



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

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

<b>MEETING DATE</b>	October 23, 2025		
<b>START TIME</b>	12:00pm	<b>ADJOURNMENT TIME:</b> 1:30 PM	
<b>LOCATION</b>	510 South Vermont Avenue, (T) Level Conference Room, Los Angeles, CA 90020		
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<a href="#">MEETING RECORDING LINK</a>	<a href="#">PUBLIC COMMENT DOCUMENT LINK</a>	<a href="#">AGENDA</a>

<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>ABSENT (E = Excused, U = Unexcused)</b>
<b>Commissioner Name</b>	
Victor Manalo, Chair, Stacy Dagleish, First Vice Chair, Reba Stevens, Second Vice Chair, Susan Friedman, Member-at-Large, and Brittney Weissman, Member-at-Large	
<b>QUORUM PRESENT: YES</b>	<b>APPROVAL:</b> Yes, motion made by Commissioner Weissman. Seconded by Chair Manalo. Minutes approved on 11/20/25.
	<b>ADJOURNMENT:</b> 1:30 PM

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<b>3. PUBLIC COMMENT –</b>			
<i>Stakeholder Group Reports</i>	<b>Stakeholder groups in attendance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No stakeholders were in attendance.</li> </ul> <b>Stakeholder reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No stakeholders provided a report.</li> </ul>		
<i>General Comments</i>	Chales Wade, Louis Scott, Jim “The Hat”, Harold Thomas, Ricardo Kim, Marta Guerra, Gene Harris, Wendy Cabil, Mark, one anonymous participant, and Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad addressed the Commission by phone, in-person, and/or with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kenia and BHC Executive Committee to discuss the</li> </ul>	



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	<p>emailed communication. <b>See attached public comment document after page 9.</b></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several comments spoke out regarding community members not receiving their CAF stipends.</li> <li>• The Executive Committee requested a response from BHS staff.</li> <li>• Dr. Horn confirmed there is no backlog on their end, but she is in the process of meeting with LA County Accounting and Finance Division, to brainstorm ideas and speed up the payment process.</li> <li>• Dr. Horn also noted that not being enrolled in direct deposit also slows down the payment process.</li> <li>• Dr. Horn asked the Commission to place her on the agenda to report on how the issues raised have been addressed.</li> <li>• Commissioner Stevens mentioned that CAF participants have said they have not received payments since June.</li> <li>• Dr. Horn offered to share the reconciled list of the CAF participants who have yet to receive payment.</li> </ul>	<p>timeline the public comment submission requirement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kenia to share Dr. Horn’s list with the Executive Committee.</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Horn will be discussing the CAF processing during the 11/13 meeting.</p>
<b>CONSENT AGENDA (Item #4)</b>			
<p>a. Approval of minutes for September 25, 2025</p> <p>b. <a href="#">DMH Updates</a></p>	<p><b>Items a, b, and c approved. Motion made by Commissioner Friedman. Seconded by Commissioner Weissman.</b></p>		



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c. <a href="#">BHC budget report</a>			
d. Review of <a href="#">topics of interest list</a>	<p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioner Dalglish requested that the CAF topic be added to the list.</li> </ul> <p><b>Item d was approved. Motion made by Weissman. Seconded by Commissioner Friedman.</b></p>		
<b>WORK IN PROGRESS (Item #5)</b>			
a. Update on Data Notebook	<p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioner Dalglish extended an invitation to the Committee and asked Dr. Horn and Kenia to share additional event details.</li> <li>Dr. Horn stated the event will be a community focus group.</li> <li>The facility being highlighted is the SHARE Peer Resource Center, located at 6666 Green Valley Circle, Culver City, 90230.</li> <li>The event is scheduled for October 28, 2025, at 6pm.</li> <li>The purpose of the focus group is to provide participants with an opportunity to share their experiences, discuss how they engage with the surrounding community, and discuss their experience with NIMBYism.</li> <li>Dr. Horn stated the event was promoted through the peer chief sharing the event flyer and through SHARE’s community outreach.</li> <li>Commissioner Dalglish stated she’d like to explore</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Horn to share the event information with the BOS and council members.</li> </ul>	



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	<p>advertising opportunities in local newspapers for future events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Friedman confirmed she’d be in attendance.</li> <li>• Dr. Horn requested that anyone in need of transportation to the event contact her directly.</li> </ul> <p><b>Requests and Decisions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Dalgleish asked Dr. Horn to share information about the event with the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and the City Council members from that area.</li> </ul>		
<p>b. Update and discussion on 1 of 2 directives from Supervisor Hahn’s Improving CARE Court in L.A. motion:          - CARE Court Town Hall</p>	<p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next CARE Court Town Hall will be held in the evening at Ramona Hall Community Center.</li> <li>• Kenia and her staff are coordinating logistics, including booking Access Services and finalizing other details.</li> <li>• Commissioner Dalgleish requested future town halls be hosted at different venues throughout LA County.</li> </ul> <p><b>Requests and Decisions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Weissman asked that Commissioners leading the town hall coordinate with support staff prior to the event.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leading Commissioners and BHC support staff to coordinate before the town hall.</li> </ul>	
<p>c. Discuss review and selection of applications received for the</p>	<p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair Manalo asked each Commissioner to state their selection.</li> <li>• Chair Manalo and Commissioner Weissman</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kenia to share more information on the candidates fitting into the</li> </ul>	<p>The veteran candidates’ vetting sheet was shared with the Exec Comm on 10/23.</p>



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<p>members-at-large (3) position</p>	<p>recommended sharing the decision of the Committee with the full commission for ratification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Friedman stated she will be unable to attend the next meeting and will not be able to vote.</li> </ul> <p><b>Employee of a local education agency category, discussion and decisions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Dagleish suggested considering the candidate from Antelope Valley to increase representation in that area.</li> <li>• <b>Candidates considered:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MH</li> <li>○ GO</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Commissioner’s Vote:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chair Manalo: GO</li> <li>○ Commissioner Dagleish: GO</li> <li>○ Commissioner Stevens: GO</li> <li>○ Commissioner Weissman: GO</li> <li>○ Commissioner Friedman: GO</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Results:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ GO was selected unanimously.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>25 years and younger category, discussion and decisions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Weissman stated she preferred AT because they were recommended by a Board of Supervisors (BOS) and their lived experience.</li> <li>• Commissioner Friedman stated she preferred EP, noting that their enthusiasm spoke to her.</li> <li>• <b>Candidates considered:</b></li> </ul>	<p>Veteran or Veteran Advocate category.</p>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ EP</li><li>○ AT</li><li>● <b>Commissioner’s Vote:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Chair Manalo: AT</li><li>○ Commissioner Dagleish: AT</li><li>○ Commissioner Stevens: AT</li><li>○ Commissioner Weissman: AT</li><li>○ Commissioner Friedman: EP</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Results:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ AT was selected by a 4-1 vote.</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Veteran or veteran advocate, discussion and decisions:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Commissioner Dagleish requested more information regarding candidates from the veteran or veteran advocate category.</li><li>● The Committee agreed to postpone the vote until further information is available.</li><li>● Commissioner Friedman stated MG stood out to her because of their involvement in veterans’ mental health. Her only reservation is that the candidate is from District 4, where a previously selected candidate also resides. Commissioner Friedman asked if this candidate should be removed from consideration.</li><li>● Commissioner Weissman agreed that the Committee should strive for diversity amongst the selected candidates.</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Candidates considered:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ BB</li></ul></li></ul>		



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MG</li> <li>○ SK</li> <li>○ JM</li> <li>○ ZM</li> <li>○ ER</li> <li>● Commissioners agreed that they needed more time to decide on this candidate.</li> </ul>		
<b>DISCUSS AND DRAFT THE AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL RETREAT (Item #6)</b>			
	<p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Commissioner Weissman requested that the CAF Report and the ratification of the newly selected members-at-large be added to the agenda.</li> <li>● Kenia asked whether the Committee would like the CAF updates to be part of the BHSa updates or listed as a separate agenda item.</li> <li>● Commissioner Stevens requested the CAF item remain a separate item and clearly define what is being requested.</li> <li>● Commissioner Stevens also noted that it is not feasible for some participants to apply for direct deposit and that the stress related to issues with CAF can exacerbate mental health problems.</li> <li>● Chair Manalo requested the CAF item be placed under the Work in Progress category.</li> <li>● Commissioner Weissman asked that the Director’s Update focus on maintaining benefits for those who need them and are planning to apply.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kenia to add the CAF update and the ratification of the members-at-large to the agenda.</li> <li>● Kenia to share information on the Brown Act workshop with Commissioner Dalgleish.</li> </ul>	<p>CAF update has been added as an item for discussion to the 11/13 agenda.</p> <p>Kenia is working with County Counsel for a one pager highlighting updates.</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Stevens asked about the process of adding items on issues that arise in real time.</li> <li>• Crystal will confirm whether commissioners are permitted to discuss political topics during the BHC meetings.</li> <li>• Commissioner Dalgleish what new updates have been made to the Brown Act now that SB 707 has passed.</li> <li>• Kenia stated that a workshop will be hosted to inform the Commissioners of the new updates to the Brown Act.</li> </ul> <p><b>Requests and Decisions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CAF update report will be placed under the Work in Progress category, and the ratification of the newly selected members-at-large will be added to the agenda.</li> <li>• Kenia will share the information about the Brown Act workshop with Commissioner Dalgleish.</li> </ul>		
<b>NEW BUSINESS (Item #8)</b>			
<p>a. Discuss the feasibility of holding the executive committee meetings on the same day as the commission’s regular meetings (on 2nd Thursday of the month)</p>	<p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair Manalo expressed concern about consolidating the Executive Meeting and Regular Meeting, noting that currently the meetings are already lengthy and sometimes result in a loss of quorum.</li> <li>• Chair Manalo reminded Commissioners to send their questions to the support staff prior to the meetings in order to save time.</li> </ul>		



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on November 20<sup>th</sup>.</li></ul>		
<b>UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS (Item #7)</b>			
	<b>This item has been moved to next executive meeting's agenda.</b>		