



PUBLIC COMMENT TO ADDRESS THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION  
**Regular Meeting**  
 July 10, 2025

**Commissioners by Supervisorial District**

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<p>The following individuals addressed the Commission either in person or by phone during this meeting.  <b>PLEASE NOTE: The text below has been retrieved from the non-verbatim transcript produced by our live captioning service. For the emailed communication, we have copied the text from the email received and pasted it on to this document.</b></p>				
Public Comment	Pastor E	In Person	Stakeholder report	<p>This is the co-chair. I just want to say thank you for having us again. Last meeting, we did mention something about giving a report on growth and things we were doing at SALT6. And I'd be remorse if I didn't start out by saying this push was something that was dynamic. Part of this report because without our energy. Thank you. When I first came -- when I first came to SALT6, I was just a community member in 2022, it was virtual and we had 11 or 14 members and at that time, I could say personally getting the word out, most people weren't aware that erupted some things and then going into 2023. So we started out with 11 virtually and I'll say myself and the statements and the co-chair at that time. What really was successful was us getting the word out letting community</p>

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				<p>members know that there is a service area leadership team and there is a way to be heard. The biggest thing was people thought they were going to the meetings to be able to talk to and we were able to translate that into this is a room and a space that people can be heard dynamic. So what was great about it was getting the word out but also we were there to collaborate and work with them many ventures in the community not just financially but support, that went great. So now we're at a total of 89 members of our in-person meeting because in January of 2023 -- 2024, we went lye and have been that way since and now we're up to 89. We were at 115 but then people fell off. Now the new bylaws, it must be a five attendance out of a five of nine ratio to be a voting member. We're up to about ten now which is dynamic because we were only up to us chairs and the ones who would come and getting involvement and the collaboration of the community. That goes to this part here. We have two events coming up. July 19th, Faith and Boys where we are doing expungements, job placement, youth training and we're also doing health and wellness events to find out the needs of our community as we always do which is a great thing. We're at 150 in registration now and about 30 vendors. We're going to do a great thing on that day. And then on August 2nd in collaboration with not like us -- I got that name wrong. The I'll put that in my report, chief, but we're partnering with them in the Baldwin Hill Mall to do a back to school health and wellness check. We're going to be supplying 2500 backpacks. We're coming in with the services that will now coordinate into some of the services in the meetings. We're doing skits, we're doing plays. We're talking about bullying and peer</p>

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				pressure in a more active way to get the attention of our youth to let them know there are health and services for that. Of the that's about my report. Thank you guys for hearing from me today. We're doing great in SALT6. All SALTs are doing great but I know we're pushing to get the word out that mental health is not crazy, it's just something natural for all of us, but most people in my community have been told to get in touch with a therapist, to get in touch with a mental doctor, that means you're crazy and you don't do that. So we're changing the narrative to know that we all have problems and you need the help to get it.
Public Comment	Jacob	In person	General	Thank you for hosting. I worked since the late 80s among the jobs that I had my family's in Israel now I have my speech, it's very important to understand that the politics is enthrired. Why can't the U.S. be Internationally strong and take care of all its citizens and residents. The visitors all meet in Cape Cod. What they talk about is their money deals and next change of guard. As to myself I'm split between my French synagogue and that's it. That's all I wanted to say.
Public Comment	Yvonne Sandoval	In Person	Stakeholder Report	Good morning everybody. Commission, folks who have came to this meeting. You're here for a reason and so am I. I just want the to give the highlights for June. On June 7th, it was fantastic. Things were happening all around, you know, South Gate is a big community, they have a lot of residents and they have a very supportive mayor. So it helps with the stigma getting rid of the stigma like Pastor E. Said. So if you need somebody to talk to. My other co-chair and I went to the clergy round table that was held a

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				<p>couple of weeks ago and it was held in huntington park and it must have been like 26, 30 people there, and it was just awesome talking about mental health and it was great information, you know, and, of course, I realize because of my co-chair, she says, hey, talking to just anybody, do you know about 988? A lot of team don't know about 988. But I got on the bus and I asked the same question. She's made this informal thing, do you know about 988 and I asked everybody on the bus and because Erica that was our spokes person on the stand there there's so much activity going on at the same time and you don't really get to hear it, so we need to ask 988 folks. I did see them at Rio Hondo college. And we need more of that. You know, I took another folks from the seniors on another tour and I asked them, I go, hey, who knows here about 988, two people out of 988 and it's to remind everybody it's not police called. It's not a 911 and you don't necessarily have to have people go out to your house, you can text, talk, it's national. That's it. My time is up. Thank you everybody.</p>
Public Comment	Irene Ratliff	In Person	General	<p>Good morning. Irene Rapma. In the last meeting that we had, I had an expression regarding the upheaval of people who were angry about immigration. What I find interesting is we come to another time and I'm hopeful that the city and county of Los Angeles become friends with sue. I had a conversation with someone, a young man, not incarcerated and he said, you know, I couldn't join the military because I had tattoo on my neck. I had conversations and about selective services. Last month, they had a representative right here from the Department of Mental Health that focus on youth. We had two people, one to focus on substance abuse and the</p>

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				<p>other wanted to talk about those who are actually in facilities. Now, I had e-mailed them like I just had a whole package for that expression to talk about the brigade where I looked at the story and the story is is that we have a very large bottom whether we're talking about the people in our normal seat. Our youth who are not selected and create that something as a preventative measure against here it is some of the things that we may find as social issues, homelessness, joblessness.</p> <p>So when I look at myself, right and I'm like, wow, I know when I came here initially, I was crying out about about my concerns about drones and satellites, so it doesn't change to talk about chip which is constitution, human, independence, and civil rights and that being said how it is related to mental health and behavioral health and looking at now as an adult and yet here it is the concern collectively from the general population.</p>
Public Comment	Ezekiel Reyes	In Person	Stakeholder Report	<p>Hi, my name's Ezekiel Reyes. I'm the service area 4 co-chair. So I'll start with the updates first. Service area 4 is having problems due to us being significantly hit due to the I.C.E. raids and stuff like that. So a lot of our events that we had planned are now up for grabs at this point. So we're trying to plan out new ones. We're trying to find ways for the Hispanic heritage month when it comes up and so we're having problems for that at this point. So there's also the Korean heritage as well and so we're just having problems and figuring out how this will work without interference from the outside. So there's that. So I always explained food is a necessity or hot meal. That's just part of an algorithm that an individual is living whenever they're experiencing homelessness, so like in order to</p>

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				change an individual that's experiencing homelessness to start thinking positively or help the person quit doing drugs, we need to create a hiccup in their algorithm on a daily basis, so a hot meal was one of them. Like a place for them to store their item social security another one. Like we need to create these kinds of things so that they can choose, like they can see a path created for them and they'll choose based off their circumstances because when you're homeless, you get bored. And you want to do new things. So why not create a path for them by setting up things, services that can help them think more positively that way they themselves can look for a way off the streets instead of us focusing on housing. Again, to a homeless person, that's hieroglyphs. They don't care. We can adapt to our environment. We can sleep on the streets if it's necessary, but the problem with all of that is the basic necessities that aren't being met and that's where I'd like to emphasize the need that we need to focus on. Like we can work on things that are really high up on the level. So we can also help with the basic necessities as well. So thank you.
Public Comment	Charles Wade	By Phone	General	Hello. I'm (indiscernible) from SALT6. I want to thank you for having this meeting. I was hoping I can ask Dr. Wong if she can tell someone to send me my stipend for the month of April, but I missed that opportunity. But thank you very much.
Public Comment	Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad	By Phone	General	Good morning, commissioners. My name is Dr. Asda Mohamed. I'm currently on involuntary medical leave. Systems equity framework formerly submitted to this board on April 10th. The model wasn't born in theory. It merged from over a decade of front

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				line services, systems of a reform and personal advocacy including my own building, psychiatric provider excluded for eligibility since then, an oversight reform has surfaced from county policy. While this advances the author remains exclusive. There's a no compensation, no attribution. No reWilliam burstment. This is not a technical is a those with lived expertise. That knowledge was offered to prevent preventable death. DMH, Dr. Wong bares responsibility not (indiscernible) at the expense of ethical practices. Equity was not answered (indiscernible). To accommodate the presentation illustrates exactly why this matters. No framework can be advanced without honoring the people and (indiscernible) that make it possible. Thank you.
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<b>Emailed Public Comment Correspondence</b>				
Public Comment	Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad	EMAIL	GENERAL	<p>Dear Behavioral Health Commission,</p> <p>Please accept the following public comment for inclusion in the official record of the July 10, 2025 Commission meeting. I will also be presenting this comment verbally during the public comment portion of the meeting.</p> <p>Public Comment – July 10, 2025   LA County Behavioral Health Commission</p>

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				<p>Good morning Commissioners and County leadership,</p> <p>My name is Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad. I am a Clinical Psychologist on involuntary medical leave from LACDMH, and the author of the BureauCare-to-Custody-Cemetery Pipeline™ (BCCP™)—a systems equity framework formally introduced into the public record during your April 10, 2025 session.</p> <p>This model was developed over more than a decade of clinical service, systems-level analysis, and equity-based reform efforts across PEI, CMMD, QA, WET, ARISE, and Access to Care. Several of these components—including suicide postvention protocols, centralized referral tracking, and oversight redesign—are now active County policy, mirroring BCCP™ submissions introduced while I remained medically sidelined.</p> <p>BCCP™ was submitted to support public safety, ethical oversight, and trauma-informed transformation. Since that submission, I've witnessed multiple components of the BCCP™—and its companion B2C3A™ Prevention Model—implemented or referenced across County divisions, from postvention to referral tracking, cultural competency, and CARE Court reforms.</p> <p>What remains missing is not implementation—but attribution, ethical engagement, and structural remedy.</p>

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				<p>Public systems must not absorb trauma-informed strategies rooted in lived experience and research-informed service while excluding their author, especially under conditions of unpaid medical leave. When frameworks like BCCP™ are adopted without fidelity or consultation, the result is not only erasure—it is systems-level distortion.</p> <p>This Commission holds a charter responsibility to ensure that equity is not performative, but practiced—and that public authorship is protected, not quietly replaced.</p> <p>I respectfully urge the Commission to:</p> <p>Formally review the BCCP™ framework, as submitted to the public record.</p> <p>Ensure that its use aligns with transparency, consultation, and institutional accountability.</p> <p>Uphold the ethical standards your Commission was created to safeguard.</p> <p>Attached for Reference: BCCP™ Attribution &amp; Oversight Timeline (2018–2025).pdf</p>

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Public Comment				
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