



LA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION (BHC)
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE	December 18, 2025		
START TIME	12:00pm	ADJOURNMENT TIME: 1:00 PM	
LOCATION	510 South Vermont Avenue, (T) Level Conference Room, Los Angeles, CA 90020		
ATTACHMENTS	MEETING RECORDING LINK	NO PUBLIC COMMENT	AGENDA

IN ATTENDANCE		ABSENT (E = Excused, U = Unexcused)	
Commissioner Name			
Victor Manalo, Chair, Stacy Dagleish, First Vice Chair, and Susan Friedman, Member-at-Large, and Brittney Weissman, Member-at-Large		Reba Stevens, Second Vice Chair (E)	
QUORUM PRESENT: YES		APPROVAL: Minutes approved on 1/22/26. Motion made by Commissioner Weissman. Seconded by Commissioner Friedman.	
		ADJOURNMENT: 1:00 PM	

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3. PUBLIC COMMENT –			
<i>Stakeholder Group Reports</i>	Stakeholder groups in attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No stakeholder groups were in attendance. 		
<i>General Comments</i>	No public statement was made to the Commission by phone, in-person, and/or with emailed communication.		
CONSENT AGENDA (Item #4)			
a. Approval of minutes for November 20, 2025 b. DMH Updates	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Weissman pulled the Topic of Interest List. 		



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c. BHC budget report	Items A-C approved. Motion made by Commissioner Dagleish. Seconded by Commissioner Friedman.		
d. Review of topics of interest list	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Weissman expressed interest in learning more about the department and how it collaborates with other levels of care to maximize federal funding. • Commissioner Friedman requested information on existing resources that support families of individuals with substance use disorders. • Commissioner Dagleish requested a presentation on how the Department of Mental Health (DMH) is supporting community members in securing employment considering new service eligibility requirements. <p>Item F approved. Motion made by Commissioner Dagleish. Seconded by Commissioner Weissman.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenia to add Commissioner Weissman’s and Commissioner Dagleish’s requests to the list. 	Done
DISCUSS AND DRAFT THE AGENDA FOR JANUARY 08, 2026 (Item #5)			
	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Dagleish commended Chair Manalo for providing Commissioners space to share their work as it relates to the BHC’s mission. • Commissioner Weissman requested clarification on the different types of reports and how they are categorized, to better understand what will be delivered. • Commissioner Weissman also requested clarification on the process related to the Topics of Interest list, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenia to propose an updated agenda format that clearly distinguishes between written reports and presentations. • Kenia to explore adding an agenda 	Agenda format was updated.



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	<p>specifically how DMH and SAPC-DPH determine which topics are presented each month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenia asked the Committee to identify a topic from the Topics of Interest list they would like to present in January and suggested applying this process on an ongoing basis. She also requested that the Committee specify whether they prefer a written report or a presentation. • Crystal suggested that DMH select the topic to present or that the BHC Executive Committee make the selection. • Chair Manalo explained that topics suggested by Commissioners may be addressed through directors’ written reports, with appropriate staff attending meetings to respond to questions as needed. • Commissioner Weissman suggested scheduling topics from the list in advance to reduce the length of the list. • Commissioner Dagleish suggested receiving written reports first, followed by Commissioner discussion to determine whether a subject matter expert should be invited for further questions. • BHSA and SAPC staff provided suggestions on how to prioritize and select topics for inclusion in reports. • Commissioner Weissman requested that agendas be clearly labeled to distinguish between written reports and presentations. • Additionally, she requested that time be allotted on 	<p>line item for confirming receipt of reports by the Commission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenia to add an agenda update to inform the full Commission of Executive Committee decisions. 	



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	<p>the agenda for the Commission to confirm receipt of reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Dagleish suggested adding an agenda item to update the full Commission on decisions made by the Executive Committee. <p>Requests and Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An accountability check will be added to the agenda to acknowledge receipt of reports by the Commission. Chair Manalo asked Kenia to explore adding agenda items for acknowledging report receipt and providing updates to the full Commission on Executive Committee decisions. 		
NEW BUSINESS (Item #6)			
<p>Setting priority goals/issues to work for the remainder of the fiscal year</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Manalo stated his desire to facilitate a comprehensive discussion on the issues the Commission would like to address for the remainder of the fiscal year. He expressed interest in developing clear directives at the January 8 meeting to better guide support staff. He emphasized the importance of acting on issues identified by the Commission, rather than limiting engagement to discussion only. Chair Manalo also expressed interest in engaging the public beyond formal meetings and meeting locations to better understand community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kenia to draft a memo to the Directors of DMH and DPH-SAPC regarding the dissemination of information for families seeking immediate help. Kenia to update the Topics of Interest list to include the mental health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memo drafted and submitted to DMH and SAPC. Agenda updated



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	<p>perspectives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Weissman recommended that the Chair propose topics for the Commission to prioritize. • Chair Manalo shared that he has three topics of interest but would like priorities to be identified collectively by the Commission. • Commissioner Friedman motioned DMH and DPH-SAPC to distribute information to guide families on how to obtain immediate help for a family member in need. • Commissioner Weissman seconded the motion. • Commissioner Dagleish inquired about how such information would be distributed countywide. • Chair Manalo suggested a presentation on how departments currently distribute resource information. • He also requested information on how the Commission could be utilized as a tool to help departments reach the community. • Commissioner Friedman raised concerns regarding individuals detained by ICE whose mental health needs are not being adequately addressed. • Chair Manalo added that consideration should be given to the broader communities impacted by ICE actions. • Commissioner Weissman suggested adding this topic to the Topics of Interest list. • Kenia asked whether the Chair’s three suggested 	<p>needs of individuals and communities affected by ICE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenia to update the agenda to include Chair Manalo’s three proposed topics for Commission discussion. 	



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	<p>topics should be added to the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Manalo agreed to include them as starting points for discussion. <p>Requests and Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The motion passed directing Kenia to draft a memo to the Directors of DMH and DPH-SAPC based on Commissioner Friedman’s motion. • Kenia will add the mental health needs of individuals affected by ICE to the Topics of Interest list. • Kenia will add Chair Manalo’s three proposed topics to the agenda as discussion starting points. 		
Upcoming off site regular meetings	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to the Chair’s request to engage the community, Kenia secured a location for the February 12 meeting at the Sub Center. • Kenia and her team are working to secure a meeting location in Duarte, CA for the May meeting. 		
CONTINUED FROM 11/20/2025 AGENDA (Item #7)			
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>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenia distributed a poll to the Executive Committee to assess support for holding both the Executive Committee and Regular Commission meetings on the same day. • Chair Manalo and Commissioners Dalgleish and Friedman expressed support for the proposal; however, Commissioner Weissman stated that the arrangement would not be feasible for her. 		



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Based on the majority response, Commissioner Dagleish motioned to hold the Executive Committee and Regular Commission meetings on the same day, and Commissioner Friedman seconded the motion.• Commissioner Dagleish noted that she would like to pilot this arrangement for a few months.• Kenia requested clarification on which meeting would be rescheduled and what the proposed start time of the Executive Committee meeting would be.• Commissioner Dagleish asked Commissioner Weissman whether this arrangement would be unworkable for her on a permanent basis; Commissioner Weissman confirmed that it would.• In light of this information, Commissioner Dagleish reconsidered and withdrew her motion. <p>Requests and Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Both the Executive Committee and Regular Commission meetings will remain on their regularly scheduled dates.		