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>> Welcome everyone to the L.A. County behavioral health commission this is the executive meeting, my name is Kenia, I am an executive assistant to the commission. I will start with an introduction of myself, brown skin, brown eyes, dog brown curly messy here.

I am wearing a multicolored top. Purple, lavender white tones. Black pants black shoes. For those of you who are new in the room, the restrooms are outside this door. The left you right depending which way you go. I think that is it shared.

>> Good afternoon, welcome to the executive committee of the behavioral health commission, this is Mike Molina the chair of the commission. Welcome everybody in person as well as virtually can you please call the role.

[Roll Call]

>> Thank you, it is time for public comment we will stop for the people in the room and then we will move to the people participating virtually.

Is there anyone in the room that wishes to make public comment at this time please come forward and have a seat.

>> If I may make a quick announcement, for those of you who are listening to our or who are watching the live broadcast. If you are a Spanish speaker or a Korean speaker, they have posted the correct numbers for you to be able to call in and make a public comment or listen to this meeting.

There was a technical issue with the lines and the numbers that were posted on our website and on the agenda. So please, look at the posting on the chat for public facing broadcast. If you are just listening to us, for Spanish, please call 323-776-6996, conference ID number 334, 948926. For Korean, 323-776-6996. Conference ID 760466419 thank you.

>> Thank you very much Kenia, let us go ahead and begin. Good morning Sir welcome.

>> Good morning Sir welcome.

>> Good morning, full support of the commissioners, this is so important. I want to say I appreciate that you worked very hard. Especially during the time of the fires. They are very stressful. And we all know how hard everyone worked to be able to help other people survive.

While we feel up here today though, what is the problem? One thing we understand about life, what goes around comes around. No one wants to hear what is going on.

Is it because, when they speak they find somebody else talking on the word? Everybody has a responsibility of leadership, and Commissioner Mike, you set the standard. You are that leader people imitate.

In doing so, when I was speaking last time, I was speaking on something really important I had to stop. What goes around comes around. [Indiscernible] you

reap what you sow, if for the community we want to be able to still have the model. The purpose.

DMH is listening, we have that. And when I was speaking last time, it just showed the reason why this room is so empty. Four years people want to be heard. Especially when given to minutes. We haven't change that, that needs to be adjusted.

Please, please, please as in the case of the information at JW.org. I was like okay. That is something that is really helpful. Only one person was able to show that they wrote down that zoom number. That shows when you do those things the person is really listening. And I'm sure in the future, open as the last statement that these will not come back upon us. That we can have this from field.

>> Thank you sir. They can very much good to see her. Anyone else in the room wishing to be heard at this time, please come forward. Please come forward Sir. Good afternoon.

>> Good afternoon. Good afternoon commissioners, my name is Dr. Estrada Al Mohammed clinical psychologist author of the Bureau care to custody cemetery pipeline. The system equity framework formally submitted to the commission on April 10. Now a part of public record.

At that meeting, your inquiries reflected two of the models for findings. The bureaucratic complexity is obstructing access to care. Family caregivers remain unsupported across the county system. The department's inability to offer a structure response or analytic framework and real-time, only underscores the relevance, and the urgency of the work.

Since then, there has been no formal engagement or follow-up, despite the model being asked to leave reference. To show interest to show inquiry. That silence is not neutral. I urge the commission and the department, leadership to avoid selective or silent application of the framework. Without consultation or fidelity or purpose. Such use undermines ethical standards in public trust.

Custody cemetery pipeline is ready for ethical and fermentation. What's missing is not infrastructure, but institutional courage. A QR code has been shared with relevant stakeholders.

It links to the full framework summaries cemented into the public record. Thank you for your stewardship and honoring the families in the community's you a charge to serve.

>> Thank you sure thank you for sharing is there anybody else in the room that would like to share this time? Seeing none, thank you Kenia can we see if there's anybody on the AT&T line?

>> AT& T can you hear us? AT&T, I think your line is muted.

>> Let's go ahead and suspend public comment for now, until we can get our virtual operations in here. And colleagues let's continue with the agenda, so that we can dispense with some items.

Let's move to item number four, calling the consent agenda pick would anybody like to take any of those three items off of the consent agenda to discuss? Seeing none, we will entertain a motion and is second to approve the consent agenda please.

>> Mr. Chairman I will make the motion to accept the consent agenda.

>> Thank you Commissioner. Second Commissioner Austria, that is unanimously approved. Let's move to item number five, new business. 5-A is behavioral health commission annual update fiscal year 2025-2026 recommendation letter. As you know following the annual public hearing, the commission draft a letter, that is becomes connected to the transmittal of the annual update that is sent to the Board of Supervisors.

A draft has been circulated and is in your packet for your review. Because of the time line, we want to go ahead and consider and approve the letter today. We sent the draft to the full commission and asked the commission for time to review it.

They had until close of business yesterday, Kenia do we receive any communication from Emma's of the commission?

>> No commute occasion.

>> So the draft is performed.

>> I stand corrected. Commissioner Manalo e-mail that's a great job and it is good to go.

>> Questions Commissioner Austria?

>> I did want to add, understate holder participation. And this is under stakeholder participation, you know I applaud the efforts you know, there with our stakeholders at the monthly stakeholders.

But the wider participation feedback, I thought was lacking. And I wanted to add a sentence that states something how feedback from the wider community was somewhat lacking. And we need to have an outreach plan for the wider community. To get more feedback.

If we could add that sentence under there, because we did not have any feedback online, 0, zip. We used to fill the room up with people, and we had some. So, I think we again, it is the wider community, not the immediate stakeholder community. Which I applaud. And I think there was good work done there. And the letter does capture most of my concerns. Except for that one. So, if we could just kind of flag that, so that we can get that wider community involvement. Thank you.

>> So Commissioner, just so I understand it. We could certainly do as you asked pick so we will at a sentence under the paragraph called stakeholder participation. That demonstrates that there was concern, or that we will still seek for a wider community to be involved.

>> Yes, feedback. Because I think you know, we continue to get the plan out to the community. And this is a major responsibility and we need to flag that.

>> Thank you Commissioner.

>> Good job will everyone, overall.

>> Go ahead Commissioner Weisman.

>> Any commissioners joining us online could you let us know Kenia.

>> I'll look again but I did not see any.

>> Is there any Commissioner that has more interest to share feedback from the letter could they let us know by and they today.

>> This is Kenia, I submitted the letter the morning with the understanding hasn't come in by the end of day yesterday. I will let them know it will be edited a little bit more.

>> Okay we just got word one of the commissioners may have input. So, if you wouldn't mind just circulating that letter to the full commission again, using your e-mail address. Using the mental health commission e-mail address. I know that is rather specific.

>> I think because we had public you know it was spring break. And now people might have been gone. I know I had stopped.

>> I am assuming that the IMO that went out yesterday this particular commission did not receive it?

>> She did not open it. So she is just now seeing it.

>> When is the deadline to submit this letter as part of you transmittal?

>> All right specifically this is why we sent the draft to all of the commissioners, for suggestions, early enough but we will hold it now until tomorrow. I am not entirely sure how we get an approval of the final draft? If it doesn't happen at this executive committee meeting, because it cannot wait until our next full commission meeting.

>> It's already been sent let's leave it as is.

>> We are contemplating how to incorporate feedback, but leave it unapproved and send it forward, and it seems not appropriate. So it is currently in an approved state. Save us most conservative to send as is even by all of us.

>> I know that it is you know, eminent, but given it you know when it was sent out, I know I had spring break.

Babysitting, family out of town, you know Glenn said it but I did not have time to just sit down. I don't know anyone else? I don't know if that's an issue?

>> I think if we can just add commissioners comments. And not, wait for other commissioners. That's what I would do.

>> We did it, we all had time. I know, I agree with Commissioner Austria. We all are very busy people. And I think, with the date that was set, especially since we need to provide this report. And we have had ample time and warning along the way and others that we know this has to be appeared

>> Second.

>> So what are we seconding?

>> Motion or from Commissioner Manalo, to incorporate the suggestion from Commissioner Austria and that is approved.

>> Pardon me this is the AT&T operator we are now on muted.

>> Thank you, we will conduct you in a few minutes.

>> Mr. Chair do we need to vote on that? Let's see if there's any final discussion on the motion in the second that is to approve the letter that has been amended, that will be amended like Commissioner Austria's recommendation. So that it can be submitted on the basis.

I would just say if there are commissioners that feel are there issues that they have, that are not reflected in this letter, then they always have the ability to go to their respective supervisor. And discuss those issues. With supervisor staff.

But I feel a little stuck, because we do have a timeline that was clearly spelled out. And this was communicated to all of the commissioners with a deadline, it was clearly spelled out. And I don't want to run the risk of it not going as part of the transmittal to the Board of Supervisors. So, I think the motion in the second is timely. Any other comments? Let's take a motion to approve this letter with the amendment from Commissioner officer and forward to Kaylene so she can edit to transmittal.

Roll call please.

[Roll Call]

>> Approved.

>> Thank you Kaylene we will add what Commissioner has added.

>> Item be caretaker feedback. Supervisor Han several months ago's submitted a motion, to request the Department of mental health, for a report on the progress of care court. It had several factors to it. One factor that was specific to us, was a request that we conduct a town hall meeting.

To meet with stakeholders, relative to care court progress. We did do that about three weeks ago. A good turnout, and a couple hours worth of public comment, both in person as well as virtual.

That feedback, has been synthesized in a report, that would become part of the overall report, that the department owes the Board of Supervisors. Because of this motion. So Kenia the progress is that is where?

>> I apologize I was looking at the commissioners text. My understanding is, let me just explain this text. Commissioner [Indiscernible] and Stevens are on the public facing broadcast and not in our link. So, I like to let you know that. I'm sorry your question was on care court and report back.

So we have submitted the commissions, what the Commissioner was responsible for which was updating and running the town hall obtaining feedback, providing the report. To the care court team.



They are now working on the full report back, which includes three other additional items. We will share that trap with you once it is ready. And it will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors as requested.

>> Great, thank you, so in your packet colleagues, is the letter that describes the town hall meeting and the key things that came out of the Townhall meeting for your review. We don't need to approve this today Kenia? This is part of a larger package?

>> Yes, it is the full, it is the full response with the different components in it, that the care court team is responsible for adding. That will be in addition to the report from the commission. So it will be a full package pick

>> Crystal this satisfies the requirement by the commission to the that the department has, relative to the motion.

>> Yes, it will be added as an attachment to the forward.

>> Excellent doesn't then require us to do any other action? Do we approve? No.

>> No, we will share with you.

>> Okay, great any questions for Kenia and/or Crystal.

>> Just a lot of thanks for helping pull to get it, making it happen after work hours and additional work hours and helping the community to make it here in person. And making sure all the departments are organized.

>> Great, thank you very much. Moving onto item C, behavioral health commission annual report to the Board of Supervisors. Kenia?

>> Commissioner Manalo.

>> I'm sorry, I was a little distracted there. Annual report, to the I'm sorry,

>> This was the assignment that we you gave your ad hoc committee during the committee meeting.

>> For the care court stakeholder feedback?

>> No annual report for the commission. It provides a Board of Supervisors an annual report of the activities in a recap of what you have done. Goals, and objectives and so. So I share with you a couple examples of the past reports.

>> I put too much cream cheese on my bagel. That is what I'm going to do. Blame it on.

>> That's fine

>> At the retreat last year we set out goals and one of those goals was having Townhall meetings. I think the care court stakeholder feedback, that process, which included the Townhall meeting. Which was very successful in terms of getting that type of feedback that we need to put back into the report to the board as part of that.

And I am open, that we will have another Townhall meeting, perhaps before the end of this fiscal year. Michael, and there were only two of us on that committee that talked about that. That were considering us.

I thought having one Townhall meeting would be a success for us, giving the limitations that we have as volunteers. And everything that we have to do to put these Townhall meetings together. It is very time intensive. So, I think having one is great, that we can report back to the board. I am hoping that we can talk about another one at some point. And I know we are going to have.

>> This is Kenia, I can have my team put together a list of activities, meetings that have been accomplished during this year. You know, the outcomes of the Townhall that you posted.

We are also collaborating and assisting the GSA team for Townhall. And that has been so right, you know given that this is just a little late. I think, we could wait until immediately after that Townhall.

Meeting add that onto it is a collaborative effort? You know, we can put together a list of activities so that it can be incorporated into that report. There will send it back to you for a lot of edits.

>> Yes, that is what I do. I know, Commissioner also edits for well too.

>> All right, so the bottom line is?

>> Yes that sounds great.

>> We older Board of Supervisors our annual report. You are recommending Kenia, we have some significant events coming up including another Townhall. It seems to make sense to wait for that the last Townhall this year. So we can included in the annual report. Our goal is sometime in the summer, to submit the annual report following next Townhall.

That make sense, are we in agreement colleagues at that make sense? All right, thank you very much, and thank you Commissioner Manalo for spearheading that.

Item 5-D, absenteeism of community health members and commune occasion to the Board of Supervisors. We have addressed this issue several times, including at the report, that there are members of the board of our commission that we haven't seen in a while. And I just thought it was timely, that we formalize this and discuss a path forward specifically, how do we communicate the lack of attendance of some our committed colleagues.

Back to their appointed supervisors, supervisors who have appointed them? In the hopes of making them aware, that our goal is to have a full and complete board rather than a number of folks that have been absent. For a while. So, I guess my first question to the executive committee is, is it time to send that letter to the Board of Supervisors?

>> Yes.

>> Yes, Mr. Chairman I will agree with that. But I think that, I might suggest maybe an additional step or steps that we can take as a commission. That is high happened to be doing a little bit of research on some reason I don't know why.

Each supervisor has committees that have make appointments to. I don't think, my point is that, it is difficult than to find commissioners. If there is a way that we could communicate this in a way we could say let's either we members of the commission, or other people, stakeholders and the committee.

If we could be a part of the process of trying to recommend certain people to be appointed as commissioners I think that would be helpful, my fear is that we will send the letter and because they are so busy, it is not can receive the type of attention that we would want. Or the type of response that we want as a commission. So, that, I am just putting that out there for discussion if anyone has any thoughts or ideas?

>> Your recommendation is communication that goes to the members, to the board members, includes a line that says we stand ready to participate with you and searching new members?

>> Yes. And we would, I mean, I would welcome that. I think all of us would? At least know somebody from the district that we could recommend.

>> My experience in the commission and my supervisor at the office is always open to recommendations and conversations about open seats.

>> Great you cover that Commissioner Austria? Tell us what you think.

>> I think that is great, that is helpful. I don't think all offices are as open to the sense that some districts are. But it doesn't hurt to add it in. I think we should be aware that some offices are like we've got this.

They do have staff assigned to it. But I think it is making it and raising it, how do you raise it to them? Because it is difficult, they do have a lot of people I know. I was assigned to commissions out of all that, people. Who have the time. And the

effort. I think emphasizing people who have the time, is a sentence that needs to be added.

We know that people who are working are packing away to they write a letter to person supervisor, or a boss, and say hey, this will help your company or whatever. You know, can they be supported in we support them in the process. Something like that.

>> Got it that make sense. We can add it but what you are saying is don't be surprised if they have their own way of selecting everything.

>> Every offices different.

>> Thank you for that.

>> I would also frame in time is of the essence given the transition to be HSA, and add substance use expertise to the panel. We need to make sure that we have a full working commission. Also lack of enthusiasm from becoming officers on the commissioning we need a full, meant to choose from.

To help the executive committee function and be able to cover more territory, and have more impact and deeper committee relations with more regularly participating commissioners.

>> Kenia

>> If I do make a recommendation you have 12 applications for your members at large. That might be something that you want to share with the board. You know, you will pick three out of those and they may be all well-qualified and suited to your commission, so those are candidates that may be reviewed and considers.

>> What is the deadline for that to close? I believe I have April.

>> We would only review in total after that closes.

>> Can I asked one more question relative to absenteeism for your suggestions colleagues, I think our bylaws state and can you tell me if I am wrong that a Commissioner can miss three meetings with in a calendar year.

So, are we going to send letters relative to those commissions who have missed three or more meetings this calendar year?

>> would anything else be arbitrary?

>> It is what the bylaws say three or more.

>> It's not, we're not being aggressive, we are just noting, against the template or the rubric that we used. Otherwise, we are creating something in addition to the bylaws.

>> That's correct.

>> So, I am sorry, Mr. Chairman with the purpose of this B then to ask them to consider their whether they want to continue to participate? Or, I mean, I can't really put any sanctions on that pick

>> No, I think we are making them aware that someone has passed the limit that we accept. We appreciate the conversation, with their appointee, I may even be on that list I don't know? I think it is just the rules. That we agreed to as a commission for our own commission.

>> This is Kenia, the bylaws do state that share it committee will make the board aware of absences that are past that limit. It is part of your duty to do that. And it is just you raising awareness of what is happening.

>> Mr. Chairman, I like what you said. Because this affects the work as a commission and we all know that. And I think if we can raise that visibility, and importance of that to the board. Along with our offer to assist and support and help when we can. With the other appointees. If they are open to that, that we are happy to do that. I like that idea.

>> All right, so you will provide us Kenia in this calendar year, and we will generate a draft letter that's crystal will go to each respective supervisor? Relative to her appointee correct. Not one letter, fits all, that goes to an executive office or anything like that. Our letter should be specific to the supervisor relative to her appointees.

>> Friendly amendment to adjust to fiscal year end not to calendar year. If that makes more sense?

>> All right, we're in agreement? All right moving forward then, thank you very much for that discussion. 5-E, colleagues there was a discussion or concern raised by two commissioners relative to having our annual retreat held in August.

August was a month that has been traditionally dark for this commission. We attempted in August retreat last year, and we went ahead to look for in August date this year. But since it was raised as a flag of concern by a couple of commissioners, we have decided to move the retreat to September. So it will be at the September regular meeting of this commission and Kenia is securing a location.

As well as timeline so, you and the full commission are aware, our annual retreat will be moved to September. August will continue to remain a month with no meetings for this commission. I think that the meeting location will be this building. We will be here at headquarters, correct?

>> Yes, endowment is not available we will have to let go of that reservation. And I have the meeting secure for this facility for that meeting.

>> Terrific, so that will be the order if we are going forward. And the new executive committee will not have to worry about choosing a date, or a location, it will be here. At the regular meeting of the commission in September. Any questions about that?

>> Of course, you will have a different time of 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. correct? As it was for the retreat?

>> I think it will be up to the new executive committee of what they want to do. That's go ahead and block that time, that way it gives them the freedom to shape whatever kind of retreat it would like to provide.

>> Okay.

>> All right, next topic 5-F topic of interest list. Which I must confess I have not seen since the last time. Is it in our packet I don't believe I have.

>> I don't have it either.

>> I stand corrected, it is not on there I will display it, so you can see it. We will get you Prince right now.

>> You going to display it so we can continue or to remove it later on. Okay. Cool.

>> Can you enlarge it a lot.

>> Can I suggest table right now and have Daniel and Melissa go get copies and will come back to it. All right? Let us if it's all right, colleagues before we address the draft agenda for May 10,

>> If I may correct myself, it is supposed to be May 8, not May 10, that is my mistake with the agenda. I believe that Kaylene has and ask for that agenda as you get to it.

>> All right, stick around Kaylene. I think we are going to wait to we get the topics of interest list. In case we want to populate any of those topics on the May agenda.

So let's hold right now calling, to discuss the agenda for May 8. Let's go back to public, now that the AT&T operators back. Let's we open public, and take comments for folks who join us virtually.

>> I have to say this on record, that's what I make for trying to correct technical issues at the beginning. AT&T can you provide instructions on how to get to the line on making public comment?



>> Certainly participants have public comment on the phone line, you may press one then 0 on your telephone keypad. You will hear acknowledgment that your line has been placed into the queue.

Once again, if you would like to make a comment please press one 0 on your telephone keypad one moment please. And one moment please, we have one line queuing up, one moment.

>> We will go to line number seven, you may go ahead.

>> Good afternoon commissioners, my name is Dr. Suzanne Siddler. I thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I do want to address their recent care court town hall that I dissipated in a few weeks ago. And share reflections on the community feedback that was provided. Particular by families who are directly impacted by loved ones suffering from severe mental illness PICT

We must recognize what we share at the town hall, is not simply anecdotal. These were real stories of families, navigating the heartbreaking reality of mental illness with their loved ones. Participants voiced a deep concern about systemic gaps and the need for continuous family involvement and care court proceedings.

The fear that individuals might fall through cracks without adequate and compassionate and sustained care. I do ask, what is the outcome of the town hall? It's not simply writing a report and submitting it. The family's spoke clearly at that meeting.

The need for transparency, and how decisions are made ongoing support for both family and their individuals, and a genuine commitment to improving the behavioral health system.

Not just meeting requirements and closing up gaps. These are real people, they need the care, these are lives that we are talking about, I hope that the town hall that was cut conducted a few weeks ago at the request of supervisor Hon.

Will share ongoing policy changes in the help family members to help coordinate the care through care court. It is not an adversarial process. There is a need to get families involved and help support their loved ones.

For me, I have no idea what is happening with my loved one in the care court system. It is become adversarial, and I urge that this is reconsidered. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

>> Thank you and thank you for your participation at our town hall. We appreciate your comments. Next speaker please AT&T operator.

>> And there are no other phone lines.

>> All right, anyone else in the room wishing to be heard, hello, please come forward, or we can bring the microphone to you, what you prefer? Yes, of course, hold on one second period good afternoon please go ahead.

>> Good afternoon, Eileen Ratliff, the request of the commissioners has there been any effort to look at the city of Los Angeles counsel? Because you know we do have salt four and service areas that are managed by the city of Los Angeles? Any consideration for that? Any outreach to the city of Los Angeles counsel? Et cetera.

>> Thank you, thank you very much. I don't want to keep you hanging, we are restricted from commenting on public comment period of your comment is well-made, and we appreciate what you said, thank you very much. Anyone else wishing to make public comment in person or virtually, seeing nine we will close public comment for this afternoon, thank you everyone.

Let's move back to item 5-F, topic of interest list. Colleagues, again, take a look at the list. To make sure that we are as current as possible, and whether any of these topics, jump out at you as possible topics that we want to include on our May 8 agenda. Commissioner Austria?

>> I think it is important, that we discuss our behavioral health attendance BSG, BHSA stakeholder meetings. I note states he had done it and Reva is doing it. I have been doing it as well. But I think, since it is a new thing, we need to make sure that we have appropriate representation.

>> You are talking about the three dental health, behavioral health commissioners who are part of the community planning? And your recommendation is at the meeting we should?

>> Opened up.

>> Did we send an e-mail to the commission asking for volunteers to serve on the community planning team?

>> I sent an e-mail to the three that are currently the representatives into that committee, asking into that to the CPT, asking if they wish to remain picked

Commissioner Stevens as, if he can continue to be and so I am waiting on to other replies and then we can open it up. Unless you wish to open it now, and I send that request to see if this any other interest from other commissions.

>> Commissioner Austria that was a sent as a request for me. I wanted to provide the opportunity for the existing commissioners, to either continue, or volunteer their spot to 70 else. Quite frankly I was not in the mood to fire anybody. If the three commissioners who are currently on the CPT were to continue, I am very happy to reappoint the three commissioners picked Let's wait to hear from the three commissioners, and it is a spot that's open is bringing up.

>> Can we hear from Commissioner Austria.

>> I will continue.

>> All right, two out of three were almost there. Thank you Commissioner thank you very much.

>> Just on this overall list, I highlight onboarding presentations. In the in addition to the items listen here for content. They sent us a full list of the videos and tutorials that we shared out to the full commission. I don't know that every commissioners saw that or reviewed it, or watch them? I think need to continue to promote them. They've already been available to us to accompany learning and real-time during meetings.

>> Thank you very much Commissioner. Colleagues are there any standing items that you wish to see added to the May 8 agenda at this time?

>> I also suggest, this is not a content piece necessarily. Conversation around executive committee, if we continue to not have nominations for chair or vice chair. What the game plan is or plan B would be? Potentially explore delaying the vote to the September retreat? I think we need to talk with the full commission.

>> So, we will have on the full commission agenda, an update on the board election process so we can do it there. That is a good point, thank you Commissioner.

I noticed that, on the topic of interest, the very last item, Mr. Franklin who came and spoke to us about post traumatic hood disorders, at the request of Commissioner Stevens. We do have that agenda is for the meeting agenda. So we giving him time to provide us a briefing on his organization and what they do. Anything else commissioners that you see on this topic of interest list that you would like included on the May 8 agenda?

>> I would imagine we should hear some department updates on legislation and budget and state and federal budget impacts to the departments. I think given that it is made, I think will have a revised I don't know what the date is relative to that, May or June issue start to come back to us. This is relative to the county budget?

>> The California state budget, and it would expect to ship to counties.

>> Regarding Medicaid never thing else? Maybe we should have the lawn give a presentation on state impacts. Yes, let's pull the legislative update off of can stand and add it to standing items. And ask Elon to give us an update anything pertinent to the department or B HSA, I think that makes sense.

>> If he is a counterpart on his side.

>> He does. So make sure he is here as well. All right, so will add that too.

>> Both the MH updates.

>> Right, it's timely, we are in budget season both in the county in the state and federal, so it makes sense to get an update on that. Anything else callings? All right, seeing that, then move back to the draft agenda. For May the eighth, and we will take a look at what we have done in consent. We've taken off legislative updates from both DMH and SAPC and moved it down to standing items.

Crystal will Dr. Wong be here on May 8?

>> I haven't got back yet, so we are going to try to see if she can get in for a portion of the meeting.

>> Okay great. If not Dr. Wong, will she make a recommendation of a Deputy Director and a topic to discuss?

>> Correct.

>> Do you have a requested topic?

>> Do you?

>> I do, is the idea of spending down the budget at the salt service area at the USEC, I think it is probably time to revisit that. Given there was a presentation that Dr. Horn made after one of the meetings. I would like to get a check to see if it was effective, or needs improvement?

>> I think that is a timely topic as we are coming towards the end of the fiscal year end the beginning of the next. If Dr. Wong or Dr. Hornblower to give us an update on the spend down of the money that is a lot to the salts and USEC, and the plan for next school year. Is that you Calen? Terrific that will be a great topic to add to the directors update. Anything else callings?

>> They want to add it to the BHS a and MHSA update.

>> We know what they will provide they sent us a great list of future topics.  
Good afternoon.

>> I am Catherine Rivers, just an update primary prevention I believe we covered at the last meeting. So we will be coming value -based care according to the schedule that we provided.

>> Terrific thank you for clarification we look forward to it. All right, so we will await you Crystal for what is going to be discussed by the director or her representative. And it could very well be the topic of Commissioner Weisman referred to. We look forward to that.

New business is the presentation provided by Mr. Franklin as a requester of Commissioner Stevens. Then we will go into updates and announcements. Of which we have yet to discuss which will talk about next.

Which are the upcoming election process. The selection of the three at-large members. This BH SA Townhall. With talk of that now. And the care court feedback report that we have already discussed. That will be more announcements. But it should lead to some kind of a discussion with our commissioners. All right does that look like a good agenda to move forward with?

>> DMH and part of our planning process for B HSA we are requesting support for our commission for at-large community members. Participants, so we will be developing an application, we will send that out to the community for positions that range from, veteran like we are working there is no agency to identify the representative pick a committee member family member so on and so forth. CBO for example. We were requesting permission last year and make recommendations among the application we request that again.

>> You are seeking, obtaining applications, you would like us to consider forming an ad hoc to go through those applications and make recommendations?

>> Correct.

>> Could the ad hoc the three CBT commissioners?

>> It could be, yes, I think that would be at your discretion.

>> They're the ones who seem most engaged in the process and have experienced the process, so Commissioner Austria, maybe that is the task of the three commissioners that are on CPT.

>> Okay great.

>> I think the answer would be yes collectively is that correct members?  
So yes. Is that all you need?

>> Unless there's any other formal things for the ad hoc committee, that's fine with me thank you.

>> Any questions relative to that process? Anything we can do improve CBT, is something that we earnestly want to collaborate with. Super.

All right, I believe callings we are on item number six on the agenda today. The first being 68, upcoming board election process as Commissioner Weisman alluded to a few moments ago. This has been a slower process and probably anticipated. Maybe not? But it is been a slower process. Up to this point I think we have received one, two nominations by e-mail. Yes, we received two nomination.

>> We are using the electronic form that we had sent out.

>> Which we are considering, at the same time speaking personally with commissioners about their interest in either continuing on the executive committee, or joining the executive committee.

Commissioner Weisman and I have more work to do before we are ready to speak before the full commission. Remind us again, if we stick to five, to the prescribed timeline, the election would be at the June meeting? What is required at the main meeting?

>> We would have to, you would have to present the slate.

>> The slate as is, at the May meeting, but no action taken. At the June meeting there could be nominations from the floor and then the election. So, our job

Commissioner Weisman is to provide however incomplete as slate of officers, for next year.

>> Maybe we could have a conversation at the table about how or what would make it more appealing for other commissioners to sit at this table. Beside us or instead of us? What are we doing, or what can we do what is the limiting factor? How do we adjust?

As I look, I know two people to my right have served as commission chair at least one year. I've served at least three years I think? So, and I know you are considering how to stay active and involved. How do we engage other commissioners to take some leadership and ownership and provide direction, guidance with our support?

>> Any thoughts? Better lunch?

>> Yeah, I think looking at it is just like our attendance. You know, it is a time commitment. It takes away from work and family. How do we make this, you know, and people that are here are committed that are here.

There is no, I don't know what if lunch is a perk I guess? Pastries are great. Coffee, I like tea myself. You know, I don't know how to, it is an honor to serve, it really is, a truly is an honor to serve the public.

How do we, you know communicate that and bring people in? I know this room in the past, when it was located in a different place and before covid-19. This room would be full. Of people. Particularly peers. Location change coming online, how do we engage the people in the community and volunteer for the people in the committee.

I would appreciate any suggestions, from the community, as well as the commission. As to how we can say it is an honor to serve. It is on it to make a change, and to serve people better. From mental health and substance abuse now. How do we do that? This is what we do. We try to make lives better. And that's, that is the hook for me.



>> Yeah for sure.

>> You know to stay committed and evolve.

>> Thank you Commissioner. Commissioner Manalo?

>> Yes Mr. Chairman, is there a way that we can, we can have an in person or some type of maybe, maybe even individual discussions. I'm not necessary saying it has to be you Mr. Chairman.

To speak to the commissioners and get at maybe asked some questions about what would incentivize you, to participate more? And to get to these meetings, I know for some of our fellow commissioners, it would be hard for them. It is hard for them to get here one time a month let alone two times a month. To serve on the executive committee.

So, are there barriers out there, that they can help us to recognize that we might have some ability to you know, to mitigate. Because, I mean, I wholeheartedly agree with you, with Commissioner Austria. We are all here. I don't think anyone, I'm not saying people that don't participate aren't as committed as we are. They have other issues, that we are able to work around. So that we can come to these meetings. It might be helpful to find out from them, what those barriers are. And if we can't help them overcome them.

>> That is a great point. I know for Commissioner Weisman and I picked that is up part of our discussion with folks when we talk 101. Is serving on the executive committee, but yeah, if there is obvious barriers that restrict someone from even considering the role. It is something that should be articulated.

It is up to the next executive committee, to choose the time, the date, how they meet, when they meet, where they meet? There is nothing prescribed in the bylaws that says you must meet on this date. You must meet in this room, you must meet at that time, it's really up to the executive committee to form and shape the method by which these meetings take place.

As long as the public is able to participate both in person as well as virtually, and it is posted on a timely basis.

>> Maybe have a one-on-one with each commissioner and say, what is stopping you from your participation, we are going to send newsletters out.

>> It is going to be a good time to check in with everybody we can all make up a couple of phone call we can just see.

>> Your thoughts in as we consider: 6B is a process and method by which we collect these at-large measures. They are part of our approved bylaws.

Inconsistencies with the BHSA. I believe in your folders, everyone got this you have a second folder. It has an application, resume, more importantly a spreadsheet that Melissa has put together.

To submit their names, credentials, for these three positions. The three positions are, a veteran or veteran advocate, number two, someone who represents a local educational authority, and three, someone who fits the 25 years or younger category. You will see in front of you, colleagues, resumes from two out of those three categories.

We have yet to be able to find, entice, invite, encourage, the 25 and under. Since we spent a lot of time that group in Cal State LA, there may be a way that we can encourage and invite entice you to find nominees for that point. At this point, we do have one, two, three, four, five, six, seven individuals who live in the county that have volunteered their services for consideration. Consideration to facility local education authority and five individuals who would complying with the veteran advocate category.

A good number, I'm sure we all wish it was 70 and 50 applicants but if you want you to be able to acknowledge these individuals also, develop will be our method or process by which we identify one person then, we tend to the commission for their approval and Internet selection is sent to the Board of Supervisors. We saw a couple of stops to make.

Before any of these people would become a commissioner. But, I would like to know, what would you like to do at this point with the event in five, how do we vet, how to interview, we want to ensure this is not a multi-month process we want to get to selecting and making a recommendation to the commission as quickly as possible.

Your thoughts?

>> I think we should wait for the window to close and then review everyone who comes in at that point. Whoever they are. Or, I guess we could, if folks automatically do not fit the criteria, dismiss folks now. I would rather just view everyone in total.

>> We think April 30 is the closing date, that makes a lot of sense. We could wait a week and see if any other responses come in.

>> I'm wondering if this is a responsible to the next exiting executive committee. We could start it but things that we are kind of in the middle, a new one would come in, should not that committee be the one who take that up?

>> A good point recognizing our lame-duckness here. It could be something at the next executive committee takes up quickly. That is a good point. Commissioners, any thing else?

>> I agree with Commissioner Austria this may be something that the next executive committee should be taking on. I only worry about that is delaying. It would be, I think, it might be a significant delay between the end of April and then when these September, they would start.

>> September would be the retreat that would be a meeting designated to your goals and strategies and accomplishing those objectives so it is likely will not get to that process. We pushed back to October what you think, Commissioner Austria?

>> Just because not meeting formally does not mean that the new executive committee cannot meet online or start intervening you know, I understand time is of the essence. At the same time, I think maybe this is maybe we let the new

executive committee come in and really... I don't think delaying a little bit is not terrible. It is just my thought. The new individuals coming in should have that responsibility.

>> If we are mixed on this point we can ask the full commission they would like to discuss it or empower us to just--

[INAUDIBLE]

People who are listening, maybe they have some thoughts.

>> It is on the agenda for May 8 meeting, let's have the discussion at the May meeting. It is not that far off. Whether the full commission wishes us to take on this just put it on pause until the next executive committee. The committee is in panel.

>> In the meantime, Melissa, can ask you to send each of the emails recognizing that we have received, discussed, still discussing the process by which a selection is going to be made.

I don't want any of them to feel that they have been forgotten. Or, that this was a futile exercise on their part. Let's continue to communicate with them so that they are aware that they are still very much in the mix.

>> To help understand the responsibility that the commission in general as well as the response abilities as Commissioner. I think if at all possible, if we could get them in for the retreat and have them attend the retreat as part of an orientation would be great.

>> I think it would to, it would put us on his homeland. I am going to say that you should provide, even after the full commission approves a selection, it would be wet, at least a month before the Board of Supervisors approve?

We have to put that into consideration two. There is a timeline to agenda is, to get the board to approve whoever.... You want to your goal is to have them in battle by September, this commission is going to have to be done with this process by July. Even June. To get the Board of Supervisors enough time to approve.

So, let's say if you want the new members panel by September retreat we need to be able to provide to the Board of Supervisors our recommendations in June. It gives us a sense.

>> That helps, we can share that at the regular meeting. And exactly what to do from there.

>> That doesn't exclude Commissioner Austria's information. The new executive committee was voted on in our meeting in June it could immediately become an ad hoc committee and do this process and bring us names. There are still ways that we can make this happen to empower new executive committee to forge their future. To forge their future as new commissioners, it makes a lot of sense. At the same time, be faithful to the schedule you are thinking of. Last thing, 6C.

Townhall concept I believe was born last month at the executive committee meeting. I was off and away and I came back to find out the present Newtown Multiplan. Which is great but can you know we have done a lot of work putting this together why don't you get an update.

>> To start, in cooperation with the DPH SACS teams to educate the community-- we have found a venue for June 18. It is a Wednesday from 5 to 7. Ramona City Hall city. Ramona Hall community center and access services. It is coming along. Obviously, commission, the members are invited to join. It is not a commission Townhall. It is a Townhall being supported and funded by the commission. The two groups can come together and speak to the community about BHSA.

>> Not much. In terms of the focus, I see opportunities, we would love to hear from the commission on what the interest may be. With the opportunity to educate more of the community we are hoping to reach new people.

Typical stakeholders to get permission about not only behavioral health services but the system as a whole. That's what BHSA is trying to do and would like people to participate in the ongoing process..

>> I want to make sure that the commission gets credit for sponsoring.

>> I'm happy to try to be there. But, we need to be sure that it is sponsored by and says on the banner or something sponsored by the commission that we are trying to gather feedback in this area. Educating, there is always cabinet feedback.

>> I appreciate the partnership and I think that is fantastic. Thank you.

>> We are not gathering feedback, what does that mean?

>> We are not planning. I want to make it clear, it is not a planning session.

Training, awareness raising. Folks will have things to say...

>> It is not unlike our Townhall in which we are given the opportunity to learn more and share information commissioners are welcome to attend, there will be a couple of us leading into the idea, and then, just like the evening we had a full room of people here the evening time is better in the middle of the day. Gives us an opportunity to learn together and to listen to a short presentation from them and then after the short presentation we are hearing from stakeholders. That the idea?

>> Reframing it said that we can ask actions about behavioral health act and you can ask questions so they can be educated on the two units on how they are coming together and working together working with a new act enacted in January.

>> June 18 and Ramona Hall is in Pasadena. 4580 N. Figueroa.

>> Even if we just get a few more folks would never heard of this in their lives, I think that is going to be great.

>> Anything else, colleagues, announcements? Have we exhausted everything?

And, we are adjourned at 1:16 PM. Inc. you, everybody. Thank you to our services we appreciate your efforts.