

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION UPDATE FOR JULY 10, 2025

Past and Upcoming Events:

- The Office of Child Protection hosted a Youth Behavioral Health Convening on June 26, co-hosted by Board Offices. Presenters included DHCS, CDSS, SAPC, DCFS, and DMH. Participants included representatives from each Board Office, education, children welfare, managed care, probation, children’s providers, and statewide advocates.
 - Purpose was to have an intentional discussion with key stakeholders to help integrate various LA County initiatives - including the intersection of behavioral health, health, and child welfare reforms - that are currently taking place in order to prioritize children, youth, and families.
- Planning for specialty forums:
 - Youth – Purpose is to engage youth population in a session that occurs afterhours or on a weekend, in a format designed for youth participation
 - Housing – Focused CPT session on housing as well as a City housing forum

CPT Updates:

- Review of the statewide behavioral health goals and review of local data to inform discussions on the local plan.
- Review of Los Angeles County data on determinants of health (Education, Health, and Income) from our partners with Measure of America
 - Offer to the Commission to host a Data Walk of the preliminary LA County data

Updates from the State:

- The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released the BHSA Population-Based Prevention Program Guide online. It is available here:
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPP/Pages/BHSA-Population-Based-Prevention-Program-Guide.aspx>
 - Public Feedback is due by end of day July 11. The feedback form is available here: [CDPH Feedback Form](#)
- This version is a very high-level overview. CDPH plans to hold “listening sessions” to inform approach.

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- HCAI Student Loan Repayment Program has opened and is available to Behavioral Health professionals of all levels who serve or will serve in Medi-Cal programs. Applications are open until August 15th. Details are available here: [HCAI Medi-Cal Behavioral Health Student Loan Repayment Program](#)

DMH Updates:

- Internal Planning is focused on identification of needed capacity at all levels of care
- DMH is combining BHSA and BH-Connect Planning efforts where there is overlap

SAPC Updates:

- After a period of onboarding to BHSA, Internal Planning will focus on developing the Integrated Plan narrative and budget.
- SAPC is working with DMH around its request for BHSA Housing funds.