- Council Members meet with members of the Assembly and/or Senate
- Council Staff or Council Members testify at hearings upon request
- Council Staff state the Council's position at hearings
- Partner with other organizations in efforts to gain more support for the Council's positions/recommendations

### **Tier 2: Medium Priority**

- Send a letter on behalf of the Council to the Legislature
- Post the Council's position letter on the website
- Include legislation on the Council's position list

### **Tier 3: Lower Priority**

- Sign on to letters with partners, if asked
- Share sign-on letter with Council Members and Partners
- Post the position letter on the website
- Include on the Council's position list

California Behavioral Health Planning Council - Pending Legislative Positions Chart July 2025											
Bill Number	Author	Bill Topic	Current Text	Status	Fiscal Impact	Organizations in Support and Opposition	Council Priority Alignment	Rec. Position	Priority Tier Number		
AB 348	Krell	Full service partnerships.	04/24/2025 Amended	06/13/2025 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.	No	SUPPORT: including, but not limited to, Steinberg Institute (Sponsor); California Behavioral Health Association; Mental Health America of California; California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives; Housing California; National Alliance on Mental Illness; California Pan-Ethnic Health Network; Drug Policy Alliance  OPPOSE: None identified at this time.	1 - Policy Priorities for 2025	4/16/25 Watch	To Be Decided		

Bill Number	Author	Bill Topic	Current Text	Status	Fiscal Impact	Organizations in Support and Opposition	Council Priority Alignment	Rec. Position	Priority Tier Number
AB 1267	Pellerin	Consolidated license and certification.	04/24/2025 Amended	07/3/2025 From committee: Do pass and re- refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 10. Noes 0.) (July 2). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.	Yes	SUPPORT: California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives, INC. (Sponsor); California Behavioral Health Association; Drug Policy Alliance  OPPOSE: None identified at this time.	1 - Policy Priorities for 2025	Support	To Be Decided

Bill Number	Author	Bill Topic	Current Text	Status	Fiscal Impact	Organizations in Support and Opposition	Council Priority Alignment	Rec. Position	Priority Tier Number
<u>SB 28</u>	Umberg	Treatment court program standards.	05/23/2025 Amended	06/17/2025 June 17 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.	Yes	SUPPORT: including, but not limited to, California Association of School Police Chiefs; California Coalition of School Safety Professionals; California District Attorneys Association; California Psychiatric Association; San Diego District Attorney  OPPOSE: ACLU California Action; Californians for Safety and Justice; Drug Policy Alliance	1 - Policy Priorities for 2025	Watch	To Be Decided

Bill Number	Author	Bill Topic	Current Text	Status	Fiscal Impact	Organizations in Support and Opposition	Council Priority Alignment	Rec. Position	Priority Tier Number
<u>SB 35</u>	Umberg	Alcohol and drug programs.	06/11/2025 Amended	06/11/2025 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re- referred to Com. on HEALTH.	Yes	SUPPORT: League of California Cities (sponsor); Advocates for Responsible Treatment; Association of California Cities – Orange County; City of Alamitos; City of Camarillo; City of Carlsbad; City of Glendale; City of Newport Beach; City of Thousand Oaks; City of Villa Park  OPPOSE: None identified at this time.	1 - Policy Priorities for 2025	Support	To Be Decided
SB 83	Umberg	State Department of Health Care Services: substance abuse treatment: disclosures.	07/03/2025 Amended	07/3/2025 Read second time and amended. Rereferred to Com. on APPR.	Yes	SUPPORT: League of California Cities OPPOSE: None identified at this time.	1 - Policy Priorities for 2025	Watch	To Be Decided

Bill Number	Author	Bill Topic	Current Text	Status	Fiscal Impact	Organizations in Support and Opposition	Council Priority Alignment	Rec. Position	Priority Tier Number
AB 46	Nguyen	Diversion.	05/05/2025 Amended	07/9/2025 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 4. Noes 0.) (July 8).	Yes	SUPPORT: including, but not limited to, Arcadia Police Officers' Association; Brea Police Association; Burbank Police Department; California Association of School Police Chiefs; California Coalition of School Safety Professionals; California Narcotic Officers' Association  OPPOSE: including, but not limited to, ACLU California Action; California Attorneys for Criminal Justice; California Public Defenders Association; Californians for Safety and Justice; Californians United for a Responsible Budget; California Work and Family Coalition	2 - Policy Platform	Watch	To Be Decided

Bill Number	Author	Bill Topic	Current Text	Status	Fiscal Impact	Organizations in Support and Opposition	Council Priority Alignment	Rec. Position	Priority Tier Number
AB 1328	Rodriguez, Michelle	Medi-Cal reimbursements: nonemergency ambulance transportation	07/9/2025 Amended	07/9/2025 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on HEALTH.	Yes	SUPPORT: California Ambulance Association; California Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians; County of Sacramento  OPPOSE: None identified at this time.	2 - Policy Platform	Support	To Be Decided
AB 1387	Quirk-Silva	Behavioral health multidisciplinary personnel team.	06/26/2025 Amended	07/10/2025 Read second time. Ordered to Consent Calendar.	No	SUPPORT: California State Sheriffs' Association; Mental Health America of California OPPOSE: None identified at this time.	2 - Policy Platform	Support	To Be Decided



## Legislative and Public Policy Committee In-Between Meeting July 2025 Pending Legislations Bill Summaries

### 1 - Policy Priorities for 2025

### AB 348 (Krell, D) Full-service partnerships.

Current Text: 04/24/2025 - Amended

**Summary:** The Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) requires each county to establish and administer a full-service partnership program that includes, among other things, outpatient behavioral health services, as specified, and housing interventions. This bill would establish criteria for an individual with a serious mental illness to be presumptively eligible for a full-service partnership, including, among other things, the person is transitioning to the community after 6 months or more in the state prison or county jail. The bill would specify that a county is not required to enroll an individual who meets that presumptive eligibility criteria if doing so would conflict with contractual Medi-Cal obligations or court orders, or exceed full-service partnership capacity or funding, as specified. The bill would make enrollment of a presumptively eligible individual contingent upon the individual meeting specified criteria and receiving a recommendation for enrollment by a licensed behavioral health clinician, as specified. The bill would prohibit deeming an individual with a serious mental illness ineligible for enrollment in a full-service partnership solely because their primary diagnosis is a substance use disorder. (Based on 04/24/2025 text)

### AB 1267 (Pellerin, D) Consolidated license and certification.

Current Text: 04/24/2025 - Amended

**Summary:** Current law requires the State Department of Health Care Services to license and regulate adult alcohol or other drug recovery or treatment facilities that provide residential nonmedical services, as specified, and further requires the department to certify and regulate alcohol and other drug programs, as specified. Current law requires the department to charge various fees for a license or certification. This bill would, beginning January 1, 2027, require the department to offer a consolidated license and certification that allows the holder to operate more than one facility that requires a license, a program that requires a certification, or a combination thereof, that the holder operates within the same geographic location. This bill would define "same geographic location" as the physical location where clients are generally co-located, intermingle, reside, or receive services in one building or multiple buildings within 1,000 feet of each other in areas not zoned exclusively for residential use under local zoning ordinances. (Based on 04/24/2025 text)

#### SB 28 (Umberg, D) Treatment court program standards.

Current Text: 05/23/2025 - Amended



**Summary:** Current law, the Treatment-Mandated Felony Act, an initiative measure enacted by the voters as Proposition 36 at the November 5, 2024, statewide general election, authorizes certain defendants convicted of specified felonies or misdemeanors to participate in a treatment program, upon court approval, in lieu of a jail or prison sentence. or grant of probation with jail as a condition of probation, if specified criteria are met. The Legislature may amend this initiative by a statute passed in each house by a rollcall vote entered in the journal, 2/3 of the membership concurring, or by a statute that becomes effective only when approved by the voters. This bill would include a new standard that, as part of the treatment court program, a drug addiction expert, as defined, conducts a substance abuse and mental health evaluation of the defendant, and submits the report to the court and the parties. The bill would remove the requirement that the Judicial Council revise the standards of judicial administration. The bill would require that a treatment program that complies with existing judicial standards be offered to a person that is eligible for treatment pursuant to the Treatment-Mandated Felony Act. By requiring the court to implement a treatment program that complies with existing judicial standards, the bill would amend that initiative statute. (Based on 05/23/2025 text)

### **SB 35** (Umberg, D) Alcohol and drug programs.

Current Text: 06/11/2025 - Amended

**Summary:** Current law provides for the licensure and regulation of adult alcohol or other drug recovery or treatment facilities by the State Department of Public Health and prohibits the operation of one of those facilities without a current valid license. Current law requires the department, if a facility is alleged to be in violation of that prohibition, to conduct a site visit to investigate the allegation. Current law requires, if the department's employee or agent finds evidence that the facility is providing services without a license, the employee or agent to take specified actions, including, among others, submitting the findings of the investigation to the department and issuing a written notice to the facility that includes the date by which the facility is required to cease providing services. Current law establishes the Drug Medi-Cal Treatment Program (Drug Medi-Cal) and authorizes the State Department of Health Care Services to enter into a Drug Medi-Cal contract with each county for the provision of alcohol and drug use services within the county service area. This bill would require the department, if it determines it has jurisdiction over the allegation, to initiate that investigation within 10 days of receiving the allegation and, except as specified, complete the investigation within 60 days of initiating the investigation. The bill would require the department, if it receives a complaint that does not fall under its jurisdiction, to notify the complainant that it does not investigate that type of complaint. The bill would require the employee or agent to provide the notice described above within 10 days of the employee or agency submitting their findings to the department and to conduct a followup site visit to determine whether the facility has ceased providing services by the date specified in the notice. The bill would authorize, in counties that elect to administer the Drug Medi-Cal organized delivery system and that provide optional recovery housing services, the county behavioral health agency to request approval from the department to conduct a site visit of a recovery residence that is alleged to be operating without a license. (Based on 06/11/2025 text)



### SB 83 (<u>Umberg, D</u>) State Department of Health Care Services: substance abuse treatment: disclosures.

Current Text: 07/03/2025 - Amended

**Summary:** Current law grants the State Department of Health Care Services the sole authority in state government to license adult alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities and authorizes the department to issue a license to specified types of facilities if certain criteria are met. Current law requires an operator of a licensed alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facility or certified alcohol or other drug program to include on its internet website and intake form paperwork a disclosure that an individual may check the internet website of the department to confirm whether the facility's license or program's certification has been placed in probationary status, been subject to a temporary suspension order, been revoked, or the operator has been given a notice of operation in violation of law. Current law requires the disclosure to include a link to the department's internet website that contains the Probationary Status, Temporary Suspension Order, Revoked and Notice of Operation in Violation of Law Program List. This bill would require the department to indicate on its internet website containing the abovedescribed list, in a location and font that is easy to see and read, that notices to recovery residences issued for a specified violation are not included in that list. The bill would also require the department to post on its internet website, in a specified manner, an identification and summary of each violation the department has issued for the abovedescribed facilities and programs. (Based on 07/03/2025 text)

### 2 - Policy Platform

### AB 46 (Nguyen, D) Diversion.

Current Text: 05/05/2025 - Amended

**Summary:** Current law authorizes a court to grant pretrial diversion to a defendant suffering from a mental disorder, on an accusatory pleading alleging the commission of a misdemeanor or felony offense, in order to allow the defendant to undergo mental health treatment. Current law provides that a defendant is eligible for diversion if they have been diagnosed with certain mental disorders and the court finds that the mental disorder was a significant factor in the commission of the charged offense, unless there is clear and convincing evidence that the disorder was not a motivating, causal, or contributing factor to the defendant's involvement in the alleged offense. Current law prohibits defendants charged with specified offenses, including murder, from being placed in this diversion program. This bill would, if the defendant has been diagnosed with a mental disorder within 5 years prior to the current offense, as specified, require the court to find that the defendant's mental disorder was a significant factor in the commission of the offense, unless there is clear and convincing evidence that it was not a motivating, causal, or contributing factor to the defendant's involvement in the alleged offense. (Based on 05/05/2025 text)

### <u>AB 1328</u> (<u>Rodriguez, Michelle, D</u>) Medi-Cal reimbursements: nonemergency ambulance and other transportation.

Current Text: 07/09/2025 - Amended



Summary: Current law establishes the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services and under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services, including emergency or nonemergency medical or nonmedical transportation services. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid program provisions. Under this bill, commencing on July 1, 2026, and subject to an appropriation, Medi-Cal fee-for-service reimbursement for nonemergency ambulance transportation services, as defined, would be in an amount equal to 80% of the amount set forth in the federal Medicare ambulance fee schedule for the corresponding level of service, adjusted by the Geographic Practice Cost Index, as specified. The bill would require the department to establish a Medi-Cal managed care directed payment program for nonemergency ambulance transportation services, with the reimbursement rates set in an amount equal to at least the amount set forth under fee-for-service reimbursement. (Based on 07/09/2025 text)

### AB 1387 (Quirk-Silva, D) Behavioral health multidisciplinary personnel team.

Current Text: 06/26/2025 - Amended

**Summary:** Current law authorizes a county to establish a homeless adult and family multidisciplinary personnel team, as defined, with the goal of facilitating the expedited identification, assessment, and linkage of homeless individuals to housing and supportive services within that county and to allow provider agencies to share confidential information for the purpose of coordinating housing and supportive services to ensure continuity of care. This bill would authorize a county to also establish a behavioral health multidisciplinary personnel team, as defined, with the goal of facilitating the expedited identification, assessment, and linkage of a justice-involved person, as defined, diagnosed with a mental illness to supportive services within that county while incarcerated and upon release from county jail and to allow provider agencies and members of the personnel team to share confidential information, as specified, for the purpose of coordinating supportive services to ensure continuity of care. The bill would require the sharing of information permitted under these provisions to be governed by protocols developed in each county, as specified. (Based on 06/26/2025 text)