

CBHPC Executive Committee In-Between Meeting

December 10, 2024

Committee Members Present:

Karen Baylor
Erika Cristo
Barbara Mitchell
Noel O'Neill
Daphne Shaw
Mike Phillips

Walter Shwe
Deborah Starkey
Arden Tucker
Susan Wilson
Javier Moreno
Uma Zykofsky

Committee Members Absent: Monica Caffey and Tony Vartan

Staff Present: Jenny Bayardo and Naomi Ramirez

Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson Deborah Starkey called the meeting to order, welcoming Council Members. Attendees introduced themselves. A quorum was established with 12 of 14 members present.

Behavioral Health Transformation (BHT) Follow-Up

Proposition 1 Ad-Hoc members provided an update on the activities to date.

- Systems and Medicaid Committee chairperson, Uma Zykofsky, was added to the Ad-Hoc.
- Workforce and Employment Committee chairperson, Walter Shwe, was added to the Ad-Hoc
- Comments to BHT Policies and Procedures: Module 1 were submitted electronically.
- A letter including additional feedback on Module 1 was also submitted.
- California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies discussed their main comments submitted to DHCS on Module 1

In General, members expressed concern over the timing of the release of the procedures for public review and comment. The format for submission of public comment was also difficult and may be a barrier to stakeholders with less experience commenting on policy.

Consumer Related Advocate Appointment Category Name Change

At the October 2024 Executive Committee meeting, members voted to change the name of the "Direct Consumer" category to "Person with Lived Experience". The

committee also decided that the Council should change the title of the “Consumer Related Advocate” category to align with this change. The Executive Committee considered and discussed options which included:

- Advocate
- Community Advocate
- Community Partner
- Advocate of Persons with Lived Experience

Several members were concerned about the length of some of the options and proposed “Advocate”. Others commented that the words “Community” and “Partner” are vague and can mean something other than what is intended. Walter Shwe stated that ‘Advocate of Persons with Lived Experience’ was more specific, and Uma Zykofsky agreed that it was important to specify and elevate the focus on “Persons with Lived Experience” in the current environment. Daphne Shaw also stated she preferred the “Advocate of Persons with Lived Experience”.

Motion: Noel O’Neill made a motion to change the Consumer Related Advocate category to Advocate of Persons with Lived Experience. Daphne Shaw seconded the motion.

Chairperson Deborah Starkey called for discussion. There was a brief discussion of members. There was not public comment. A roll call vote was taken.

Motion passed with 11 “Yes” votes. Arden Tucker Abstained. Tony Vartan and Monica Caffey were absent.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Meeting Wrap-up & Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 pm.