



LA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION (BHC)

“Advocacy, Accountability, and Oversight in Action”

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE	April 23, 2026	
START TIME	12:00pm	ADJOURNMENT TIME: 1:06 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 Dagleish, First Vice Chair, Reba Stevens, Second Vice Chair, and Susan Friedman, Member-at-Large		Brittney Weissman, Member-at-Large (E)
QUORUM PRESENT: YES	APPROVAL: Yes. Minutes approved on 5/28/26. Motion made by Commissioner Dagleish. Seconded by Commissioner Friedman.	
	ADJOURNMENT: 1:06 PM	

MEETING MINUTES

AGENDA / ACTION ITEMS	DISCUSSION/DECISION SUMMARIES	FOLLOW-UP ITEMS	UPDATE ON FOLLOW-UP ITEMS
CONSENT AGENDA (Item #3)			
a. DMH Updates b. BHC budget report c. Review of topics of interest list	All items approved. Motion made by Commissioner Dagleish. Seconded by Commissioner Friedman.		
ACTION ITEMS (Item #4)			
a. Approval of minutes for March 26, 2026	Discussion: Commissioner Dagleish apologized for not having read the minutes and stated it would be best to approve the minutes at the next meeting.		



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	Minutes were not approved. Minutes will be revisited on 5/28/26. Motion made by Commissioner Dalglish. Seconded by Commissioner Friedman.		
b. Draft the agenda for May 14, 2026, regular commission meeting.	Discussion: - Chair Manalo noted that the Topics of Interest List currently reflects primarily DMH-related topics and encouraged Commissioners to propose substance use disorder (SUD) topics specific to SAPC. - Commissioner Stevens expressed interest in continuing engagement with panelists from the BHSA Public Hearing (April 9) and emphasized the importance of having leadership present to support meaningful dialogue. She also highlighted the importance of preparing staff in advance on anticipated questions. - Dr. Horn encouraged Commissioners to submit questions prior to meetings to help presenters prepare. She added that the new housing unit may be invited to present if available. - Dr. Horn and her team recommended a “Portrait of LA” presentation, noting that it will be discussed at the May 19 stakeholder meeting and that the data will inform BHSA implementation. - Chair Manalo moved the LARCA presentation to the next available meeting. - Commissioner Friedman requested information on oversight of TAY services and asked that Dr. Erica	- Kenia to email Commissioners requesting housing and homelessness questions. - Kenia to check in with Commissioner Weissman regarding the LARCA presentation.	LARCA presentation has been moved to July 2026



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	Reynoso present on housing for TAY and former foster youth. - Commissioner Dalglish reported that she asked Barbara Wilson to present on successful strategies related to Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs). Requests and Decisions: - Commissioner Stevens requested that Maria Funk or a member of her team be present for the Housing and Homelessness discussion. - Chair Manalo directed Kenia to email Commissioners requesting submission of housing and homelessness-related questions in advance for Maria Funk and her team. - Dr. Horn will invite Dr. Erica Reynoso to present and respond to TAY-related questions. - Commissioner Dalglish requested that staff coordinate with Commissioner Weissman to schedule the LARCA presentation.		
3. BHC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION (Item #5)			
a. 2026 Retreat – Update - Date: October 15th - Location: Grace Simmons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park Drive, L.A., 90012 - Time: TBD	Discussion: Kenia provided an update on the retreat date and location and asked the Committee to determine a start time and whether an Ad Hoc Committee would be established to lead planning.		



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	- Commissioner Dagleish proposed a 10:00 a.m. start time, with food service available beforehand, and inquired about transportation accommodations. Requests and Decisions: - The Ad Hoc Committee for retreat planning will be established in June, following formation of the new Executive Committee.		
b. FY2026-27 Executive Committee Election Process - Interest to serve survey has been emailed to the commission	Discussion: - Commissioner Dagleish reported that there is currently one application for the committee and encouraged outreach to SUD Commission members to ensure broader representation. She also emphasized the importance of ethnic diversity within the committee. - She added that one commissioner expressed interest but has yet to apply.		
c. Member at large vacancy (Education sector) recruitment	Discussion: - Chair Manalo announced a Member-at-Large vacancy in the education sector due to a resignation. - Kenia noted that there is a runner-up applicant from the previous recruitment process. - Commissioner Friedman moved to appoint the runner-up candidate; seconded by Commissioner Dagleish. - Commissioner Stevens requested additional information about the candidate’s geographic	- Kenia to initiate recruitment outreach and establish an application deadline - Kenia to survey Commissioners on demographics and geography	- Member at large recruitment was initiated with a 5/27 deadline for application submission - Commissions demographics were shared with the Exec Comm.



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	representation and asked for more time to review the application. • Commissioner Dalglish emphasized the importance of ensuring the Commission reflects the demographics of the community. • Commissioner Friedman expressed interest in increasing representation from Palmdale due to population growth. • A vote was held on appointing the candidate, resulting in one Aye and three Nays. • The Executive Committee agreed to proceed with recruitment for new applicants. • Kenia asked whether the Committee would like to begin outreach and close applications by July 1st. Requests and Decisions: • The Executive Committee voted to reopen recruitment for the Member-at-Large (Education Sector) position. • Commissioner Dalglish requested that Kenia survey Commissioners regarding their demographics and geographic representation (voluntary). • The discussion will continue at the next meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Dalglish. Seconded by Commissioner Stevens.		
4. PUBLIC COMMENT –			
<i>Stakeholder Group Reports</i>	Stakeholder groups in attendance:		



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	• SALT 4 • SALT 7 Stakeholder reports: • SALT 4 reported on upcoming events, invited Commission participation, and noted ongoing efforts to address the demand for employment-related certifications. • SALT 7 Announced a future event.		
<i>General Comments</i>	Ezekiel Reyes”, Harold Thomas, Kevin Cox, and Ricardo Kim addressed the Commission by phone, in-person, and/or with emailed communication. See public comment document on pages 7-11.		



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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 Dagleish	Victor Manalo	Lawrence Schallert	Alex Tsobanoudis
	Bennett W. Root, Jr.	Reba Stevens	Kanin Pruter	Deena Duncan	Brittney Weissman	Guadalupe Orozco
	Alicia Mardini	Erica Holmes	Kim Olsen	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	Esiquio Reyes	In Person	Stakeholder Report/SALT4	First. I'm going to do -- my name is Ezekiel Reyes. I'm going to do a SALT 4 update. Hosting an event on Tuesday, May 5th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 so look forward to that. We also have an upcoming event at LACC May 13th. We look forward to a good turn-out for that. We'd like to get more people involved in regard to that. There's going to be a lot of students there. So maybe um, you all want to be apart of it and same with DHS if you all want to reach out to students, there's a good opportunity there. And so we look forward to working with whoever



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				wants to come. We're going to have many people tabling at the event, I've been trying to focus on getting organizations that hand out certificates, trucking certificates, construction certificates, you know, social worker certificates, any kinds of certificates because unfortunately after COVID happens it's stifling many people because they don't know what they all need before applying for these jobs. So that's something that we need to look forward to. Thank you very much for that as a 16-year-old that was homeless, finding out he had cancer. No one cares if you live or die. Fast forward 15 years later, still homeless, I found out that you can't do things on your own. So, I reached out for help. DMH took up that mantle. So, a lot of help came to me. So, I'm here today to explain a program within DMH the deals with rehabilitation and helping people link with jobs. This needs to be more robust for simple reasons why. Certificates are needed. A lot of people, a lot of the businesses and organizations, need them. So, we need to try to have individuals work with companies or have them linked to those within the DMH program. There's also another issue I've found because I'm a client and I've utilized this program myself and that's for driver's license. A lot of the homeless individuals, they're going to need to do the driver's test and unfortunately they don't know a lot of people that actually have a car. So that will also



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				stipend them from getting work. So, the intricacies in these programs that are there they work. They do work. I can attest to that. I was homeless. I was always wearing one suit of clothes and I'm changing, everything's changing. It's growing, changing and I'm benefitting. Now that I'm going through these programs, KI see the little cracks and I'm bringing them to you today and I will bring mar to you as time progresses because the program only lasts for a particular amount of months and then we have to start back over. If I don't get the job before that. Then other people behind me can actually have a better shot. Thank you very much.
Public Comment	Pastor Joshua Nah	In Person	Stakeholder Report/SALT4	This is Pastor Nah from SALT 4. First question is, you know, I suggested about, you know, having an event when we launch BHSA in May, you know, I suggested about opening ceremony, BHSA opening ceremony. Is it an action or not? I would like to know I am holding a BHSA, you know, the new regulations and new provisions. I printed out a PDF and I'm holding it. I was able to download this file from the DMH website as a PDF format. From Patient's Right. I have some feedback about you know the Korean version of this handbook and I don't know how to provide my feedback for Korean version.



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				So and then in May, you know, in terms of the launching, you know, event, I think if you provide a hard copy to the attendees for that event, it would be very beneficial. So if you look at this handbook, you know, this is related to BHSA, so who can use this service and who can receive services through this and how to navigate? If you look at this handbook, all this information is included. So I think it's going to be very helpful. So, for example, if you go to page 11, if a person or an individual is younger than 21 years old, then how to navigate in order to receive the service. So my suggestion, you know, is if this hard copy of a patient handbook is provided to the attendees for this take action event, it would be very beneficial. That's my suggestion. Thank you.
Public Comment	Sydney Tabizon	In Person	Stakeholder Report/SALT7	Hello, good afternoon. Good day. I'm just here to let you know I'm Sydney Tabazon is service area 7, and we have a Take Action free event on Cinco De Mayo 11:00 to 4:00 and it's at the Rio Hondo College.
Public Comment	Harold Thomas	In person	General	Welcome, ladies and gentlemen. First of all, glad to be here again. I'm part of the new peer service down stairs. I have my problems, I've been homeless out here too in this city. So make a long story short, the newest member of the PRC center. Name of the clubhouse community care. The calendars are down stairs.



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				Different programs, we have them. Our next community meeting, May the 7th, I'll be running it down stairs with our community May 7th. And the program he was talking about LA City College, we'll be going there too. So my question to y'all when's the next orientation going to be? When can we get this our business with the clubhouse going for. Like I said, I've been born and raised in the city since '63. May 1st. And so therefore, you know, um, like I said, I enjoy what I'm doing for my family members, my mother, she's the last person of my family members. Anymore parents, no more. So then I'll just note we're going to have a Mother's Day thing going on down stairs next month. Y'all are welcome. Therefore, have a good day. We need some more volunteer staff down there. We need. We need supplies. We did all kind of homeless people down there. Well, I mean, they need (indiscernible) service, pray to get off the street. People to talk to. Mental health departments. We're the PRC center, we just -- we can't do all that, the part of mental health. Just for the location.
Public Comment	Kevin Cox	In Person	General	Hello I am a PRC member. My question here is what is your plan to incorporate the use that struggle with mental health and on the today in age we have a lot of bullying



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				and suicide in our mentally ill is going all our young that are struggling with mental illness. What is the plan going forward to start doing groups for them here. It is a disservice to them I am struggling to but so are my youth. People are struggling with the same diagnosis and prognosis. They need to be involved. Does that make sense?
Public Comment	Ricardo Kim	In Person	General	This was actually brought up last meeting by a commissioner as well. So, you know, the conference, there is a recommitment to people we serve. To hear their voices, to see them. That doesn't even make sense anymore. I just think DMH lost the opportunity to do more. The onus was on them invite more committee stakeholders, spouses, family members and I think we dropped the ball. Thank you very much.