

Behavioral Health Commission
Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
October 14, 2025 2:30-3:30PM

- Transformation scaffolding + Committee priority alignment- Frieda
 - Frieda- It would serve us to better understand the function of the commission and the committees given the shift in BHSA and BHRS.
 - Frieda- For example, the youth committee – much of the work has centered around preventative and early intervention, and education, so there is a question around the future of the Youth Action Board. I'm mentioning this not to problem solve but hopefully to have a dialogue so we can be proactive. Is there a better placement for YAB?
 - Jei – I don't see a total pivot. I see opportunities with the current composition of YAB. Potentially COE. We are also working to partner with public health. Prevention money is at statewide level, and we don't know if it will go to the local level. I think they will still want to do some prevention work e.g. suicide prevention.
 - Frieda- I don't think we will slash the infrastructure we built, but I'm just trying to think more longitudinally about what the future needs are.
 - Jei- Ultimately Community Process Planning (CPP) plan will still come back to the commission for feedback before it moves forward to the state.
 - Jei- What I would like for the commission is to understand what it means to be a behavioral health plan. Looking at MHSA/BHSA is only a small piece of the BHRS transformation. CPP is a small part about how to continue being contracted with the state.
 - Michael – In terms of director's association, what have they seen, what can we get ahead of? As you get that information, it would be good to know as soon as possible.
- Application process + Accelerating future commissioner
 - Can we communicate with Bill Silverfarb more to help move this forward?
 - We can also use CalBHB/C as a resource + Behavioral Health Council – performance outcomes committee
 - https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Pages/CBHPC_QuarterlyMeetings.aspx
- Potential bylaw revisions
- 26 Annual Retreat Priorities- recap/eval outcomes
 - Once we solidify date, Jei can ask Doris or Sylvia if they can facilitate.
 - Committee will be meeting week of 10/27 to review surveys for date and retreat priorities.

- Committee includes Commissioners Yoko, Leti, Jason, Dan, Veer, Kate
- Frieda - Retreat focus: Programmatic priorities & technical adaptations to the Commission aligned with the BHRS transformation & its success metrics.
- Commission Engagement/Culture-
 - Concern that a good number of commissioners don't speak at commission meetings and we are missing their expertise. How can we build a better culture?
 - Also, importance of attending committee meetings beyond inviting them.
 - David – Having come on recently, it can feel overwhelming stepping into the system and not understanding the procedure. I'd like to be involved, but it is overwhelming.
 - Frieda – It is appropriate if senior team, Jean, Yoko and Leti, follow up with new commissioners to check-in. Use January retreat to focus on state and federal landscape and how do we plan accordingly.
 - David - +1 and using time during retreat to go outside of business to connect with each other more.
 - Thank you, David, for coming as a new commissioner and speaking up.
- Discuss potential for holiday social/mixer
 - Are we able to do this? (Brown act)
 - Holiday season may be difficult time for folks. Perhaps better to keep this to the retreat.
- Which months are the awards
 - February – George Culores
 - May – Tony Hoffman
 - September – David Lewis

Next meeting: November 5, 5:30PM – Focus on 2026 presentation topics