



California Behavioral Health Planning Council

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AGENDA

June 16, 17, 18, and 19, 2026

[Marriott Riverside at the Convention Center/Riverside Convention Center,](#)
Riverside, CA

Notice: All agenda items are subject to action by the Council. Scheduled times on the agenda are estimates and subject to change. If Reasonable Accommodation is required, please contact the Council at 916-701-8211 by **June 1, 2026** to meet the request. All items on the Committee agendas posted on our website are incorporated by reference herein and are subject to action.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

2:00 p.m. [Performance Outcomes Committee](#)

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

8:30 a.m. [Executive Committee](#)

10:30 a.m. [Patients' Rights Committee](#)

12:00 p.m. LUNCH (on your own)

1:30 p.m. [Workforce and Employment Committee](#)

1:30 p.m. [Legislation and Public Policy Committee](#)

Thursday, June 18, 2026

8:30 a.m. [Housing and Homelessness Committee](#)

8:30 a.m. [Systems and Medicaid Committee](#)

12:00 p.m. LUNCH (on your own)

Thursday, June 18, 2026

COUNCIL GENERAL SESSION

Conference Call: (669) 900-6833 (Listen Only)

Meeting ID: 971 8700 9182 **Passcode:** 458600

Location: Riverside Convention Center

3637 5th Street, Riverside, CA. 92501

2:30 p.m. Welcome and Introductions

Tony Vartan, Chairperson

2:40 p.m. CBHPC External Partners Representation Updates

Tab U

Uma Zykofsky, 988-Crisis Policy Advisory Group

Monica Caffey, Black Health Equity Advisory Group

3:10 p.m. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Tab V

**Administration (SAMHSA) Community Mental Health Services Block
Grant Annual Implementation Report**

CA Department of Health Care Services, Federal Grants Branch

3:45 p.m. 15-Minute Break

4:00 p.m. Committee Report-Outs

- **Performance Outcomes:** Noel O'Neill, Chairperson
- **Executive:** Tony Vartan, Chairperson
- **Patients' Rights:** Mike Phillips, Chairperson
- **Legislation and Public Policy:** Javier Moreno, Chairperson
- **Workforce and Employment:** Bill Stewart, Chairperson
- **Housing and Homelessness:** Maria Sierra, Chair-Elect
- **Systems and Medicaid:** Karen Baylor, Chairperson

4:50 p.m. General Public Comment

5:00 p.m. Recess

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

Friday, June 19, 2026

COUNCIL GENERAL SESSION

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Location: Riverside Convention Center

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8:30 a.m. Welcome Back & Announcements

Tony Vartan, Chairperson

8:40 a.m. 2026 Conference Sharing

Deborah Starkey, Maria Sierra, Susan Wilson, Karen Baylor, Marina Rangel, and Javier Moreno

Tab W

9:00 a.m. Commission for Behavioral Update

Al Rowlett, Chair/Commissioner

- Presentation (10-15 minutes)
- Council Member Discussion (5-10 minutes)

9:30 a.m. Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Update

Paula Wilhelm, Deputy Director, Behavioral Health, CA Department of Health Care Services

- *Presentation (20 minutes)*
- *Council Member Discussion (5-7 minutes)*
- *Public Comment (4-5 minutes)*

10:00 a.m. 20-Minute Break

**10:20 a.m. Council Overview and Approval of HCAI 2026-2030
Workforce Education and Training (WET) Five-Year Plan
(Action)**

Tab XYZ

*Libby Abbott, MPH, Deputy Director, Health Workforce Development
Sharmil Shah, MA, Psy.D, Branch Chief, Behavioral Health & Policy
Angela Brand, Section Chief, Behavioral Health & Policy*

- Presentation (60 minutes)
- Council Member Discussion
- Public Comment
- Vote

11:50 a.m. General Public Comment

12:00 p.m. Closing Remarks & Adjourn

Tony Vartan, Chairperson

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

2026 Council Meeting Schedule

- October 20-23, 2026: [Embassy Suites San Francisco Airport-South San Francisco](#), South San Francisco, CA

2027 Council Meeting Schedule

- January 19-22, 2027: San Diego, CA
- April 13-16, 2027: Sacramento, CA
- June 15-18, 2027: Los Angeles Area
- October 19-22, 2027: Bay Area