



LA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION (BHC)

“Advocacy, Accountability, and Oversight in Action”

Victor Manalo, Chair, Presiding

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE	February 26, 2026	
START TIME	12:00 pm	ADJOURNMENT TIME: 12:58 PM
LOCATION	510 South Vermont Avenue, (T) Level Conference Room, Los Angeles, CA 90020	
ATTACHMENTS	MEETING RECORDING LINK	AGENDA

IN ATTENDANCE	ABSENT (E = Excused, U = Unexcused)
Commissioner Name	
Victor Manalo, Chair, Stacy Dalglish, First Vice Chair, Brittney Weissman, Member-at-Large, and Susan Friedman, Member-at-Large	Reba Stevens, Second Vice Chair (E)
QUORUM PRESENT: YES	APPROVAL: Yes. Minutes approved on 3/26/26. Motion made by Commissioner Dalglish. Seconded by Commissioner Friedman.
	ADJOURNMENT: 12:58 PM

MEETING MINUTES

AGENDA / ACTION ITEMS	DISCUSSION/DECISION SUMMARIES	• FOLLOW-UP ITEMS	UPDATE ON FOLLOW-UP ITEMS
• CONSENT AGENDA			
a. DMH Updates b. BHC budget report	All items approved. Motion made by Commissioner Weissman. Seconded by Commissioner Dalglish.		
c. Review of topics of interest list	Discussion: - Commissioner Weissman suggested that the Committee review the list of topics and identify items that could be combined to condense the list. - Commissioner Dalglish requested that the dates associated with when Commissioners originally	- Kenia to add the dates back on the list. - Kenia to reach out to the commissioners	The topics of interest list has been reformatted to reflect the



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	raised each question be added to the list to help determine prioritization. • Kenia reminded the Committee that limited time remains in the fiscal year and encouraged Commissioners to prioritize the topics that are most important. She also noted that the Committee may request written reports in place of presentations when appropriate. • Chair Manalo emphasized that topics most relevant to the Behavioral Health Commission (BHC) should be prioritized. • Chair Manalo also noted that the Commission currently has May and June available for potential presentations. • Commissioner Dagleish requested that Kenia resend the referenced memo to the Committee. • Commissioner Weissman requested that Kenia obtain a written report addressing Commissioner Schallert’s questions regarding sobering centers and postvention. • Commissioner Friedman stated that although she reviewed the memo, she still has additional questions. • Crystal asked Commissioner Friedman to send her follow-up questions to either Crystal or Kenia for further clarification. Requests and decisions:	• who proposed topics and send written reports to the commission to answer the questions they have asked. • Kenia to schedule a LARCA presentation before the end of the fiscal year. • Kenia to connect Commissioner Austria with the DHS Commission to facilitate the sharing of reports. • Kenia to resend the previously referenced memo to the Committee	changes requested.



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	- Commissioner Weissman suggested that BHSA-related topics be incorporated into the BHSA Updates section of the Commission agenda. - Chair Manalo and Commissioner Dagleish requested that Kenia reach out to Commissioners who submitted BHSA-related topics to clarify or provide more specific questions regarding their requests. - Commissioner Weissman identified redundancies and topics that have already been addressed in previous discussions. - Commissioner Weissman also requested that Kenia connect Commissioner Austria with the Department of Health Services (DHS) Commission to share relevant reports. - Commissioner Weissman requested that a LARCA presentation be scheduled before the end of the fiscal year. - Kenia noted that Commissioner Friedman’s previous request has already been addressed in a memo distributed to the Commission.		
3. ACTION ITEMS			
a. Approval of minutes for January 22, 2026	Minutes approved. Motion made by Commissioner Friedman. Second, by Commissioner Weissman.		
b. Draft the agenda for the March 12, 2026, regular commission	Discussion: Commissioner Weissman requested that the BHSA Updates and the BHSA Integrated Plan (IP) be	Kenia to move the Staff Presentation item	All completed as requested.



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meeting.	combined into a single agenda item under Staff Presentations. • Kenia clarified to Dr. Horn that the BHSA Integrated Plan presentation and update will be provided together under one agenda item. • Commissioner Weissman asked Chair Manalo how he would like to move forward with his suggested focus topics to generate actionable outcomes. • Chairman Manalo stated that he would like the Ad Hoc Committee, formed by Commissioner Duncan and Commissioner Tsobanoudis, to bring forward information and recommendations to the Commission that could lead to actionable items. • Commissioner Weissman suggested that Chair Manalo reach out to both commissioners and invite the full Commission to participate in the Ad Hoc Committee discussions, as well as schedule a meeting time. • Commissioner Friedman and Commissioner Weissman agreed that the Commissioner and Chair Reports agenda item should not be prioritized at the next meeting. • Commissioner Weissman requested that the BHSA Integrated Plan be prioritized on the March agenda to help ensure quorum during discussion of this item.	above BHC discussion. • Kenia to coordinate with Dr. Horn to ensure the BHSA Integrated Plan presentation and update are combined into a single agenda item.	



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	- Commissioner Weissman also suggested that Staff Presentations be moved earlier on the agenda, above the BHC Discussion section. Requests and Decisions - The BHSA Updates and BHSA Integrated Plan will be combined into one agenda item under Staff Presentations. - The BHSA Integrated Plan will be prioritized on the March agenda. March 12, 2026, the agenda was approved. Motion made by Commissioner Friedman. Seconded by Commissioner Weissman.		
4. BHC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION			
a. 2026 Retreat	Discussion: - Kenia informed the Committee that staff need the Committee to select a date for the retreat to begin exploring potential venues. - Commissioner Dagleish stated that August would not work for her and suggested scheduling the retreat during a third meeting in September. - Kenia shared that two Fridays are currently available at the California Endowment as potential dates. - Commissioner Weissman requested that Kenya reserve the California Endowment for September 25. Requests and Decisions: - Commissioner Friedman moved for September 25th to be booked. Commissioner Dagleish seconded.	Kenia to reserve the California Endowment for September 25 and begin coordinating retreat logistics.	The Endowment is not available for 9/25. Kenya is currently seeking a different venue for 10/15.



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	The motion carried and September 25 was approved as the retreat date.		
b. FY2026-27 Executive Committee Election Process - March - Distribute interest survey to establish Nominations Committee (at least 2 members) - April – Chair shall appoint the Nominations Committee - May – Nominations Committee reports its officer position recommendations - June – Commission votes to elect committee	Discussion: - Kenia reminded the Committee that the Nominations Committee process is beginning. She noted that Chair Manalo will announce at the March meeting that staff will be distributing an Interest Survey for Commissioners who wish to serve on the Nominations Committee. Once two members are identified, Chair Manalo will ratify the appointments at the April meeting. Requests and Decisions: - Chair Manalo will announce the Nominations Committee Interest Survey at the March Commission meeting.	Kenia to distribute the Interest Survey to Commissioners.	<i>Interest survey was emailed to the commission on 3/12.</i>
5. PUBLIC COMMENT			
<i>Stakeholders</i>	Stakeholder groups in attendance: SALT 4 Stakeholder reports: SALT 4 reported on recent and upcoming events, as well as current projects focused on helping young		



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	people secure employment. They also noted ongoing challenges in recruiting members of the public to participate in their events, asking the BHC for aid.		
<i>General</i>	Ezequiel Reyes and Ricardo Kim addressed the Commission by phone, in-person, and/or with emailed communication. See pages 8-12 for public comment document.		



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Commissioners by Supervisorial District

District	1 st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	
Supervisor	Hilda L. Solis	Holly J. Mitchell	Lindsey P. Horvath	Janice Hahn	Kathryn Barger	Members at Large
Commissioners	Susan Friedman	Kathleen Austria	Stacy Dalglish	Victor Manalo	Lawrence Schallert	Alex Tsobanoudis
	Bennett W. Root, Jr.	Reba Stevens	Vacant	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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The following individuals addressed the Commission either in person or by phone during this meeting. 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.				
Public Comment	Ezekiel Reyes	In Person	Stakeholder Report/SALT4	Hi, my name is Ezekiel Reyes and I'll talk about the SALT 4. We had a presentation from the Office of Violence Prevention and Suicide explaining the uptick in teen violence occurring throughout the county. And what their goals are and what they're going to be doing to try help stave off this growing problem. And one of my



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				suggestions, given a homeless person's perspective to them, was to try to find more links to jobs. Because every child, it's like genetically built into them. They want to be better than their parents. They want something more than their parents had; you know what I mean? So as of right now, many of the children and teens I come across that are especially homeless get into arguments with their parents not finding a job. That there really isn't a job out there for them as a teenager to work. So they end up on the streets to run away from their arguing parents. So job connections are definitely needed, like for the homeless in general, but also for the youths in violence. And there's a lot of things involved with that. They need an outlet. And a job is something that they used to have, because there used to be teen work jobs out there, but now they're all gone. So, like, it's very hard to come across them unless you have connections. So a lot of youths don't have those connections. So that was my explanation for that. We also have an upcoming meeting next month that will be in-person at the -- it's going to be at Los Angeles First Korean Presbyterian Church, Hobart Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90004. We're trying to find ways to help bring in people and we're finding out, we're kind of given a linear way to do it. Yes, we can do things but it's linear. We're



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				given flyers. But it's one flyer and one design. We need more than one. So I would suggest SALT have more than one. Because the department is preventing us from having more than one design and we need to also uptick amounts of time against advertising events as well. We need more visual effects. People are visually stimulating these days because it's scroll, scroll, scroll quickly now. So we need to be thinking from that perspective. So that's my SALT 4 update.
Public Comment	Ezekiel Reyes	In Person	General	Now, for my community comment. I'd like to thank you. And a lot of programs out there, a lot of the homeless are being housed and that's great. But, again, I always ask this question. What's the next step? Because when a human being that never stops evolving, they will always be looking to the next step. And if there's not a next step, then they fall over again. And as of right now, a lot of the homeless that are being housed, they're on the programs that help them pay their bills for a few months, but after a while, they're cut off. They've been housed, move on. You know what I mean? Oh, we helped them a little bit and if they don't have a job, then they will be back on the streets because of anxiety that builds up not being able to pay their bills.



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				So I understand housing is great, but what's the next step? That's my question.
Public Comment	Ricardo Kim	In Person	General	Good afternoon Chairman man. My name is Ricardo Kim and I'm an L.A. County stakeholder. First I want to thank co-Chair Ezekiel Reyes and co-Chair pastor Noh and doing such a wonderful job. They have led SALT 4 during COVID and during tough times. Membership went down and I could see over the years how much they are -- the hard work they do and I appreciate that for them. I have couple of quick things. First, the department did a great job in allowing the multiculture conference 2026. It's on the calendar. There's great links to it. I just wanted to remind people there is 200 scholarships for community members. They are asked to write an email to ARISE vision at DMH L.A. County.gov to ask for a promo code and I wanted to see if the co-chairs of SALT and UsCC can talk to their membership base who might be interested in going to the conference. It's for client consumers and users family members and the conference is a great experience. And I hope our stakeholder groups can get some participation. With that said, I know that training is also, DMH training is part of this. And I see there's Continuing Education credits and things. I'm wondering, my questioning is I'm wondering what's happening with trainings and



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				leadership development for our mental health community workers, right? What is being done so they can actually begin to develop their careers and promotional opportunities? And my last comment is about the integrated plan. This is wonderful work. This is a lot. I know there were question and they're very prescriptive and it's written in a response form. So there's not much I can say at this point. I have questions, but I think what's important, since we're planning for the next fiscal year, I wanted to talk about the planning to modern stage of BSHA CPT. And the subject next year is very important to develop this plan and I'm encouraging stakeholder, family members and Commissioners to attend because this is really important. And I know this is going to happen. Just, I hope that will get participation. It's going to be -- that's where the meat and bone is going to be developing on this. So I want to thank you guys very much.

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