

# COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

**April 24, 2025**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commission will conduct a meeting on April 24, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

This meeting will be conducted via teleconference pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act according to Government Code sections 11123, 11123.5, and 11133. The location(s) from which the public may participate are listed below. All members of the public shall have the right to offer comment at this public meeting as described in this Notice.

**DATE** April 24, 2025  
**TIME** 9:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION** 1812 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95811 and Virtual

## ZOOM ACCESS

Zoom meeting link and dial-in number will be provided upon registration.

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## COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Mayra E Alvarez, *Chair*  
Alfred Rowlett, *Vice Chair*  
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Christopher Contreras  
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Gladys Mitchell  
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Marvin Southard, Ph.D.  
Gary Tsai, MD





## INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Will Lightbourne

Public participation is critical to the success of our work and deeply valued by the Commission. Please see the detailed explanation of how to participate in public comment after the meeting agenda.

## Our Commitment to Excellence

The Commission's 2024-2027 Strategic Plan articulates four strategic goals:

-  Champion vision into action to increase public understanding of services that address unmet behavioral health needs.
-  Catalyze best practice networks to ensure access, improve outcomes, and reduce disparities.
-  Inspire innovation and learning to close the gap between what can be done and what must be done.
-  Relentlessly drive expectations in ways that reduce stigma, build empathy, and empower the public.

## Meeting Agenda

It is anticipated that all items listed as “Action” on this agenda will be acted upon, although the Commission may decline or postpone action at its discretion. Items may be considered in any order at the discretion of the Chair. Public comment is taken on each agenda item. Unlisted items will not be considered.

9:00 a.m.      **1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

*Information*

Chair Mayra E. Alvarez will convene the Commission meeting, and a roll call of Commissioners will be taken.

9:10 a.m.      **2. Announcements and Caring Moment**

*Information*

Chair Mayra E. Alvarez, Commissioners, and staff will make announcements and give updates. We will also ask a Commissioner to share a Caring Moment to help us center ourselves on the purpose of our work and the people we serve.

9:30 a.m.      **3. General Public Comment**

*Information*

General Public Comment is reserved for items not listed on the agenda. No discussion or action will take place.

9:50 a.m.      **4. Consent Calendar**

*Action*

All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are routine or noncontroversial and can be acted upon in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time that the Commission votes on the motion unless a Commissioner requests a specific item to be removed from the Consent Calendar for individual action.

1. March 26-27, 2025 Meeting Minutes
2. Monterey County: PADs - Multi County Collaborative - PHASE II up to \$3,000,000
3. Mariposa County: PADs - Multi County Collaborative - PHASE II up to \$160,740
4. Orange County Extension: PADs – Multi County Collaborative – PHASE II up to \$2,739,601
5. Fresno County: The Lodge 2 for up to \$4,200,000
6. Marin County Extension: Student Wellness Ambassador Program for up to \$870,000
7. Ventura County: Collaborative Care for Youth: Integrating Collaborative and Behavioral Health Models up to \$2,874,361
8. Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Intent to Award
9. K-12 Advocacy Notice of Intent to Award
10. 0-5/Maternal Behavioral Health Mental Health Wellness Act Notice of Intent to Award
  - Public Comment
  - Vote

- 10:00 a.m.     **5. Advocacy Spotlight**  
*Information*
- The Commission will hear a presentation from CalVoices on advocacy work conducted for clients and consumers. Presented by *Clare Cortright, Advocacy Director and Nicole Chilton, Program Manager*.
- Public Comment
- 10:30 a.m.     **6. Update on Recent Allocations**  
*Information*
- The Commission will hear updates on recent allocations. Presented by *Will Lightbourne, Interim Executive Director*.
- Public Comment
- 10:45 a.m.     **7. Committee Appointments**  
*Information*
- The Chair will appoint members to the Budget and Fiscal, Program, and Legislative and External Affairs advisory committees including the chair and vice chair positions for each. The Commission will also hear an update on the feedback received from the public members of the Client and Family Leadership Committee and the Cultural and Linguistic Competency Committee. Presented by *Mayra E. Alvarez, Commission Chair*.
- Public Comment
- 11:05 a.m.     **8. Legislative Priorities**  
*Action*
- The Commission will consider supporting bills introduced in the 2025 legislative session including AB 96 (Jackson); AB 348 (Krell); AB 1037 (Elhawary); SB 320 (Limón); SB 531 (Rubio); and SB 862 (Senate Committee on Health). Presented by *Kendra Zoller, Deputy Director of Legislative and External Affairs*.
- Public Comment
  - Vote
- 11:30 a.m.     **9. Lunch and Closed Session**
- Consideration of Personnel Matter per Government Code sections 11126(a).
- Public Comment
- 2:00 p.m.     **10. Re-establish Quorum and Report Out from Closed Session**
- Chair Alvarez will share any reportable actions that took place during closed session.

2:05 p.m. **11. Peer Respite Concept Paper**  
*Information*

The Commission will receive an introductory presentation on the upcoming \$20 million Mental Health Wellness Act grant focused on peer respite. Presented by *Kai LeMasson, Research Supervisor and Melissa Martin-Mollard, Chief of Research and Evaluation.*

- Public Comment

2:35 p.m. **12. Innovation Partnership Fund Update**  
*Information*

The Commission will hear an update regarding the results from the “Call for Concepts” survey as well as a process moving forward for shaping the Innovation Partnership Fund grant program. Presented by *Will Lightbourne, Interim Executive Director.*

- Public Comment

3:05 p.m. **13. Adjournment**

### Our Commitment to Transparency

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## Notes for Participation

For Public Comments: Prior to making your comments, please state your name for the record and identify any group or organization you represent.

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**Email Us:** You can also submit public comment to the Commission by emailing us at [publiccomment@bhsoac.ca.gov](mailto:publiccomment@bhsoac.ca.gov). Emailed public comments submitted at least 72 hours prior to the Commission meeting will be shared with Commissioners at the upcoming meeting. Public comment submitted less than 72 hours prior to the Commission meeting will be shared with Commissioners at a future meeting. Please note that public comments submitted to this email address will not receive a written response from the Commission. **Emailing public comments is not intended to replace the public comment period held during each Commission Meeting and in no way precludes a person from also providing public comments during the meetings.**

**Public Participation:** The telephone lines of members of the public who dial into the meeting will initially be muted to prevent background noise from inadvertently disrupting the meeting. Phone lines will be unmuted during all portions of the meeting that are appropriate for public comment to allow members of the public to comment. Please see additional instructions below regarding public participation procedures.

**The Commission is not responsible for unforeseen technical difficulties that may occur.** The Commission will endeavor to provide reliable means for members of the public to participate remotely; however, in the unlikely event that the remote means fail, the meeting may continue in person. For this reason, members of the public are advised to consider attending the meeting in person to ensure their participation during the meeting.

**Public participation procedures:** All members of the public have a right to offer comment at the Commission's public meeting. The Chair will indicate when a portion of the meeting is open for public comment. **Any member of the public wishing to comment during public comment periods must do the following:**

- **If joining in person.** Complete a public comment request card and submit to Commission staff. When it is time for public comment, staff will call your name and you will be invited to the podium to speak. Members of the public should be prepared to complete their comments within 3 minutes or less, unless a different time allotment is needed and announced by the Chair.
- **If joining by call-in, press \*9 on the phone.** Pressing \*9 will notify the meeting host that you wish to comment. You will be placed in line to comment in the order in which requests are received by the host. When it is your turn to comment, the meeting host will unmute your line and announce the last three digits of your telephone number. The Chair reserves the right to limit the time for comment. Members of the public should be prepared to complete their comments within 3 minutes or less time if a different time allotment is needed and announced by the Chair.
- **If joining by computer, press the raise hand icon on the control bar.** Pressing the raise hand will notify the meeting host that you wish to comment. You will be placed in line to comment in the order in which requests are received by the host. When it is your turn to comment, the meeting host will unmute your line, announce your name, and ask if you'd like your video on. The Chair reserves the right to limit the time for comment. Members of the public should be prepared to complete their comments within 3 minutes or less time if a different time allotment is needed and announced by the Chair.

In accordance with California Government Code § 11125.7(c)(1), members of the public who utilize a translator or other translating technology will be given at least twice the allotted time to speak during a Public Comment period.