



LA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION (BHC)

“Advocacy, Accountability, and Oversight in Action”

Michael Molina, Chair, Presiding

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE	02/13/2025		
START TIME	11:00am	ADJOURNMENT TIME:	
LOCATION	510 South Vermont Ave., Terrace Level Conference Room, Los Angeles, CA 90020		
ATTACHMENTS	MEETING RECORDING LINK	PUBLIC COMMENT DOCUMENT LINK	AGENDA LINK

IN ATTENDANCE		ABSENT	
COMMISSIONER NAME			
Kathleen Austria, Thomas Roache, Michael Molina, Dr. Erica Holmes, Victor Manalo, Bennett Root Jr., Brittney Weissman, and Stacy Dalglish, and Susan Friedman		Imelda Padilla-Frausto, Jaqueline Sandoval, Anders Corey, and Marilyn Sanabria	
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes	APPROVAL: Approved on March 13, 2025. Motion made by Commissioner Manalo, seconded by Commissioner Dalglish		
ADJOURNED: 1:31 PM			

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AGENDA / ACTION ITEMS	DISCUSSION/DECISION SUMMARIES	FOLLOW-UP ITEMS
4. CONSENT AGENDA		
a. Approval of minutes of the January 23, 2025, meeting b. Department of Mental Health (DMH) Legislative Update c. DMH Constituent Follow-Up Report d. BH Commission Budget Report	All consent agenda items approved, no additional discussion. Motion made by Commissioner Manalo, seconded by Commissioner Schallert.	



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e. Bylaws Amendment Revised Approved Motion		
5. STANDING ITEMS		
a. DMH Director Updates – Dr. Lisa Wong, DMH Director	<p>Highlights regarding the fire response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have transitioned to recovery phase which includes finding places to have groups at diverse times and dates. DMH continues to provide support connecting fire victims to resources while local networks build up capacity.• We continue to collaborate with the state who has provided 30 additional staff through the ISP grant. This is a short-term and immediate assistance provided by the state. Challenge: This staff is at the level of community health workers who need support in training before engaging. The state is only providing a 2-day training.• The department met with evacuation sites, Westwood Shelter and Pasadena Convention Center. Clinicians, physicians, and clinical pharmacists were deployed to assist.• People with enough resources have been able to leave the sites. A few hundred people remain in the sites, those who remain have the biggest challenges such as people with disabilities, mental health, monetary, and immigration challenges.• New focus on how the department can sustain the current need for mental health support people need. Offers of mutual aid have been extended by other county Behavioral Health Directors and different volunteers in the community. Challenge: How these services will be organized, coordinated, and vetted.	



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	<p>Highlights Regarding the transition of the Peer Resource Centers (PRC) to the Club House Model:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New benefit which will be offered as a MediCal benefit, an option with BH connect, and LA County opted in.• Dr. Wong and her staff visited Fountain House in New York, a club house who is serving as a blueprint for this approach.• The Clubhouse Model involves more collaborative relationships, with staff working alongside members rather than traditional hierarchical studies.• Clubhouse International sets the standards that must be met before attaining certification. The certification is a year-long process which leads to sites being able to bill for those benefits.• PRC leadership staff were asked to provide feedback and thoughts about whether they perceived the Clubhouse Model to be valuable to the PRC.• Implementation of clubhouses will be done in two phases. A contract is being developed with Fountain House to aid with the implementation of the model.	
b. Department of Public Health (DPH) Substance Abuse and Prevention Control (SAPC) Updates – Dr. Gary Tsai, SAPC Director	<p>Requests and questions from commissioners for future presentations:</p> <p>DPH-SAPC Director Update Presentation Link</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There were several request and feedback for Dr.Tsai, please see attached document provided by Dr.Tsai after the meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Tsai will provide written responses to all questions.
c. DMH - Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)/Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Updates – Kalene Gilbert, LCSW and Dr. Darlesh Horn,	<p>MHSA Mid-Year Adjustment Presentation Link</p> <p>Concerns and questions from commissioners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concerns regarding how the new administration will affect federal funding for MHSA• How are the concerns of the LGBTQ+ community being addressed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kalene will provide a list of activities provided, particularly by



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DPA. i. MHSA Mid-Year Adjustment FY 2024-2025 - Update ii. MHSA/BHSA Community Planning Team (CPT) Process iii. Annual Update Fiscal Year 2025-2026 - Preview	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Commissioner Weisman emphasized the importance of considering the cultural and emotional aspect of the shift from MHSA to BHSA. All strategies and planning should be focused on the impact it will have on people such as managing their feelings and culture.The presentation gave the impression of being separate but equal, which was insufficient. How are we going to work together?	the UsCC.
6. NEW BUSINESS		