

COMMISSION FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MEETING

NOTICE & AGENDA | **November 20, 2025**

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

Location: 1812 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95811

Zoom Access: Zoom meeting link and dial-in number will be provided upon registration. [Click here for free registration.](#)

Meeting Agenda

Opening Business and Administrative Items

- 9:00 a.m. **1. Call to Order and Roll Call – *Information***
Roll call will be taken.
- 9:05 a.m. **2. Announcements and Caring Moment – *Information***
Vice Chair Rowlett 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. Meeting Minutes – *Action***
The August 28, 2025, meeting minutes will be reviewed and considered for approval.
- 9:30 a.m. **5. Consent Calendar – *Action***
- i. Innovation Plan for Sonoma County: Crossroads to Hope Extension: Additional \$864,476
 - ii. Innovation Plan for San Bernardino County: Program Improvements for Valued Outpatient Treatment (PIVOT): \$30,861,260 for 4 years
 - iii. Immigrant and Refugee Statewide Advocacy Grant: Intent to Award

9:45 a.m.

6. Advocacy Spotlight – Information

Center for Empowering Refugees & Immigrants (CERI) will present on advocacy work for the behavioral health needs of immigrant and refugee communities in the Bay Area Region.

10:15 a.m.

7. Stretch Break

Program Advisory Committee Update and Recommendations

10:30 a.m.

8. Innovation Partnership Fund – Action

Review and consideration for approval of the framework for the upcoming Innovation Partnership Fund grant program. *Presented by Melissa Martin-Mollard, Ph.D., Acting Deputy Director of Research, Evaluation, and Program Operations.*

New Commission Business

11:30 a.m.

9. Lunch and Closed Session – Personnel Matter & Pending Litigation – Action

California Government Code § 11126 (a) to discuss the evaluation process for the Executive Director and Government Code § 11126 (e) to discuss pending litigation.

12:35 p.m.

10. Re-establish Quorum and Report Back from Closed Session

Quorum will be re-established and Vice Chair Rowlett will report back on any reportable actions that took place during closed session.

Legislative and External Affairs Advisory Committee Update and Recommendations

12:40 p.m.

11. Transition Age Youth Advocacy Grant – Action

Review and consideration for approval of the Request for Proposal outline for the Transition Age Youth advocacy grant. *Presented by Riann Kopchak, AMFT, APCC, Assistant Deputy Director of Legislative & External Affairs.*

Budget and Fiscal Advisory Committee Update and Recommendations

1:10 p.m.

12. Expenditure Authorization – Action

Review and consideration for approval of up to \$150,000 for a 3-year contract with Crusade for website maintenance and hosting. *Presented by Lauren Quintero, Acting Deputy Director of Administrative Services & Performance Management.*

1:30 p.m.

13. Consent Process for Commission Contracts – *Action*

Overview and consideration for approval of a consent process for approving Commission contracts. *Presented by Brenda Grealish, Executive Director.*

Client, Family, and Community Inclusion, Lived Experience, and Diversity Advisory Committee (CFC) Update and Recommendations

1:50 p.m.

14. Committee Update – *Information*

Update on the inaugural CFC Committee meeting, including discussions held and feedback on the Commission's initiatives. *Presented by Commissioner Rayshell Chambers.*

Strategic Discussions

2:10 p.m.

15. Mental Health Wellness Act: California's Crisis Continuum – *Information*

Presentation on California's crisis continuum and 988 Five Year Plan to help inform the Commission's discussion on future Mental Health Wellness Act priorities. *Presented by AhnThu Bui, M.D., Project Director at the California Health & Human Services Agency (CalHHS) and Melissa Martin-Mollard, Ph.D., Acting Deputy Director of Research, Evaluation, and Program Operations.*

New Commission Business

3:05 p.m.

16. Chair and Vice Chair Elections – *Action*

Nominations and election of the 2026 Chair and Vice Chair will be considered. *Presented by Sandra Gallardo, Chief Counsel.*

4:00 p.m.

17. Adjournment

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Action Items

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