

## California Behavioral Health Planning Council

### Workforce and Employment Committee Agenda

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

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901 East Calaveras Boulevard, Milpitas, California, 95035  
Willow Room

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Meeting ID: 883 5857 8782 Passcode: WEC2024

Join by phone: 1-669-900-6833 Passcode: \*7097660#

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

- 1:30 pm**      **Welcome, Introductions, and Housekeeping**  
*Walter Shwe, Chairperson and All Members*
- 1:40 pm**      **Review and Accept June 2024 Draft Meeting Minutes**      **Tab 1**  
*Walter Shwe, Chairperson and All Members*
- 1:45 pm**      **BH-CONNECT Demonstration Discussion on Requiring Occupational Therapists on Community In-Reach Teams (Action)**      **Tab 2**  
*Deborah Pitts, Council member and All Members*
- 1:55 pm**      **Public Comment**
- 2:00 pm**      **Summary of Peer Support Specialist, Community Health Worker (CHW), and Certified Wellness Coach (CWC) Provider Types**      **Tab 3**  
*Ashneek Nanua, Health Program Specialist II*
- 2:10 pm**      **Public Comment**
- 2:15 pm**      **Safe Passages Presentation and Discussion on Employing Peer Support Specialists, CHW, and CWC Providers**      **Tab 4**  
*Josefina Alvarado Mena, Esq., Chief Executive Officer, Safe Passages*  
*Kimi Tahara, Operations and Systems Integration Director, Safe Passages*  
*Rebecca Alvarado, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Clinical Director Safe Passages*
- 3:00 pm**      **Public Comment**
- 3:05 pm**      **Break**
- 3:15 pm**      **Peer Support Specialist and CHW Provider Perspectives and Discussion**      **Tab 5**  
*Anibal Pablo Ramos, Community Health Worker - Mam Community*  
*Joseph Gray, Peer Support Specialist*  
*Maria Sierra, Council member, Family Parent Partner, and Community Service Supervisor at Victor Community Support Services*

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- 4:00 pm**      **Public Comment**
- 4:05 pm**      **Break**
- 4:15 pm**      **Member Discussion of Peer Support Specialist and CHW Provider Types and Employment in California**      **Tab 6**  
*Walter Shwe, Chairperson and All Members*
- 4:40 pm**      **Public Comment**
- 4:45 pm**      **Nominate WEC Chair-Elect for 2025 (Action)**      **Tab 7**  
*Walter Shwe, Chairperson and All Members*
- 4:50 pm**      **Public Comment**
- 4:55 pm**      **Wrap up/Next Steps**  
*Walter Shwe, Chairperson and All Members*
- 5:00 pm**      **Adjourn**

*The scheduled times on the agenda are estimates and subject to change.*

### **Workforce and Employment Committee Members**

**Chairperson:** Walter Shwe    **Chair-elect:** TBD

**Members:** Susie Baker, John Black, Lynne Martin Del Campo, David Cortright, Jessica Grove, Donald Morrison, Dale Mueller, Jessica Ocean, Deborah Pitts, Maria Sierra, Bill Stewart, Arden Tucker

**WET Steering Committee Members:** Le Ondra Clark Harvey, Robb Layne, Kristin Dempsey, Janet Frank, Olivia Loewy, E. Maxwell Davis, Robert McCarron, Kathryn Kietzman, Chad Costello, John Drebingner, Heidi Strunk

**Staff:** Ashneek Nanua, Simon Vue

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