

Public comment from K. Dredge

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Good afternoon,

Please accept the following public comment for the May 28, 2026 Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission meeting.

My name is Kevin Dredge, and I would like to express my appreciation for the continued work surrounding behavioral health, crisis services, and community support throughout California.

Over the years, I have participated in mental health advocacy efforts involving NAMI, 988 awareness, peer support, school outreach, and community engagement. Through both personal experience and advocacy work, I have seen firsthand how important accessible behavioral health services are for individuals, families, youth, and communities.

I especially appreciate the continued focus on innovation, culturally responsive services, crisis support, and strengthening local partnerships throughout the state. Programs that help connect people to care, support prevention efforts, and improve access to services truly make a difference.

Today, I continue community service efforts through Lions Club outreach in South Lake Tahoe focused on youth vision support, accessibility, and strengthening community partnerships. I believe collaboration between community organizations, schools, advocacy groups, and behavioral health systems will continue to be essential moving forward.

Thank you for your continued service and commitment to improving behavioral health support throughout California.

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