

## Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) and Behavioral Health (BH)-SAC Joint Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2024  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
**Location:** Department of Health Care Services  
1700 K Street (first floor, conference room 17.1014)  
Sacramento, CA 95811  
**Webinar:** [Register in advance](#)

### SAC and BHSAC AGENDA 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- 9:30 – 9:40** Welcome, Director’s Opening Comments, Introduction of New Members, Roll Call, and Today’s Agenda  
*Michelle Baass, Director*
- 9:40 – 10:40** Director’s Update  
*Michelle Baass, Director and Sarah Brooks, Chief Deputy Director for Health Care Programs*
- Governor Newsom’s 2024-2025 Proposed Budget
  - Managed Care Plan (MCP) 2024 Transition Update
  - Update on Adult Expansion Enrollment
  - Long Term Care Phase II
  - DHCS Response to California State Auditor report on barriers to timely access to behavioral health services for children
- 10:40 – 11:10** Status of Medi-Cal Redeterminations  
*René Mollow, Deputy Director, and Yingjia Huang, Assistant Deputy Director, Health Care Benefits and Eligibility*
- 11:10 – 11:40** CalAIM Behavioral Health Key Findings from Preliminary Implementation Feedback Report  
*Tyler Sadwith, Deputy Director for Behavioral Health, and Ivan Bhardwaj, Chief of the Medi-Cal Behavioral Health Policy Division*
- 11:40 – 12:10** Equity and Practice Transformation (EPT) Provider Directed Payment Program



*Palav Babaria, MD, Chief Quality and Medical Officer and Deputy Director, Quality and Population Health Management (QPHM)*

**12:10 – 12:25** Public Comment

**12:25 – 12:30** Next Steps and Adjourn  
*Michelle Baass, Director*

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**12:30 – 1:00 p.m. LUNCH BREAK**

**BH-SAC AGENDA** 1 – 3 p.m.

**1:00 – 1:10** Welcome, Roll Call, and Today's Agenda  
*Michelle Baass, Director*

**1:10 – 1:40** Behavioral Health Payment Reform Update  
*Tyler Sadwith, Deputy Director for Behavioral Health, and Brian Fitzgerald, Chief of the Local Governmental Financing Division*

**1:40 – 2:10** QPHM: Overview and Stakeholder Engagement for Behavioral Health Components  
*Palav Babaria, MD, Chief Quality and Medical Officer and Deputy Director, QPHM*

**2:10 – 2:40** Behavioral Health Community-Based Organized Networks of Equitable Care and Treatment (BH-CONNECT): Evidence-based Practices and Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths Alignment  
*Paula Wilhelm, Assistant Deputy Director for Behavioral Health; Ivan Bhardwaj, Chief of the Medi-Cal Behavioral Health Policy Division; and Erika Cristo, Assistant Deputy Director for Behavioral Health*

**2:40 – 2:55** Public Comment



**2:55 – 3:00**

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