



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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE	June 12, 2025		
START TIME	11:00 AM	ADJOURNMENT TIME: 1:36 PM	
LOCATION	510 South Vermont Ave., Terrace Level Conference Room, Los Angeles, CA 90020		
ATTACHMENTS	MEETING RECORDING LINK	BHCOMMISSION-NON-VERBATIM-TRANSCRIPT-PART 1 BHCOMMISSION-NON-VERBATIM-TRANSCRIPT-PART 2 PUBLIC COMMENT DOCUMENT	AGENDA LINK

IN ATTENDANCE	ABSENT (E= Excused; U = Unexcused)
COMMISSIONER NAME	
Reba Stevens, Thomas Roache, Bennett Root Jr., Michael Molina, Dr. Erica Holmes, Victor Manalo, Brittney Weissman, Susan Friedman, Lawrence Schallert, Marilyn Sanabria, Tyler Cash, and Stacy Dagleish	Imelda Padilla-Frausto (U), Kathleen Austria (E), and Jaqueline Sandoval (U)
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes	APPROVAL: YES. Motion made by Commissioner Dagleish. Seconded by Commissioner Roche. Minutes approved on 7/10/25.
ADJOURNED: 1:36 PM	

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3. PUBLIC COMMENT –		
<i>Stakeholder Group Reports</i>	Stakeholder groups in attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SALT 4 • SALT 6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Dagleish requested the



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SALT 7 <p>Stakeholder reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SALT 4 expressed gratitude towards the Mental Health Department. Concerns were raised about the lack of community health workers involved during the BHSA CPT meetings. • SALT 6 updates were shared regarding the events held by SALT 6. There was a mention that the number of stakeholders attending the events increased. • SALT 7 updates were shared regarding the events held by SALT 7 and shared information about future events. 	<p>data and the strategy behind increasing the number of stakeholders at their meetings from SALT 6.</p>
<i>General Comments</i>	<p>Jim “the Hat” and Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad addressed the Commission by phone, in-person, and with emailed communication. See attached public comment document.</p>	
4. CONSENT AGENDA		
<p>a. Approval of the minutes of the May 08, 2025, meeting</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Dagleish requested that Item A be removed from the consent agenda. • Commissioner Dagleish asked that the CAF Report request be included in the minutes for the May 8, 2025, meeting. • Commissioner Dagleish inquired about the process used to record Commissioner attendance. She requested that her name be moved from the "Absent" column to the "In Attendance" column, citing past practice where excused absences were recorded as present. • Kenia stated she would follow up with the council to ensure compliance with applicable laws and protocols. • Commissioner Root identified an error and requested that his name be moved to the "In Attendance" column, as he was present during 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenia to follow up with county council and provide a report regarding commissioner attendance on the next meeting, July 10, 2025.



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	<p>the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Stevens requested they are informed about changes routinely to remain updated on policy changes. • Kenia stated she will ensure that any changes are communicated with the Commission. <p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda will be placed for approval at the next Regular Meeting on July 10, 2025. 	
<p>b. DMH Legislative Update Reports (DMH & DPH-SAPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMH Legislative Report 06/12/2025 • DPH-SAPC Budget and Legislative Presentation 06/12/2025 • DPH-SAPC Budget and Legislative Full Report 06/12/2025 	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Molina pulled item C from the consent agenda. • Commissioner Molina inquired about Trump’s One Big Beautiful Bill and the effects it will have on the county DMH and DPH funds. • Commissioner Root inquired about the expected social consequences of the loss of coverage. • Commissioner Dagleish questioned if a person’s primary address is included in the Asset Requirement and whether the Real Estate value requirement is triggered at 1M dollars or above. • Commissioner Weissman asked how the departments will manage the reduction in match and the impact of the consolidation of the Block Grant. • Commissioner Stevens asked about how the effects on MediCal are being broadcasted to the public to reach people who have not yet applied. <p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Molina requested that the new Executive Commission revisit this topic and place it back on the agenda by September, or once a decision is made regarding the One Big Beautiful Bill. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAPC and DMH to return by September to provide an overview of the anticipated changes should the One Big Beautiful Bill pass and the May Revise of the State Budget be approved by the legislature.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The item was approved. Motion made by Commissioner Dagleish and seconded by Commissioner Sanabria. 	
c. DMH Constituent Follow-Up Report d. BHC Budget Report	Items C and D on consent agenda approved. Motion made by Commissioner Dagleish. Seconded by Commissioner Root.	
5. BUSINESS CARRIED FROM 5/08/25		
a. Presentation: Check the Rhyme – Post-Traumatic Hood Disorders Program, Jasier Franklin	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Stevens expressed appreciation for Mr. Franklin’s return and the depth of his presentation, emphasizing the importance of acknowledging communities affected by poverty and trauma. She urged the Commission to explore financial support mechanisms, noting that unspent funds are often left unused. Commissioner Friedman praised the presentation and encouraged Mr. Franklin to expand his outreach to media outlets and key political offices, noting the power of public storytelling in securing broader support. Mr. Franklin shared that he had contacted Supervisor Mitchell’s office and applied for grants but had yet to secure substantial support. Commissioner Dagleish encouraged Mr. Franklin to target broader, more diverse audiences, including individuals outside his immediate community. Commissioner Dagleish confirmed Mr. Franklin’s organization is now a 501(c)(3), enabling charitable contributions. Commissioner Manalo commended Mr. Franklin’s grassroots efforts and stressed the need for tangible support beyond encouragement. He emphasized the importance of connecting him with funding sources Chair Molina stated he would take this opportunity and present it to his respective BOS and encouraged the rest of the commissioners to 	



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	do the same. Additionally, he reassured Mr. Franklin the appointees from Supervisor Mitchell’s office will follow up with her.	
a. 2025-26 Executive Committee Elections - Nominations Committee Presents Slate - Election of Officers	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elections were held for each position- Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, and two Member-at-large positions. <p>Chair – Election</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominees: Commissioners Weisman, Stevens, Molina, Dagleish, and Manalo. • Declinations: Commissioners Weisman, Stevens, and Molina respectfully declined. • Acceptances: Commissioner Dagleish and Commissioner Manalo. • Candidate Statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dagleish: Spoke to lived experience, prior service as Chair, focus on stakeholder engagement (particularly those with lived experience), transparency around personal conflict of interest, and her leadership approach. ○ Manalo: Highlighted his experience as a social worker and university professor, collaborative leadership style, and goal to foster stronger relationships among Commissioners. • Vote Results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Manalo: 7 votes ○ Dagleish: 4 votes ○ 1 abstention • Elected Chair: Commissioner Victor Manalo <p>First Vice Chair – Election</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original Slate: Commissioners Weissman and Stevens - both declined. 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nomination from Floor: Commissioner Dagleish - accepted. • Vote Result: Unanimous vote for Commissioner Dagleish. • Elected First Vice Chair: Commissioner Stacey Dagleish <p>Second Vice Chair – Election</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original Slate: Commissioner Manalo (already elected Chair), Commissioner Roache - declined. • Nomination from Floor: Commissioner Stevens - accepted. • Vote Result: Unanimous vote for Commissioner Stevens. • Elected Second Vice Chair: Commissioner Stevens <p>Members At Large – Election (2 positions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominee 1: Commissioner Friedman – accepted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vote Result: Unanimous vote. ○ Elected Member At Large: Commissioner Friedman • Nominee 2: Commissioner Weissman (nominated by Commissioner Dagleish to ensure District 5 representation) – accepted after clarification of attendance requirements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vote Result: Unanimous vote. ○ Elected Member At Large: Commissioner Weissman <p>Summary of Elected Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Commissioner Manalo • First Vice Chair: Commissioner Dagleish • Second Vice Chair: Commissioner Stevens • Members At Large: Commissioner Friedman and Commissioner Weissman 	
6. STANDING ITEMS		



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a. DMH Director Update – Briefing on Mental Health in Juvenile Justice -Dr. Karen Streich, Deputy Director-Forensic Psychiatry Division	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Stevens inquired about the Department of Mental Health’s (DMH) role within the Juvenile Justice system. • Commissioner Friedman raised concerns regarding departmental counselors who are not delivering appropriate or individualized treatment to patients. • Commissioner Holmes asked about treatment outcomes and the specific metrics being used to evaluate effectiveness. • Commissioner Schallert inquired about the percentage of the treated population identified as survivors of human trafficking and the types of treatment services provided to them. • Commissioner Roche asked about the long-term follow-up process, including the percentage of patients lost to care. He also raised concerns about patients who may be released from treatment prematurely, placing an undue burden on their families. <p>Requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Stevens requested demographic data on this population, including prior residences before legal involvement, reentry communities, and associated Supervisorial Districts, Supervisorial Areas, zip codes, and racial demographics. • Commissioner Schallert requested data on patients identified as at-risk for, or involved in, human trafficking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Streich’s team is to provide the Commissioners with a report with the information Commissioner Stevens and Commissioner Schallert requested.
b. DPH-SAPC Update – Serving Youth Across Continuum – Dr. Gary Tsai	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Manalo asked about any last step hurdles currently faced by the target population in accessing services provided by the Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) division. • Commissioner Stevens inquired about outreach strategies for individuals currently hiding due to the present sociopolitical climate, 	



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	<p style="text-align: center;">and how agencies are ensuring that those in need feel safe accessing services.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due to the loss of quorum, the commission could not proceed with the remaining agenda items. Items 6c through 8c are carried to 7/10.</p>	
c. MHSA/BHSA Updates – Kalene Gilbert & Katherine Li		
7. New Business		
a. AOT Impact Report		
9. Updates & Announcements		
a. BHC At-Large Member Recruitment – 16 applications, no application for 25 years and younger category		
b. BHC/DMH/DPH-SAPC BHSA Town Hall – June 18, 2025, 5pm-7pm @ Ramona Hall Community Center		
c. BHC Annual Retreat – September 11, 2025, 9am-3pm @ DMH HQ		