



LA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION (BHC)
 “Advocacy, Accountability, and Oversight in Action”
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE	March 26, 2026	
START TIME	12:00pm	ADJOURNMENT TIME: 12:54 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 Dalgleish, 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 5/28/2026. Motion made by Commissioner Dalgleish. Seconded by Commissioner Friedman.	
	ADJOURNMENT: 12:54 PM	

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CONSENT AGENDA (Item #3)			
a. DMH Updates b. BHC budget report	All items approved. Motion made by Commissioner Dalgleish. Seconded by Commissioner Friedman.		
c. Review of topics of interest list	Discussion: - Commissioner Stevens requested that BHC staff add a topic regarding SAPC’s needs to achieve its vision during BHSA integration. - SAPC staff stated that this topic will be addressed during the BHSA Public Hearing. Requests and Decisions:	Kenia to add the newly requested topics to the Topics of Interest list	Topics added



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	- Commissioner Stevens requested that the following topics be added to the Topics of Interest List: - Peer job opportunities - Number of individuals receiving time-limited subsidies - Department efforts to support family members who wish to participate in conferences and events		
ACTION ITEMS (Item #4)			
a. Approval of minutes for February 26, 2026	Minutes approved. Motion made by Commissioner Dagleish. Seconded by Commissioner Friedman.		
b. Draft the agenda for April 9, 2026, regular commission meeting.	Discussion: - Commissioner Dagleish emphasized the importance of ensuring stakeholders have sufficient time to provide public comment. - Kenia outlined the currently scheduled time blocks. - Dr. Horn noted that BHSA staff would like to include a foundational video as part of the presentation. - Chair Manalo asked whether the video should be included within the allotted presentation time. - Commissioner Stevens said that additional time should be allocated for the presentation rather than including the video within the existing time limit.		



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	- Commissioner Stevens also requested that Dr. Horn ask stakeholders not to prepare verbal reports for the BHC meeting. - Chair Manalo stated that he will strictly enforce public comment time limits to ensure all speakers have an opportunity to be heard. - Dr. Stevens suggested using a bell to signal when a speaker’s time has expired. - Kenia suggested providing 15-second and end-of-time visual warnings to help speakers manage their time. Requests and Decisions: - Dr. Stevens requested that Dr. Horn communicate with stakeholders and ask that they not prepare verbal reports for the BHC meeting.		
BHC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION (Item #5)			
a. 2026 Retreat – Update -Date: October 15th - Location: Grace Simmons Lodge (tentative)	Discussion: - BHC staff reported that they are working to secure Grace Simmons as the venue for the upcoming retreat. - Kenia stated that she will provide an update at the next Executive Committee meeting.	Kenia to provide an update on the retreat venue (Grace Simmons) at the next Executive Committee meeting.	Done
b. FY2026-27 Executive Committee Election Process - Appointment of Nominations	Discussion: - Commissioner Lee and Commissioner Dagleish have volunteered to be part of the elections committee. Requests and Decisions: - Commissioner Dagleish requested the contact	Kenia to share Commissioner Lee’s contact information with Commissioner Dagleish.	Done



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Committee	information for Commissioner Lee.		
3. PUBLIC COMMENT –			
<i>Stakeholder Group Reports</i>	Stakeholder groups in attendance: - SALT 4 Stakeholder reports: SALT 4 Reported on the outcome of their past SALT meeting crediting the repeated advertisements and future events were announced.		
<i>General Comments</i>	Harold Thomas, Ricardo Kim, Ezekiel Reyes, Joan Freeman, Jean Harrison, Allison Wolinsky, and one community member anonymously addressed the Commission by phone, in-person, and/or with emailed communication. See public comment document on pages 5-10.		



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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	Harold Thomas	In person	General	Thank you. My name's Harold Thomas. On May 1st, 1963, in the city of Los Angeles. I'm representing the Pierson. It's been a while since I've been up here. Activity going on downstairs. For one thing, I want to know who can try for these meetings. There's a sign and everything. And when's the next orientation for a clubhouse to get some more people. For the peer center, I've been with them for six years, I was a client there and now I'm volunteering staff. So, now I supervisor down there, keep the center going. A lot of homeless people go down there. Same for our peer center and our clubhouse, I'm representing them. And so, my question is, when's the next orientation so we get some more volunteers. Until then, I lost my mother. Her birthday was yesterday March 25th, during COVID-19. Other than that, each one of you all have a good day. I'll be downstairs. You'll see me



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				downstairs Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:00. So, thank you.
Public Comment	Ezekiel Reyes	In Person	Stakeholder Report/SALT 4	Hi, my name's Ezekiel Reyes. I'll do the SALT 4 report. We had a good meeting last week and it was mostly due to the advertisement. I asked several of the constituents that showed up why they ended up showing up this time around, all of them mentioned because they saw a frequent advertisement of the event through emails and it was repetitive. Like the repetitiveness is what drew them there. So, if we can keep that going, that momentum going, that would be great. Again, another way to do it is to change up the ad, make it look differently like each flyer because having the same flyer can be very annoying especially if you're using the same repetitive colors, the same thing, it gets really annoying, change it up. Let's see, let's -- we have our next meeting is going to be online and what's in it -- we also have an illuminate the darkness at the Hollywood Mental Health clinic on April the 17th and a Take Action at LACC on Wednesday, May 13th. So those are the next events we're going to be having coming up. I hope that we are going to have lots of like I said repetitive advertisement for it to draw in the individual -- the people around so that's my thing for that.
Public Comment	Ezekiel Reyes	In Person	General	Now, a public comment from the concerned citizens, the next step. I bring this up because, again, I talked to many homeless people who have been recently housed. That's all that happened. They were just housed for five years, no job require -- nothing entry level for anything and now unfortunately we have about 4,000 of them that are on the chopping block back to going to be cut off from funding due to the emergency funding that's going to be ending December 2026. There was no linkage. We missed the



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				linkage part. So, for future things, I understand housing big deal. What do I mean. What's the next step? The next step for the housing is the job that way that permanent housing can actually be permanent because right now it doesn't seem very permanent so there's that. Again, we need -- there's also the food. Again, I'm going to mention the hot meals like it is a big deal. Like helping the homeless, it's not hard, it's not rocket science, it's literally the basic necessities. Basic needs are what's needed for them to maintain their mind enough so that whenever help is offered, they're readily available to want to accept it because as of right now a lot of them whenever they're not going to get something that's going to make them feel good, they don't want anything. They don't want any help and they say enough. And they close off. So we need to jolt them into something positive and something as cheap as a hot meal can actually bring that in. So thank you very much.
Public Comment	Ricardo Kim	In person	General	Good morning. Chair Manalo. Thank you, co-chair Reyes for your comments just now. I want to focus on this because April 9th, I have a lot to talk about for the integrated plan. So, here we go. LACDMH in partnership with UCLA integrated substance use programs and Pacific southwest addiction technology transportation network is presented a statewide conference bringing together integrating substance use and physical health care services. On April 21, 2026, universal city. Some of the speakers will include some of our esteemed colleagues from our DPH and DPH SAPC. So that should be interesting to hear them. Registration is care code. But for people who don't have a mobile phone or device, registration is problematic. When you go to the register now link, it says a person's



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				name and then you do switch account and then its and for the email that you use to register and a confirmation code. So if you can't register and you don't have a confirmation code, how can you begin the registration process? Will DMH be able to fix this technical issue before registration ends? For community stakeholders, certified drug and alcohol councils, mental health community workers, and individuals with lived experience who are interested in attending this conference and who are experiencing financial hardship, will there be a scholarship to help ease the financial burden? How can we apply for it if there is. And lastly, for continuing education and CME. I see psychologists, registered nurses, LMFT, LPPC, LEPs, LCSWs, certified and drug counselors, physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, but I don't see any mention of psychiatric technicians anywhere. So did approve or continuing education credits. So they're all approved for nine hours through their perspective boards. So the Department of Mental Health was this a mistake or were they just overlooked? Thank you very much.
Public Comment	Joan Freedman	In person	General	Good afternoon everybody and commissioners. My name is Joann Freedman. Now, the program is for three months. So after you've finished the program which I was referred by mental health Long Beach Mental Health, one of the staff members there who works with those, who are looking for employment or training, you're on your own. You do have a job developer, okay, but then my goal was to be a community health worker. So the mentor -- I'm sorry -- has the promoters who used to be an entry level position mental health promoters which is now that they changed to community workers because I found out that it's no longer on the job bulletin. It's just community health



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				workers and they are looking for those who would like to work in the mental health department. This is the position. It gives you a branch where you can move forward to be a community health worker. I was let go because of my disability which is so unfair and because I didn't have the means to pursue and get a lawyer and all that, I just said okay. So I was just told that you're just going to be on temporary, we're going to let you go, but you're not fired, you know. And I think that's very unfair. I mean, if somebody has a learning disability, you're supposed to be able to work with them, not like make the -- make their job where it's intolerable. It was very uncomfortable. I would get headaches. I would get stomach aches and then the person decides to quit. So if you could help me out as to what happened to the mental health promoters, is it now community health workers? I would like to know so that I can start applying for that then. Thank you.
Public Comment	Anonymous	By phone	General	Oh, okay great. Thank you so much. I just wanted to suggest as we were at 12:47 that maybe some of the housekeeping at your meeting to make sure we use the most of our time. That being said, what I hope that happens is that there's a plan for workers such as myself who will be carrying employees and implementing some of these practices and we have some discussion about how we can best implement them particularly around housing and homelessness. Someone mentioned the EHV's and we are concerned about making sure the folks will be able to stay housed. And have been able to stay housed for many years are now being subjected to losing their housing and we work towards advocacy for those people there's really an ability for us to keep people in their homes and we look



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				forward to doing that. I look forward to implementing BHSA the best way that we can. Appreciate your time.
Public Comment	Gene Harris	By phone	General	Good afternoon commissioners. Gene Harris here, service area 1. I wanted to ask about the public meeting on April 9th. Are in-person participants going to be able to get printed copies of the paperwork that will be referring to during that meeting? >> Chair: Yes.
Emailed Public Comment Correspondence				
Public Comment	Allison Wolinsky	Email	General	Hello, How will LACDMH and SAPC inform the public about DHCS's feedback on the initial BHSA Integrated Plan draft? How will stakeholders be involved in the revision process prior to final submission?