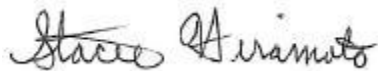


To: BHSOAC Members and Staff  
From: REMHDCO and Safe Passages  
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2026 – 4:45 p.m.  
Re: CBH Meeting of March 27, 2026  
Item 5: Future Committee Structure  
Proposed “Hybrid Model”

REMHDCO and Safe Passages has seen the proposed hybrid model for the Committee Structure submitted by The Children’s Partnership. We are in strong support of this hybrid model as long as ***the new revised meeting schedule*** that we are submitting with this memo is proposed and adopted along with the hybrid model.

We are very grateful to The Children’s Partnership for developing a plan that is a “win win” solution for both the supporters of the CLCC and the CFLC, as well as the CFC. We thank the leadership and staff of The Children’s Partnership for their advocacy and efforts on behalf of all our communities.



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**Re: Commission Meeting (Day 2) - March 27, 2026: Item # 5 Future Committee Structure**

Dear Chair Rowlett and Commissioners,

We write to offer a recommendation for the continued combination of the Cultural and Linguistic Competence Committee (CLCC) and the Client and Family Leadership Committee (CFLC) into a single committee. We recognize the impact that the single committee structure has had on reaching quorum and offering space for discussions that take an intersectional approach. At the same time, we share concerns that this structure may limit the depth of issue-specific conversations and opportunities for meaningful stakeholder engagement.

As advocates for children's mental health, we recognize that voices and experiences can be lost when there is no dedicated time and space for focused attention. Both committees are designed to center voices that are too often underrepresented in decision-making spaces. When time is constrained within a combined structure, there is an increased risk that these perspectives, particularly those of youth, families, and culturally diverse communities, may be compressed or deprioritized, undermining the committees' core purpose.

To address both the need for quorum and the importance of maintaining robust, issue-specific dialogue, we recommend a hybrid approach to the committee structure. This could include maintaining joint meetings to support shared learning, while also incorporating dedicated time, such as alternating meetings, for each committee to engage in more focused discussions aligned with their respective mandates. Additionally, more intentional planning, including scheduling meetings in advance, could further support consistent participation and effectiveness. We support the recommendations provided by the coalition led by REMHDCO and Safe Passage to reach quorum more effectively.

We also note that, during recent discussions, there was clear support from both public commenters and committee members for exploring a hybrid approach. While there was appreciation for the joint committee structure, there was also a consistent desire to preserve opportunities for the committees to meet separately. This reflects a recognition that both structures offer value: joint meetings can support coordination and shared learning, while separate meetings allow for more focused, in-depth discussion aligned with each committee's unique role.

We offer this recommendation in the spirit of strengthening community engagement and ensuring that committee structures continue to reflect the intent of the Behavioral Health Services Act by centering community voice, equity, and accountability. We appreciate the Commission's commitment to these goals and welcome continued collaboration on approaches that best serve California's diverse communities, including children and youth.

Sincerely,

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# Proposed Amended Fiscal Year 2025/2026 calendar

## 2025

- **August 28: Full Commission meeting**
- September 18: Committee meetings
- September 25: CFC meeting
- **October 23: Full Commission meeting**
- November 20: Committee meetings
- November 24: CFC meeting
- December: As needed

## 2026

- **January 22: Full Commission meeting**
- February 19: Committee meetings
- February 26: CFC meeting
- **March 26: Full Commission meeting**
- April 16: Committee meetings
- April 23: CFC meeting
- **May 28: Full Commission meeting**
- June 18: Committee meetings
- June 25: Public listening session regarding NEW CLCC and CFLC
- July: As needed

# Proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 calendar

## 2026

- **August: Full Commission meeting**
- September: Committee meetings
- September: First Meetings of CLCC and CFLC (Could move to Oct. before the Full Commission meeting if preferred)
- **October: Full Commission meeting**
- November: Committee meetings
- November 24: CFC meeting
- December: CLCC and CFLC Meetings

## 2027

- **January: Full Commission meeting**
- February: Committee meetings including CLCC and CFLC
- **March: Full Commission meeting**
- April: Committee meetings
- April: CFC meeting
- **May: Full Commission meeting**
- June: Committee meetings including CLCC and CFLC (can move to July)
- July: As needed