



LA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION (BHC)  
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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

<b>MEETING DATE</b>	February 12, 2026	
<b>START TIME</b>	11:45 AM	<b>ADJOURNMENT TIME:</b> 1:34 PM
<b>LOCATION</b>	Zev Yaroslavsky Family Support Center, 7555 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91405	
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<a href="#">MEETING RECORDING LINK</a>	<a href="#">AGENDA LINK</a>

<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>ABSENT</b> (E= Excused; U = Unexcused)
<b>COMMISSIONER NAME</b>	
Kathleen Austria, Victor Manalo, Lawrence Schallert, Brittney Weissman, Susan Friedman, Deena Duncan, Alex Tsobanoudis, Dr. Brian Banks, and Yun Hee Anna Lee	Bennett Root Jr. (U), Reba Stevens (E), Thomas Roache (U), Stacy Dagleish (E), Tyler Cash (U), Guadalupe Orozco (E), Dr. Erica Holmes (U), and Andrew Roble (E)
<b>QUORUM PRESENT:</b> Yes	<b>APPROVAL:</b> Yes. Minutes were approved on 3/12/26. Motion made by Commissioner Dagleish. Seconded by Commissioner Duncan.
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<b>4. COMMISSIONERS’ UPDATES AND CHAIR REPORT</b>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioner Schallert reported meeting with Dr. Ali regarding ongoing initiatives. He facilitated two events in collaboration with NAMI and is currently working with Didi Hirst on related efforts. He also participated in lethal weapons safety training and</li> </ul>		



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	<p>convened the Substance Use Subcommittee with SAPC. He attended the SALT 2 meeting, which is currently conducting outreach related to human trafficking, and participated in the CARE Court town hall via Zoom. Additionally, he performed at a mental health concert, served as a consultant at the Alaskan Suicide Prevention Summit, and attended the Family Homes open house celebrating the opening of a center supporting youth aging out of the foster care system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commissioner Lee reported attending the SALT 3 meeting and the BHSA CPT meeting. She also attended webinars focused on technology and health, met with Commissioner Schallert, and began preparations for an upcoming fundraising campaign.</li><li>• Commissioner Duncan reported collaborating with LA County DMH to facilitate placement of incarcerated individuals into treatment programs and working with SAPC providers to identify appropriate placement locations.</li><li>• Commissioner Austria reported attending the SALT 6 meeting and noted strong attendance. She also shared that she received calls regarding Hawkins Mental Health Center and expressed concern about the potential impact on the surrounding community.</li></ul>		



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commissioner Banks introduced himself to the Commission, sharing that he is a veteran and is committed to advocating for veterans. He expressed interest in learning more about the systems that support veterans and how those systems coordinate and communicate.</li><li>• Commissioner Friedman reported attending a CARE Court town hall and expressed concern about low attendance and the level of criticism voiced during the meeting. She also shared that her community continues to experience challenges related to ICE activity. Additionally, she noted that she is monitoring issues affecting Transition Age Youth (TAY), particularly foster youth aging out of the system.</li><li>• Commissioner Weissman reflected on the difference between the first CARE Court town hall held in April 2025 and the most recent town hall, noting that some families previously expressed gratitude for the services received. She also reported being in communication with DMH leadership regarding the integration component of the BHSA plan.</li><li>• Chair Manalo encouraged Commissioners to review the draft BHSA Integrated Plan over the next two months and provide feedback. He also reported meetings with fellow Commissioners and program</li></ul>		



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	leaders to explore collaborative opportunities for the Behavioral Health Commission (BHC).		
<b>5. ACTION ITEM</b>			
a. Approval of January 08, 2025, minutes	<b>The minutes were approved. Motion made by Commissioner Weissman. Seconded by Commissioner Duncan.</b>	•	
<b>6. CONSENT AGENDA</b>			
a. DMH Constituent Follow-Up Report b. BHC Budget Report c. BHC Topics of Interest	<b>Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Austria expressed concern regarding the proposal to limit discussion of consent agenda items.</li> <li>• Chair Manalo clarified that the purpose of the consent agenda is not to facilitate full discussion, but rather to allow for a structured question-and-answer format.</li> </ul> <b>Requests and Decisions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioners are asked to review consent agenda materials in advance and direct questions to Kenia with the option to do it outside of scheduled meeting times.</li> <li>• If a commissioner identifies an item that warrants full Commission discussion, they may request that the topic be placed on a future agenda.</li> </ul>		



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	All items on the consent agenda were approved. Motion made by Commissioner Friedman. Seconded by Commissioner Lee.		
<b>7. WRITTEN REPORTS AND UPDATES</b>			
a. DMH and DPH-SAPC Director Reports • Impact of Governor’s Budget	<b>Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No discussion was held.</li> </ul>		
a. DMH and DPH-SAPC Legislative Reports	<b>Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Weissman noted that both SAPC-DPH and DMH have taken positions on the same legislative items. She inquired whether the reports could be consolidated, combined into a single statement, or presented side by side to reduce duplication and streamline the reporting process.</li> </ul> <b>Requests and Decisions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair Manalo asked Kenia to encourage increased collaboration between DMH and SAPC–DPH regarding legislative reports.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DMH and SAPC-DPH will collaborate to consolidate their legislative reports by topic.</li> </ul>	
b. BHSA Updates	<b>Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No discussion was held.</li> </ul>		
c. Stakeholder Group (e.g., SALTs, UsCCs) Reports	<b>Stakeholder groups in attendance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Latino UsCC</li> </ul>		



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AI/AN</li> <li>• SALT 4</li> <li>• SALT 7</li> <li>• CCC</li> </ul> <p><b>Requests and Decisions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>AI/AN</u> Shared their concerns regarding the lack of awareness and participation in the meetings</li> <li>• <u>Latino UsCC</u> Shared their current projects and their current struggles regarding attendance. They asked the commission to attend their meetings more frequently to learn about their community needs.</li> <li>• <u>SALT 4</u> Shared details about their monthly meeting and an event hosted in Chinatown.</li> <li>• <u>SALT 7</u> shared their past and upcoming events, extending an invitation to the community and commission.</li> <li>• <u>CCC</u> Reported on staff changes, meeting updates, and their accomplishments.</li> </ul>		
<b>8. BHC DISCUSSION</b>			
<p>a. Prioritizing Goals/Issues to Advise DMH/DPH-SAPC/BOS (Carried from 1/8/26)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair Suggested</li> </ul>	<p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair Manalo clarified that the items presented were suggestions regarding potential areas of focus for the Commission. He encouraged discussion and invited Commissioners to share their ideas.</li> </ul>		



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<p>goals/issues to prioritize</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Transition to BHSA - Loss of Prevention Funding</li> <li>2. Homelessness and Housing</li> <li>3. Integration of a care system</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Friedman requested that Dr. Wong address the first item.</li> <li>• Dr. Wong explained that state-level changes to prevention funding have created challenges, requiring consideration of new approaches. She stated that the state has determined that DMH will focus on indicated prevention.</li> <li>• SAPC–DPH staff reported that funding for selective and indicated prevention remains stable, as it is supported through other funding sources. They also expressed interest in collaborating with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and CDPH.</li> <li>• Commissioner Austria reminded the Commission that its role includes working broadly with DMH, not solely on matters related to BHSA.</li> <li>• Commissioner Weissman asked Chair Manalo to provide guidance on how the Commission might approach the proposed focus areas. She also emphasized the importance of ensuring the system is informed and structured in a way that prevents negative client experiences.</li> <li>• Dr. Horn reported that her BHSA report includes a temporary pause of stakeholder meetings in March and April to allow time for brainstorming engagement</li> </ul>		



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	<p>strategies during implementation. She stated that May and June will focus on reintegration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commissioner Lee, speaking from her experience as a provider, shared concerns regarding clients undergoing lengthy assessments when seeking two different types of treatment, which can be overwhelming. She suggested consideration of a single assessment process once systems are fully integrated and alignment of treatment duration where appropriate.</li><li>• SAPC–DPH staff noted that structural differences between SAPC–DPH and DMH systems present barriers; however, discussions are ongoing to streamline processes at the client level.</li><li>• Dr. Wong agreed that redundancies should be reduced to improve client experience and reported that a pilot program involving five providers\ contracted by DMH and SAPC–DPH is underway to identify opportunities for improved coordination.</li><li>• Dr. Horn clarified that last year’s Data Notebook focused on peer resource centers, and that this year’s topic is behavioral youth wellness, specifically among middle and high school students. She encouraged the Commission to consider this focus area and stated that she will bring forward discussion questions</li></ul>		



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	<p>during the April and May meetings for Commission input.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Duncan reported recently training staff at housing facilities on how to respond when a resident poses a danger to themselves or others, noting that the removal process can take approximately two days.</li> <li>• Commissioner Duncan also raised concerns regarding facilities being evaluated primarily on numerical metrics rather than patient-centered outcomes, particularly when high transfer rates result in negative assessments.</li> <li>• Chair Manalo suggested the formation of an ad hoc committee, with Commissioner Duncan and Commissioner Tsobanoudis identified as members.</li> </ul> <p><b>Requests and Decisions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioners were encouraged to review the proposed focus areas and provide feedback on potential Commission priorities.</li> <li>• Dr. Horn will bring forward discussion questions related to the Behavioral Youth Wellness (Data Notebook) topic during the April and May meetings for Commission input.</li> <li>• An ad hoc committee was proposed by Chair Manalo, with Commissioner Duncan and Commissioner</li> </ul>		



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	Tsobanoudis identified as members.		
b. CARE Court Town Hall (2026) Debrief	<p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Weissman directed the attention to the report draft; she spoke about the praises CARE Court received from families who were enrolled.</li> <li>• Commissioner Friedman criticized the lack of communication from the county. She also said there is little awareness of the program, and the commission should take action to encourage the county to improve their efforts.</li> <li>• Kenia stated the BOS deputies were notified with enough time in advance.</li> </ul>		
<b>c. STAFF PRESENTATIONS</b>			
a. None			
<b>d. PUBLIC COMMENT</b>			
<i>General Comments</i>	Mr. Franklin, Ricardo Kim, Mark, MC Harris Jr., MC Harris, Elizabeth, and Steve McNally addressed the Commission by phone, in-person, and with emailed communication. <b>See pages 11-22 public comment document.</b>		



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**Commissioners by Supervisorial District**

District	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Members at Large
Supervisor	Hilda L. Solis	Holly J. Mitchell	Lindsey P. Horvath	Janice Hahn	Kathryn Barger	Members at Large
Commissioners	Susan Friedman	Kathleen Austria	Stacy Dagleish	Victor Manalo	Lawrence Schallert	Alex Tsobanoudis
	Bennett W. Root, Jr.	Reba Stevens	Thomas Roache	Deena Duncan	Brittney Weissman	Guadalupe Orozco
	Vacant	Erica Holmes	Vacant	Andrew Roble	Yun Hee Ann lee	Brian Banks

**L.A. County Board of Supervisors Member: Supervisor Kathryn Barger**

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<p>The following individuals addressed the Commission either in person or by phone during this meeting.  <b>PLEASE NOTE: The text below has been retrieved from the non-verbatim transcript produced by our live captioning service. For the emailed communication, we have copied the text from the email received and pasted it on to this document.</b></p>				
Public Comment	Maria Elena Arauco	In Person	Stakeholder Report/Latino UsCC	Theater production and we have provide presentation relate to community and provide space with all community and support. We shared information additionally we provide a space for mediation and other emotional support and coping skills. We have also provide a space for community on health. Identify any change you experience and offer recommendation for improvement. It will be helpful to have consistent meeting dates when unable to hold meetings for two months, November and December. Due to conflicts with other meetings and we would like for help in building (indiscernible) that work for our Latino USCC meetings. BHSA providers support to your efforts. We invite board members to



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				attend more frequently our committee so they become more (indiscernible) of our community needs. Thanks.
Public Comment	Yvonne Sandoval	In Person	General/Stakeholder Report SALT7	<p>Good morning no, I bet it's now noon. Good afternoon, my name is Yvonne Sandoval, and I am with service area seven. I am one of their co-chairs. I'm here to pretty much let you know what's going on, and I want to try and do the under three minutes.</p> <p>So, I'm glad we all showed up this morning. So here goes. We have now of course we're I'm looking at May already, but we already had quite a number of events that we both the chairpersons were able to attend with SALT seven interfaith community. They are fabulous. You should all come out. We have another one with there in nor walk with the temple and I can't wait to get there because they are going to have delicious food, right, you know, I'm going to tell you honestly and sincerely, I had no idea I was just telling Dr. Wong a couple of minutes I had no idea I was going to be doing this kind of work in later years I didn't plan it I just knew I had to say wow there has to be something more than this. My husband was the one that had PTSD and it was really heart breaking and medication was just (indiscernible) but maybe he need that had level of medication so just that. But along this path I continue to meet up with just fabulous people. I started first of all, with my peer certificate with project return. It was with project return that I saw that little flyer at my city of commerce library, and it has never been the same. It has been just, boom. Every step, everywhere I go, if you and anyone those struggled with anyone or experienced anything, we've had a lot of challenges in our lives. But if you take</p>



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				<p>all the goods that you have encountered and experienced and whether you write them or not, but if you can remember that almost every morning or before you go to bed just something of that, any of the good stuff, you know it brings you to a higher level, and this this is where I am at personally. But I do want to share maybe a few things. In 16 seconds, you know, NAMI walks is coming up. Get out your notepad, write something down, NAMI walks is going to happen on the 16th of May, at 9 o'clock. There's another individual that I have come to know because of the tabling of events. The last name H A K A A, and you can find him on Instagram. He's another one. Heads all these wonderful things, and he's been to our SALT seven meetings interfaith and just a list of things that I share, and my time is almost up. Give me one more minute.</p> <p>Tomorrow afternoon in the evening I hope anyone of you can make it. We're going to have our east los tacos in person in east LA right off the freeway in the meeting from five to 7:00 p.m. and come and eat the delicious tacos because I've had them over and over again. Thank you.</p>
Public Comment	Pastor Nah	By Phone	Stakeholder Report/SALT4	<p>Hello, this is from pastor Na, let me do the report for SALT four. We had meeting on January 15th, and there was crisis response teams presentation, and also, we had DEA, field agents presentation, related to, you know, training, families, how to handle their children. When they find out their children's drug abuse and how to deal with it, and how to prevent that. And also we had an event on January 21st in state park next to China town. We went there and we were having a seminar related to stress management because</p>



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				<p>while I was working outs I realized that it would be great to have this mental health and stress management seminar with the people who are in the park. You know who are using the park. We had stress management session, and while we were doing it, there were a lot of visitors, you know, who are interested in the seminar, and they were able to participate at a seminar, and we ended up being able to do the networking. And so in the future, we could continuously use this opportunity as in order to recruit more members for the SALT meeting, such as five thousand, you know, five thousand or two thousand meter running and working out or running event. That's all, thank you.</p>
Public Comment	Sydney Tabizon	In Person	Stakeholder Report/SALT7	<p>I want to start off with -- oh, I am Sidney. The with SALT seven. And I wanted to start off with this is February to March black history month. And one of the things I want to talk about adding to another one of the events, we will be having an it's calmed the prenatal mood and anxiety disorders that will also be at -- you'll find it on our Los Angeles, L-A-C-D-M-H-S-A seven, which hearsay service area seven on Instagram. That will be on the 17th, which is a Tuesday from eleven to twelve p.m. And that's pretty much all I have to say. Just Happy New Year, everybody, too and, you know, all this, if anybody is new out there, you know this is all about hope, and even though there's many changes, we do not know exactly how it's going to be implemented, but it is for us to engage in families if you have a loved one. Find a way to connect with us. That's all I can say to you. And just be here with us and do what you can and show up where you can. That's how it starts so thank you.</p>



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Public Comment	Jessica Mosher	By Phone/TEAMS	Stakeholder Report/Native American/Alaskan UsCC	<p>&gt;&gt; I hope you're all well and happy. My name is Dr. Jessica Mahse and chair for Alaska native USCC as far as the report our -- with strong support from native community. The subcommittee is concerned about the lack of awareness about the distance of these meetings they feel like -- Los Angeles has strongest Native Americans that are biracial in California. The stakeholders would also like to know in what form the capacity building projects will continue? And if</p> <p>there will be any action as a result of our report this? That's another question they had. I want to also echo there is a lot of change happening with BHSA, CalAIM, etcetera, these changes are impacting Indian country with the introduction of bin -- which I heard statewide by the way no successful reimbursement for. Also I was hoping that LA county would be sending a tribal liaison to the DHC, office tribal affairs meeting which is happening February 3rd. If someone that could attend to keep on what policies are changing with Medi-Cal and the Native American community. And that's it.</p>
Public Comment	Mr. Franklin	In Person	General	<p>Thank you for having me here I want to thank you all for the last presentation I appreciate the last time I was here. I'm from the (indiscernible) disorders. Is the name of our organization and one of the programs called check the rhyme we do a program in LA where we teach the youth how their playlists effects their behaviors.</p> <p>And we're doing a fundraiser on March first for this particular event. So we want to just come and bring it to your attention. I don't know</p>



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				<p>how you can assist and share help spread the word for it but we appreciate anything you can do it will be in LA USD we got the program in the schools but we want to do expansion over the summer so raising funds for kids out of school for the summer to help them also prepare for the fall so just want to bring awareness to it, just thank you for your time, appreciate it.</p>
Public Comment	M.C	In Person	General	<p>&gt;&gt; Thank you for having me here I want to thank you all for the last presentation I appreciate the last time I was here. I'm from the (indiscernible) disorders. Is the name of our organization and one of the programs called check the rhyme we do a program in LA where we teach the youth how their playlists effects their behaviors.</p> <p>And we're doing a fundraiser on March first for this particular event. So we want to just come and bring it to your attention. I don't know how you can assist and share help spread the word for it but we appreciate anything you can do it will be in LA USD we got the program in the schools but we want to do expansion over the summer so raising funds for kids out of school for the summer to help them also prepare for the fall so just want to bring awareness to it, just thank you for your time, appreciate it.</p> <p>So you know. Basically it's like, you know, that's going on and they had concerns about the outings and stuff and 80 bucks a month ain't going to it. And most of these peer resource center if I was still at headquarters right now you would be hearing a report about all of the clubhouse. So even though I'm not there, I am impressed that</p>



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Public Comment	Ricardo Kim	In Person	General	<p>(indiscernible) here. I always get updates for SALT seven.</p> <p>&gt;&gt; (Indiscernible) good afternoon, chairman and members of the Mental Health Commission. I'm a LA County stakeholder. First, I want to welcome Commissioner Banks to the commission thank you for your service on this commission. I want to -- I attended the CPT meeting on Tuesday and it was -- the department is doing some great work it is hard and you have reports in front of you so I just want to say thank you to everybody, DPH SAPC DMH coming together over this past year more than a year on bringing this together, and it's phenomenon work a lot of work and a lot of people that care and I'm grateful that we all care about one other, and how much we love our neighbors. I want to thank all the USCC co-chairs and the SALT co-chairs for speaking in reports. This is great stuff. We're finally seeing the leadership of stakeholders groups we know with the events but not only to that they are able to express concerns and needs. And I think, you know, the department wide and part of our larger stakeholders and members of the public it's good to know everything that they are saying. You know, this is a great improvement what I'm seeing.</p> <p>I just want to say that the public comment posting period is starting, so I would hope that the department and the co-chairs of the USCC and the SALTs can get together and maybe start discussing this plan. A lot of it is in depth, some of it is high-level stuff that many people have a hard time understanding and if any questions from stakeholders that are going to the stakeholders groups maybe we can</p>



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				<p>get it now. And maybe we can do a sign-up sheet across all the service areas U SCC and SALTs who might be able to attend the April 9th commission meeting, the hearing so we can get list, transportation, get food because we would like more robust, better meeting and better representation than last year as I remember. Lastly on designate 11th I made a public comment in</p> <p>which I said that the county would be hold ago two day references. It's titled the 2026 multicultural conference healing -- approach to mental health. My questions are now posted on the calendar all we see a just a reminder date. How will DMH accommodate members of the public, stakeholders, including unhoused individuals who may want to attend but do not have the means to RSVP how many spaces and how can we get people that would like to go that may not get invite or RSVP because this is myself concluded we are interested in going these conferences are great that DMH does. Once again, thank you all Commissioners thank you very much.</p>
Public Comment	M.C Harris Jr.	In Person	General	<p>All right. Hello, my name is M. C. Harris junior and I am a student at El Camino college and I was thinking maybe we canned get like some resources over in that area like eight. And it's you because sometimes when I'm at park or something like that, I want like some more. A little more stuff like what do are we doing?</p> <p>Like different activities and things that you would like to see happen over there? Okay. Great.</p>



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				I live in harbor gateway area so the only place I know would be on Vermont in the little area and it's kind of hidden. All right. Thank you.
Public Comment	Mark	By Phone	General	<p>&gt;&gt; Okay there's San Bernardino, they have now what's called peer run houses. That might be an idea for Department of Mental health and project return to get those going here in Los Angeles. We that's something we can take a look. We talked about at the last oversight and oversight commission meeting.</p> <p>Okay, thank you. That's something to take a look at. The oversight and accountability oversight commission meeting. And (indiscernible) reports at the department including Dr. Wong. That's something you might want to take a look at and maybe get something going. It's called peer run housing and San Bernardino county. Okay. Let's see what we can do to get these going, and I would like to get the dates that we get the dates down for the 17th that is going take place and where it's going to be take place.</p>
Public Comment	Bernice Masher	In Person	Stakeholder Report/CCC	<p>&gt;&gt; Yes, okay, this is Bernice M from the culture competency group and I wanted to start by thank you the Commissioner That you came to the USCC meeting. I don't know if you mentioned in one of the long list of things you did last month but we feel honored and respect that you came to our meeting. And that you all were able to get feedback from some of the members participants and hope continue to build relationship with you and rest of commission, so thank you for that. And I wanted to do a brief report out, Dr. Sandra Chang that can be with us as long as I remember, way back I think</p>



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				<p>it's early, I think around 2012 is leaving us and Dr. Adrian a will be take place. So that's congratulations to her, but sad for us, we did otherwise have a very good meeting. I think the bulk was covering the cultural competency behavioral health plan report which she and Christina and Daniellea S. from SAPC were there to report out. It was very, very good report. I hope that you can see it. Very good information, so much information I recommend everybody look at full report on the cultural competency unit. It's available there on the page at the bottom. So, yeah, we didn't have as</p> <p>much time to get into the some of the comments in our group. So other than that, we'll be continuing to discuss some of the different calendar events we had in the field who used to be a chair -- co-chair in the black African Heritage called African and African-American USCC. Lots of change. She has her own health -- her whole organizations now. She started back then with the black mental health task force is now doing play therapy and she talked about art and how art can be used for health in the arts because we were recognizing that it was both an international day and month for black women in the arts plus it's African-American black lift month. So I love all these interconnections we have some others go way back, and I'm looking forward to continuing connection with all of you. So that's my brief report because there was more that happened but that's my brief report for today and thank you for letting me on. I was on earlier so no connection and I was worried I had missed something so thank you.</p>



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Public Comment	Steve McNally	In Person	By Phone	<p>&gt;&gt; Okay, thank you. My name is Steve McNally. I'm a family member. I have a son with schizophrenia and I reside in residing county and I appreciate how easy it is to attend your meetings. First, I'm sort of in and out because of the teams. On AB 96, this is a bill that I was very interested in when it was first launched and that was because satisfied peers were going to be considered community health workers which allow them to bill health care now the bill is gutted to -- the</p> <p>education requirement of which we have nine thousand peers satisfied in the state with the current requirement. So I'm a little concerned that peers aren't going to get be employable. It's not clear what the county plans are for peers in the workforce. How many actually included in the BHSA plan, and so that's one thing.</p> <p>Second thing is I want to appreciate that I understand the county Drexler retired and I always found her to be very helpful in different meeting this I have been in conservatorship that have recent NAMI meeting that she helped participate in. As far as prevention dollars CBHA, one of the state advocacy groups at -- asked that department public health look at not allocating so much money to statewide campaigns but return the money to the counties because the non-profits are hurting. I mentioned on a call that we do not know who asks what because the public comment like when they are presented unless they are shared by the organizations, HHS or Department of Health care services doesn't really share what the point of views are.</p>



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				<p>Unless you attend a meeting you can't find that out ---</p> <p>CBH, five seconds here -- Orange County, Riverside, LA, and San Bernadino, represent 45% of the state so you might get statewide prevention money that way because it's one (indiscernible) market and the last thing on new BHSA plans my understanding the department health care service this allow any unspent money to be spent any way you want and I think LA sits on a lot of unspent money as to do counties and I think that's something to make sure you watch over as other counties will be doing too. Thank you for -- I appreciate you allowing me to speak. Thank you.</p>
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