

COMMISSION FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA | **March 26, 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.
- 9:20 a.m. **3. Executive Director’s Update – Information**
Executive Director Brenda Grealish will provide brief operational and strategic updates.
- 9:35 a.m. **4. General Public Comment – Information**
This time is reserved for public comments on items not on the agenda.
- 9:45 a.m. **5. Meeting Minutes – Action**
January 22, 2026, and January 23, 2026, meeting minutes will be reviewed and considered for approval.
- 9:50 a.m. **6. Consent Calendar – Action**
- i. Innovation Extension Funding Request: Kern County – Early Psychosis Learning Healthcare Network up to \$4,900,000.
 - ii. Intent to Award: Transition Age Youth Advocacy Contract – \$670,000 per year for three years.

10:00 a.m. **7. Advocacy Spotlight – Information**
United Parents will present on advocacy work for parents and caregivers of children with behavioral health challenges. *Presented by Melissa Hannah, MS, Executive Director, Steve Varner, Statewide Grant Coordinator, and Jolene Freschi, Parent.*

10:30 a.m. **8. Stretch Break**

Budget and Fiscal Advisory Committee Updates and Recommendations

10:45 a.m. **9. Commission’s Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Mid-Year Budget Report – Information**
Mid-year update of the Commission’s Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget report. *Presented by Lauren Quintero, Acting Deputy Director of Administrative Services and Performance Management.*

Program Advisory Committee Updates and Recommendations

11:15 a.m. **10. Data Strategy & Dashboards – Information**
Review the Commission’s Transparency Suite, preview upcoming dashboards, and discuss the Commission’s data strategy. *Presented by Melissa Martin-Mollard, Acting Deputy Director of Research, Evaluation and Programs.*

Lunch and Closed Session

12:30 p.m. **11. Lunch and Closed Session – Personnel Matter – Action**
California Government Code § 11126 (e) to meet with legal counsel to discuss pending litigation matters.

1:15 p.m. **12. 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.

Strategic Planning Advisory Committee Update

1:20 p.m. **13. Update on Strategic Plan Refresh – Information**
Update on progress made to the Commission’s 2024-2027 Strategic Plan update effort to align with the Behavioral Health Services Act. *Presented by Brenda Grealish, CBH Executive Director; CBH Commissioners Karen Larsen and Brandon Fernandez; Eric Douglas, Senior Partner, Leading Resources, Inc.; and Karin Bloomer, Leading Resources, Inc.*

3:00 p.m. **14. Stretch Break**

Legislative and External Affairs Advisory Committee Update and Recommendations

3:15 p.m.

15. Legislative Priorities – Action

Consideration of bills and budget items to take a position on in the 2026 legislative session including Assembly Bill 96 (Jackson); AB 1540 (González); and the proposed budget cut to the behavioral health Medi-Cal Mobile Crisis Services benefit.

Presented by Kendra Zoller, Deputy Director of Legislative and External Affairs; Meron Agonafer, Policy Director, CalVoices; Amer Rashid, Director of Legislative Affairs, California Behavioral Health Directors Association; and Kyle Johnson, legislative assistant for Assembly Member González.

4:00 p.m.

16. Recess

This is a two-day meeting; the body will recess at the conclusion of Day 1 and reconvene on Day 2.

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Action Items

The Commission may take action on any item labeled “Action,” though it may postpone or decline action at its discretion. Items may be heard in any order. Public comment is taken on each agenda item. Items not on the agenda will not be considered.

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- By phone: Press *9 to raise your hand. Staff will call you by the last three digits of your number.
- By computer: Use the “Raise Hand” function. Staff will call your name.
- Comments are typically limited to three minutes. The Chair may adjust time limits as needed.
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