



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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE	3/13/25		
START TIME	11:00am	ADJOURNMENT TIME: 1:44 PM	
LOCATION	510 South Vermont Ave., Terrace Level Conference Room, Los Angeles, CA 90020		
ATTACHMENTS	MEETING RECORDING LINK	PUBLIC COMMENT DOCUMENT LINK	AGENDA LINK

IN ATTENDANCE		ABSENT
COMMISSIONER NAME		
Kathleen Austria, Reba Stevens, Thomas Roache, Michael Molina, Dr. Erica Holmes, Victor Manalo, Lawrence Schallert, Brittney Weissman, Stacy Dalglish, Tyler Cash, and Susan Friedman		Imelda Padilla-Frausto, Bennett Root Jr., Jaqueline Sandoval, and Marilyn Sanabria
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes	APPROVAL: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Manalo. Seconded by Commissioner Schallert. Minutes approved on 5/8/25.	
ADJOURNED: 1:44 PM		

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AGENDA / ACTION ITEMS	DISCUSSION/DECISION SUMMARIES	FOLLOW-UP ITEMS
4. CONSENT AGENDA		
a. Approval of minutes of the February 13, 2025, meeting c. DMH Constituent Follow-Up Report d. BH Commission Budget Report	Approval: Consent agenda items approved. Motion made by Commissioner Manalo, seconded by Commissioner Dalglish.	



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b. Department of Mental Health (DMH) Legislative Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Dagleish requested clarification on SB 823, AB4, and AB339 • Commissioner Austria requested updates on the Federal Budget, specifically on significant cuts to overall Federal Medicaid spending and how this may impact the Department and the Department’s ability to serve County residents. <p>Approval: Consent agenda items approved. Motion made by Commissioner Dagleish, seconded by Commissioner Schallert.</p>	Elon Shultz will get back to Commissioner Dagleish regarding whether item AB 339 will impact the BHC
5. STANDING ITEMS		
a. DMH Director Updates – Dr. Lisa Wong, DMH Director	<p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Manager of MHSA, Kalene Gilbert, will present on the annual update for the MHSA to gather feedback from the BHC. The full annual update presentation during the public hearing in April. • This is the final year of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) planning. • Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) planning will begin on March 28th. • This year MHSA took time to do a deep dive into the different programs with presentations on housing, FSP, and crisis services, etc. which are reflected in the posted annual update. This was in response to the feedback that releasing the plan all at once at the end of the year was too much. <p>Questions and requests made by the commissioners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Dagleish asked for a report on what has happened to juvenile justice. 	Dr. Wong to report back on juvenile justice.
b. Department of Public Health (DPH) Substance Abuse and Prevention Control (SAPC)	<p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Schallert noted the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently, there are no prevention and harm reduction 	Dr. Tsai to report on the questions asked



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<p>Updates – Dr. Gary Tsai, SAPC Director</p>	<p>programs in Santa Clarita.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Encouraged collaboration with faith-based organizations and graduate schools to connect with individuals who need the program. ○ Suggested using creative arts and music to engage individuals. <p>• Commissioner Dalglish asked the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Given the low number of respondents, where does the money go if it is not utilized? ○ Are you funded enough to handle another single- or double-digit recovery residence program? ○ What are your thoughts on abstinence in those residential programs and your past experiences with it? ○ Regarding R-95 listening sessions, workgroups, and trainings, how is attendance, are you getting robust attendance on that? ○ When helping people either residentially or outpatient, how long is the follow-up for them? 	<p>by Commissioner Dalglish.</p> <p>BH Commission Questions for SAPC v3.pdf</p>
<p>c. DMH - Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)/Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Updates – Kalene Gilbert, LCSW i. Annual Update Fiscal Year 2025-2026</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Molina encouraged the commissioners to review, read, and take notes on the MHSA Annual Update binder they received, to prepare themselves for the April 10th public hearing. • Chair Molina invited anyone who is willing to provide testimony on the MHSA program. The discussion will be compressed into a letter and delivered to the Board of Supervisors. <p>Questions and requests made by commissioners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you summarize the breakout by Sup District and include it in the plan? • Can you create a budget breakdown of the other budgets and address the 95-million-dollar surplus? • Who is providing the enhance emergency shelter programs? What 	<p>Kalene to address the questions asked by the commissioners.</p>



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	<p>shelters are providing these services in SPA 6 in the 4 existing shelters?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How much of the work is done by contracted organizations and how much is done by the Department of Mental Health?• Commissioner Dagleish requested more attention and resources be given to SPA 5.• It is difficult to use early intervention funding for first-episode psychosis because people typically receive attention after experiencing an episode, making it difficult to use the funds for prevention.• Can we establish a new mental health screening at the pediatrician level?• Can you explain the underspend by category and if the funds can be reallocated into different categories?• Are you using capital money to fund new urgent mental healthcare facilities? Specifically, Henry Mayo, now that the funds have been approved, how can they be used for staffing, construction, and other operational needs?• Chair Molina requested that the information requested by Commissioner Austria, regarding the budget, and Commissioner Weissman, regarding the underspend, be provided before April 10th. Additionally, the information regarding the SPA 6 asked by Commissioner Stevens may be sent to her directly.	
6. NEW BUSINESS		
a. CARE Court Listening Session (Supervisor Hahn Motion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listening session will be a hybrid meeting held on April 4th, 2025, at 5:30-7:30 PM at 510 S Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA, 90020.• The listening session will provide participants, families, professionals, and anyone else an opportunity to voice their concerns.	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The save-the-date has been sent to the BH Commission list and a list of petitioners provided by the CARE Court team. 41 people have registered so far.• The invitation flyer will be sent on 3/14/25.• A feedback survey is currently being designed to serve as a guide for participants as to what input will be important to provide.	
b. Upcoming 2025-2026 Executive Committee Election Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The survey has been sent out and can be filled out by those who wish to volunteer to be part of the Nominations Committee.• Commissioner Weissman has volunteered to serve on the Nominations Committee, one more volunteer is needed. If the additional commissioner volunteers by the next Regular Meeting, the committee may be ratified.• After the committee is ratified, a survey will be sent for commissioners to volunteer or nominate their colleagues. By May, the review will be made and by June, the elections will be held.	
c. Process and Selection of Three Board Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three additional seats are to be filled by a commissioner under the age of 25, a commissioner who is a veteran, and a commissioner from the educational community.• Kenia has created a response survey for those who wish to fill the seats. The goal is to be done with the process by the end of June.• The BOS still reserve their right to appoint people to the commission, 2 from Behavioral Health and one from Substance Use.• The survey link will be sent to the MHC email list, LACOE, and the veteran’s office contact list.• Commissioner Manalo encouraged the commissioners to provide their input about nominees to the BH Executive Committee.	