



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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE	April 24, 2025		
START TIME	12:00pm	ADJOURNMENT TIME: 1:16PM	
LOCATION	510 South Vermont Avenue, (T) Level Conference Room, Los Angeles, CA 90020		
ATTACHMENTS	MEETING RECORDING LINK	NON-VERBATIM TRANSCRIPTION PUBLIC COMMENT DOCUMENT	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, Second Vice Chair
QUORUM PRESENT: YES	APPROVAL: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Manalo. Seconded by Commissioner Austria. Minutes approved on May 22, 2025.
	ADJOURNMENT: 1:16 PM

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CONSENT AGENDA (Item #4)		
a. Approval of the minutes of the March 27, 2025, meeting b. DMH BOS Updates c. BH Commission Budget Report	All items approved. Motion made by Commissioner Manalo. Seconded by Commissioner Austria.	
NEW BUSINESS (Item #5)		
a. BH Commission MHSA Annual Updates FY 25-26	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final draft had been distributed to the commissioners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kenia will revise the draft letter to include



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Recommendations Letter	<p>with a request for feedback by the end of the prior day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kenia confirmed that no additional recommendations were given after the first draft as shared with the Commission. The only comment received was from Commissioner Manalo, who responded via email in support of the draft.Commissioner Austria raised concern about the lack of feedback from the broader community. She recommended that the letter be amended to reflect this gap.Commissioner Weissman inquired whether any commissioners attending online had feedback. Kenya reiterated that no other comments were received.It was mentioned that one commissioner had not opened the email and may wish to provide feedback. The group discussed the possibility of delaying the vote but recognized the risk of missing the deadline.The Chair stressed the importance of submitting the letter on time and confirmed there had been sufficient notice for commissioners to review the draft.Commissioners acknowledged that some members had other responsibilities, but several emphasized the need to move forward as planned. <p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Executive Committee decided to accept one final recommendation (recommendations were due to the Exec Committee by 4/20/25) requested by Commissioner Austria. The current letter draft will be edited to include concern and acknowledgment of the noticeable decline in stakeholder groups and community participation at the Public Hearing.	the addition regarding broader community outreach.



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	<p>Once this edit is complete, the letter will be submitted to DMH and BOS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioners with additional feedback to share their concerns directly with their district supervisor. The motion to approve letter after final edit is made was unanimously approved by roll call vote. 	
<p>b. CARE Court Stakeholder Feedback Report to BOS</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A report summarizing the feedback from the town hall was completed and submitted to the CARE Court team. This satisfies the Commission’s responsibility as stipulated by Supervisor’s Hahns motion. Commissioners were informed that the CARE Court team is now working on the full report. Once the complete draft is ready, it will be shared with the Commission. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crystal will share the complete draft of the full report with the Commission.
<p>c. BH Commission Annual Report to BOS</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This item was delegated to Commissioner Manalo’s ad hoc committee during a previous meeting. Commissioner Manalo noted that although the Commission initially discussed having multiple town halls, successfully hosting one, given time and resource constraints, was a significant accomplishment worth including in the report. Kenia offered to have her team compile a list of activities and outcomes from the past year, including the CARE Court town hall and the upcoming town hall. <p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given that a second town hall is still pending the suggestion was made to wait until after the next town hall to finalize and submit the annual report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kenia’s team will compile a list of Commission activities and accomplishments from the past year, including outcomes of the first town hall and upcoming collaborative events.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Manalo and other commissioners will review and edit the final version before submission. 	
<p>d. Absenteeism of Current BHC Members & Communication to BOS</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Proposed: Send formal letters to each Board of Supervisor regarding their appointed commissioners who have exceeded absence limits of 3 per calendar year according to bylaws. Commission bylaws require the Exec Comm to notify BOS of commissioners’ absences. <p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The letters will emphasize collaboration, not blame. They will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify supervisors of their appointees’ total absences. Express the commission’s desire to maintain a full, active board. Offer support in identifying or recommending potential replacements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kenia will draft letters to each BOS Office about the absences of their respective commissioner appointees.
<p>e. BH Commission Annual Retreat</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The retreat has been moved to September, to coincide with the commission’s regular September meeting. August will remain DARK for the full commission. The Endowment is unavailable therefore, the retreat will be held at DMH HQ. The retreat is scheduled for 9am to 3pm. However, the New Executive Committee can make changes as they see fit. The full-time block will be reserved to provide flexibility. 	
<p>f. BHC Topics of Interest List</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Austria emphasized the importance of continued representation at the BHSA stakeholder meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both DMH and SAPC Legislative Updates will be pulled off consent



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a conversation with current CPT representatives and whether they wish to continue. Commissioner Austria confirmed she wishes to continue. The third Commissioner’s response is still pending. • Commissioners discussed the DPH-SAPC presentations and the need to continue promoting them for commissioner learning. • Concern was raised about the lack of chair and vice-chair nominations for the executive committee. If there are not enough nominations, elections may be delayed until the retreat in September. • There was an interest in receiving updates on legislation and budget impacts from state, federal, and county in relation to Medicaid by both DMH and SAPC. 	<p>and into Standing Items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elon and SAPC counterpart to present legislative and budget updates at the May 8th meeting.
<p>g. Discuss May 10, 2025, agenda.</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Weissman suggested a topic for the Director’s Update- the spending of budgets at SALTs, UsCCs, and CAFs, as well as the effectiveness of Dr. Horn’s past presentation. • SAPC confirmed value-based care as the next topic per the schedule previously provided. <p>Decision: Agenda for May 8, 2025, was agreed on as detailed on item 5g.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crystal to confirm Dr. Wong’s attendance and provide an update on the Director’s Update topic.
UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
<p>a. 2025-2026 Upcoming Board Election Process</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The slate of nominees will be presented at the May meeting. • Election proceedings will take place during the June meeting. • The committee discussed how to encourage more commissioners to participate in leadership roles. Suggestions 	



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	<p>included having 1:1 meeting to discuss barriers, exploring flexibility in meeting logistics, and considering how to communicate the value of serving.</p>	
<p>b. Process and Selection of Three BHC At-Large-Members</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications have been received for the veteran or veteran advocate and the representative of a local educational authority categories. No applications for the individual aged 25 or younger category. • Commissioner Weissman suggested waiting to review the applications until after the deadline of April 30th. • The goal is to have the new members ready to be approved by the Board of Supervisors by June and in time for the retreat in September. • Commissioner Austria suggested having the new executive meeting absorb this responsibility and create an ad hoc committee to complete the selection process. • Commissioner Manalo expressed concern about the significant delay if this task is passed on for the new Executive Committee to handle. • Commissioner Weissman suggested having this discussion with the Full Commission. • Chair Molina suggested making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors by June to have the full panel on the retreat in September. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melissa to email the applicants acknowledging receipt of their materials and inform them that the process is ongoing.



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c. BHSA Town Hall	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Town hall is scheduled for June 18th from 5-7PM at Ramona Hall Community Center.• Topics will include education on BHSA and SAPC services and systems.• Commissioner Austria requested that the BHC receives credit for offering their resources, such as an acknowledgement on the flyer.	