



LA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION (BHC)
 “Advocacy, Accountability, and Oversight in Action”
 Michael Molina, Chair, Presiding

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE	February 27, 2025		
START TIME	12:00pm	ADJOURNMENT TIME:	
LOCATION	510 South Vermont Avenue, Terrace Level Conference Room, Los Angeles, CA 90020		
ATTACHMENTS	MEETING RECORDING LINK	PUBLIC COMMENT DOCUMENT LINK	AGENDA

IN ATTENDANCE	ABSENT
Commissioner Name	
Michael Molina, Chair; Brittney Weissman, First Vice Chair, Kathleen Austria, Member-at-Large, and Victor Manalo, Member-at-Large	Jacqueline Sandoval-Valenzuela
QUORUM PRESENT: YES	APPROVAL: Motion made by Commissioner Manalo. Seconded by Commissioner Austria. ADJOURNMENT: 1:07 PM

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CONSENT AGENDA (Item #4)		
a. Approval of minutes of the November 07, 2024, meeting	Approval: Motion made by Commissioner Manalo. Seconded by Commissioner Weissman	
b. DMH BOS Updates	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How were the libraries chosen to be a part of this pilot program to serve unhoused patrons? <i>Response:</i> The report was made by the LA County Library Department to identify the ten libraries with the most incident reports to pilot this program. Request for more than one team to serve in the second district. <i>Response:</i> The pilot program does not currently 	



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	<p>include all libraries, only the 10 high-risk libraries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Was the selection process, made by the LA County libraries, in collaboration with the supervisorial districts? <i>Response:</i> The supervisorial districts were informed about the selected libraries, but the extent of their collaboration is uncertain.• Budget allocation: Regarding the 700 million budget, 95 million is allocated to Workforce, Education, and Training (W.E.T). Who will be receiving the training, what type of training will be provided, and which capital projects are being funded from this allocation?• Request for a draft of the 700 million budget plan and ensuring community and committee input opportunities. <p>Approval: Motion made by Commissioner Manalo. Seconded by Commissioner Weissman.</p>	
c. BH Commission Budget Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commissioner Weissman encouraged the commission to consider utilizing the remaining budget within the 2024- 2025 fiscal year and to strategize the most effective use of the funds, as they are intended for convening. <p>Approval: Motion made by Commissioner Manalo. Seconded by Commissioner Weissman.</p>	
NEW BUSINESS (Item #5)		
a. CARE Court Listening Session (Supervisor Hahn Motion)	<p>Motion Directive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) CARE Court staff plan to host a listening session in collaboration with the BHC to gather feedback after a year of implementation. <p>Summary of Key Suggestions:</p>	



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	<p>b) Hold the session separately from the BHC monthly meetings. c) Time, likely in the evening, and location should be chosen strategically to ensure participation. d) Implement a hybrid model, in-person and remote. e) Commissioner Manalo volunteered to chair the session. f) Crystal proposed seeking county council’s input on whether a BHC commissioner can chair the session. g) Commissioner Austria suggested structuring the session as a special commission meeting to comply with the Brown Act.</p> <p>Implementation Considerations:</p> <p>h) Preparation: Ensure petitioners can effectively communicate their perspectives within the allotted time. i) Flexible Framework: Establish guidelines while allowing for organic responses.</p>	
<p>b. 2025-2026 Upcoming Board Election Process</p>	<p>Process discussion:</p> <p>March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee will appoint Nominations Committee. • Kenia has digitized the interest survey for BHC members to volunteer for the Nominations Committee. • The nomination form will be sent for commissioners to nominate themselves or others. <p>April:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Commission will ratify the appointment of the Nominations Committee, and the Committee will begin accepting nominations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenia will email interest survey
<p>c. 2025 Retreat Planning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The BHC Retreat will be hosted at The California Endowment on Wednesday, August 13th replacing the regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 14th 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenia will follow up to confirm whether the same consultant can be



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A suggestion was made to retain the same staff as last year and keep them on reserve for five years to ensure continuity and facilitate a smoother transition for the new executive committee. 	retained for consecutive years.
d. 2024 Retreat Ad Hoc Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Manalo’s ad hoc is happy to take on the responsibility of leading CARE Cout’s listening session Chair Molina is open to hosting a second listening session before the end of the fiscal year along with Commissioner Manalo’s ad hoc 	
e. BH Commission Bylaw Implementation: Process and Selection of Three Board Members	<p>Suggestions for the process to begin recruitment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kenia suggests replicating the process the executive office such as using an online survey to collect applications, including a requirement to provide a short qualification statement. The BHC can create their own form, distribute through the email MHC list which has around 7,500 contacts countywide and hand out printed forms during the monthly BHC meetings and sessions. Commissioner Weissman suggests using the form used by the county to recruit Measure G Implementation Advisors because of its simplicity. Suggestion to ensure clarity regarding the description of the position, time commitment, and the other commissioner roles. Kenia will collaborate with PIO and ensure information about the BHC is included, attach a fact sheet, and the meeting schedule. Commissioner Austria suggests maintaining geographic 	



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	<p>representation by tracking applicant’s Supervisorial Districts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aim to conclude member recruitment by May to begin onboarding members in June. • Commissioner Weissman suggests using LAist to expand the audience and tie the announcement with the change of MHSA to BHSA. 	
<p>f. BHC Topics of Interest List</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CARE Court metrics were discussed in February and the discussion led to hosting a town hall meeting. • Commissioner Manalo’s ad hoc is planning to focus on USCC during a regular BHC meeting. • MHSA recap: Proposal to publicly report MHSA accomplishments. • Announcement of Commissioner Roche’s Q&A sessions for the month of March for any commissioner who wishes to engage with UCLA staff. <p>SAPC Information Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on whether to include SAPC presentations in regular BHC meetings or as separate sessions. • Holding these meetings may serve as an opportunity for the Substance Abuse and MH teams to interact and build a positive relationship. • Concern over private SAPC director meetings limiting transparency and a suggestion to include educational materials into the already standing item, SAPC Director’s Report. • Suggestion to ask Dr. Tsai to create a series of presentations with the suggested topics over the course of 4-5 months. 	
<p>g. Discuss March 13, 2025,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda for March 13, 2025, was agreed on as detailed on 	



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agenda. Items for consideration:	<p>item 5g with the addition of the following items under NEW BUSINESS: Update on the Process and Selection of Three Board Members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moving an item: Move CARE Court Listening Session to the DMH Director Updates under “STANDING ITEMS” on the agenda.	