

## COMMISSION FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MEETING

### NOTICE & AGENDA | **August 28, 2025**

**Meeting Time:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Location:** CBH Office 1812 9th St., Sacramento, CA 95811 and virtual

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### Meeting Agenda

- 9:00 a.m.     **1. Call to Order & Roll Call – *Action***
- 9:05 a.m.     **2. Announcements & Caring Moment – *Information***  
Chair Alvarez, MHA, will share updates and announcements, followed by a Commissioner-led Caring Moment to center us on our purpose.
- 9:15 a.m.     **3. General Public Comment – *Information***  
This time is reserved for public comments on items not on the agenda.
- 9:25 a.m.     **4. May 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes – *Action***  
The May 22, 2025 meeting minutes will be reviewed for approval.
- 9:30 a.m.     **5. Consent Calendar – *Action***
  - i. Innovation Plan for Los Angeles & Contra Costa counties: Program Improvements for Valued Outpatient Treatment (PIVOT)
  - ii. Innovation Plan for Contra Costa County: Psychiatric Advance Directives (PADs)
  - iii. Innovation Plan for Kern and Imperial counties: Semi-Statewide Enterprise Health Record (EHR) Project – Phase 2
  - iv. Innovation Plan for Shasta County: Reducing Youth Self-Harm & Suicide Rates
- 9:45 a.m.     **6. Advocacy Spotlight – *Information***  
The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will present on advocacy work for families of those with serious mental illness.
- 10:15 a.m.   **7. Stretch Break**

- 10:30 a.m. **8. State Budget Update & Approval of Expenditures & Associated Contracts – *Action***  
The Commission will hear a presentation on the signed State Budget and consider approval of expenditures and associated contracts. Presented by Norma Pate, Deputy Director of Administrative Services & Performance Management.
- 10:50 a.m. **9. Update on the Client & Family Leadership Committee (CFLC) & Cultural & Linguistic Competency Committee (CLCC) – *Action***  
Review and approve a revised committee charter outlining updated goals and objectives for the CFLC and CLCC for the remainder of 2025. Presented by Committee Chair Commissioner Chambers, MPA.
- 11:30 a.m. **10. Agenda Outlook: Commission & Committees Meeting Plan/Calendar – *Action***  
Consider and approve a calendar that aligns Commission priorities with the Behavioral Health Services Act implementation including grants, advocacy, data, and integration of substance use disorder. Presented by Brenda Grealish, MA, Executive Director and Kendra Zoller, Deputy Director of Legislation & External Affairs.
- 12:30 p.m. **11. Lunch & Closed Session – Personnel Matter**  
California Government Code § 11126 (a) to discuss the evaluation process for the Executive Director and the possible formation of a Workforce Optimization Committee.
- 1:30 p.m. **12. Report Back from Closed Session – *Action***  
Chair Alvarez, MHA will report back on any reportable actions that took place during closed session and the Commission will consider the approval and creation of a charter for a Workforce Optimization Committee.
- 1:40 p.m. **13. Integration of Substance Use Disorder into the Commission's Portfolio – *Information***  
Establish a strategic approach for integrating SUD across future Commission programs and committee work. Presented by Commissioner Tsai, MD, and Commissioner Fernandez, MPH.
- 2:20 p.m. **14. Stretch Break**

- 2:35 p.m.     **15. Behavioral Health Student Services Act: Grant & Administrative & Evaluation Planning – *Information***  
Initiate planning for the allocation of \$7.6 million in BHSSA grant funding, administrative resources, and evaluation funds. Presented by Melissa Martin-Mollard, Ph.D., Acting Deputy Director of Research & Program Operations and Kai LeMasson, Ph.D., Chief of Research, Evaluation, and Programs.
- 3:15 p.m.     **16. Advocacy Contracts Strategy – *Information***  
Discussion to help define the scope, goals, and strategic focus of the advocacy contracts to guide future planning and implementation under the Behavioral Health Services Act. Presented by Riann Kopchak, AMFT, APCC, Assistant Deputy Director of Legislative & External Affairs.
- 4:00 p.m.     **17. Adjournment**
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