

COMMISSION FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MEETING

NOTICE & AGENDA | **January 22, 2026**

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

Location: 1812 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95811 and Virtual

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**
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. Executive Director’s Update – Information**
Executive Director Brenda Grealish will provide brief operational and strategic updates.
- 9:25 a.m. **4. General Public Comment – Information**
This time is reserved for public comments on items not on the agenda.
- 9:35 a.m. **5. Meeting Minutes – Action**
The August 28, 2025, and November 20, 2025, meeting minutes will be reviewed and considered for approval.
- 9:40 a.m. **6. Consent Calendar – Action**
 - i. Innovation Funding Request: San Bernardino County – Peer Housing Project up to \$2,089,845 for 3.5 years.
 - ii. Innovation Funding Request: Tulare County – Semi-Statewide Electronic Health Record (EHR) Innovation Project PHASE 2 up to \$456,440 for 2 years.

- iii. Mental Health Wellness Act: Full Service Partnership Grant Intent to Award up to \$10,000,000.
- iv. Mental Health Wellness Act: 0-5 Technical Assistance Intent to Award \$1,600,000.
- v. iBridge Contract Amendment up to \$245,720 for one year.

9:50 a.m. **7. Stretch Break**

Program Advisory Committee & Client, Family, and Community Inclusion, Lived Experience, and Diversity Advisory Committee Updates and Recommendations

10:05 a.m. **8. Innovation Partnership Fund Grant Outline – *Action***

Review and consideration of the Request for Proposal outline for the Innovation Partnership Fund. *Presented by Melissa Martin-Mollard, Ph.D., Acting Deputy Director of Research, Evaluation, and Program Operations, and Vice Chair Chambers.*

12:00 p.m. **9. Behavioral Health Student Services Act Administrative and Evaluation Funds – *Action***

Review and consideration of proposed expenditures of administrative and evaluation funds. *Presented by Melissa Martin-Mollard, Ph.D., Acting Deputy Director of Research, Evaluation, and Program Operations.*

12:30 p.m. **10. Lunch and Closed Session – Personnel Matter – *Action***

California Government Code § 11126 (a) to discuss the Executive Director evaluation process and general Commission personnel matters.

1:30 p.m. **11. Re-establish Quorum and Report Back from Closed Session – *Action***

Chair Rowlett will report back on any reportable actions that took place during closed session.

1:35 p.m. **12. Mental Health Wellness Act Peer Respite Grant Outline – *Action***

Review and consideration of the Request for Proposal outline for the Mental Health Wellness Act Peer Respite grant project. *Presented by Courtney Ackerman Research Scientist of Research, Evaluation, and Program Operations and Vice Chair Chambers.*

2:35 p.m. **13. Stretch Break**

Legislative and External Affairs Advisory Committee Update and Recommendations

- 2:50 p.m. **14. 2026 Sponsored Legislation – *Action***
Review and consideration of legislation to sponsor in the 2026 legislative session.
*Presented by Kendra Zoller, Deputy Director of Legislative and External Affairs,
Commissioner Madrigal-Weiss, Heather Nemour, Coordinator, Student Wellness and
School Culture, San Diego Office of Education.*

Budget and Fiscal Advisory Committee Update and Recommendations

- 3:30 p.m. **15. Update on the Governor’s Proposed 2026-2027 State Budget – *Information***
Presentation on the Governor’s proposed 2026–2027 State Budget. *Presented by
Lauren Quintero, Acting Deputy Director of Administrative Services and Performance
Management.*

- 4:00 p.m. **16. Adjournment**

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Action Items

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