

**Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and
Public Health – Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (DPH-SAPC)
Behavioral Health Commission Meeting
July 09, 2026**

Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Update

The Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Public Health – Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (DPH-SAPC) have the following BHSA updates:

- **BHSA Community Planning Process (CPP)**
 - DMH and DPH-SAPC led a Community Planning Team (CPT) meeting on June 9, 2026, to present a draft integrated behavioral health definition and gather CPT input. The meeting was held at the Annenberg Community Beach House in Santa Monica (Service Area 5) as part of an ongoing effort to host our Community Planning Process within all eight of the Los Angeles County Service Areas.
 - CPT members were generally aligned with the definition, and CPT members felt that their views were included. Stakeholders gave comments on their involvement in the next steps in the implementation of the BHSA Integrated Plan.
 - DMH and DPH-SAPC also presented their plan for continued stakeholder engagement and provided time for discussion and feedback. The CPT members' comments showed general agreement with the new direction and were mostly concerned about how this would be implemented going forward.
 - The CPT will shift to a quarterly meeting cadence starting Fiscal Year 2026-27. The first quarterly meeting will be hosted on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at Antelope Valley College (Service Area 1). The July 14th meeting will highlight DMH's and DPH-SAPC's implementation plans for FY- 26-27 and provide details on the CPT structure for executing the BHSA Integrated Plan and working with Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and stakeholders through the development of informational forums and work groups. Transportation will be provided for those who are interested in attending the meeting and need transportation support.
 - BHSA Community and Stakeholder Unit is actively working with new Community Stakeholders to receive an orientation to become involved in the local stakeholder meetings and the Community Planning Team. Newly elected Co-Chairs as well as community members are welcome to attend a



Co-Chair/Client Activity Fund (CAF) Orientation on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 11a at DMH Headquarters. Information on opportunities to become involved in the Community Planning Process as well as stipends will be presented.

Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs) and Managed Care Plans (MCPs)

- DMH and DPH-SAPC are participating in the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) process for the City of Long Beach and are serving on the Steering Committee and workgroups.
- The Departments have also submitted their priorities as part of the MCP community reinvestment planning process.