

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DMH & DPH-SAPC

Behavioral Health Service Act Community Partnership Team (BHSA CPT)

PUBLIC AGENDA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026, 9:30-12:30

Museum of Latin American Art | 628 Alamitos Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90802

This is a hybrid meeting. Individuals can join in person at the above location or online at:

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GOALS	1. Provide brief updates on Los Angeles County's Behavioral Health Services Act Integrated Plan (BHSA IP) and related topics. 2. Develop a shared understanding of how to use data for action and equity to advance the statewide population behavioral health goals.
TIME	ITEMS
9:30 (20 min)	I. SESSION OPENING A. Announcements & Communication Expectations B. Land and Labor Acknowledgements C. Agenda Review D. Welcome, Updates, and Announcements 1. Dr. Darlesh Horn, DPA, Division Chief, BHSA Administration Division, Community & Stakeholder Engagement Unit, LACDMH 2. Katherine Li, MBA, Section Manager, Integrated Health Initiatives (IHI), LACDPH-SAPC
9:50 (70 min)	II. PANEL: DATA FOR ACTION & EQUITY TO ADVANCE THE STATEWIDE POPULATION BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GOALS A. <u>Presentations</u> (9:50-10:25) 1. Kara K. Taguchi, Psy.D., Mental Health Program Manager III, QOTD/ Outcomes and Quality Improvement Team, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health 2. Tina Kim, Ph.D, MA, Division Chief, Health Outcomes & Data Analytics Division, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control Bureau, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health B. <u>Small Group Dialogue</u> (10:25-10:40) 1. Table Dialogue (In-Person) 2. Break Out Groups (Online) C. <u>Initial Stakeholder Reflections & Questions</u> (10:40-11:00) 1. In-Person Stakeholders
11:00	III. BREAK
11:10 (70 min)	IV. STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE A. <u>Online Stakeholder Reflections & Questions</u> (11:10-11:30) B. <u>Panelists' Reflections</u> (11:30-11:50) 1. Kara K. Taguchi, Psy.D. and Tina Kim, Ph.D, MA C. <u>Small Group Discussion</u> (11:50-12:05)

	1. Table Discussion (In-Person) 2. Break Out Groups (Online) D. <u>Additional Dialogue</u> (12:05-12:20)
12:20 (10 min)	V. CLOSING A. Next Steps B. Meeting Evaluation
12:30	VI. ADJOURN

SPEAKER BIOS

KARA TAGUCHI, Psy.D. is a Mental Health Clinical Program Manager III with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. With over 25 years' experience working for DMH, she has spent much of her career at DMH overseeing outcome data collection and involved with MHSA implementation since MHSA planning began back in 2004. In her role, Dr. Taguchi's team has been responsible for identifying outcome tools and data collection protocols, working collaboratively with our Chief Information Office Division and subject matter experts to develop data applications and protocols to capture data, providing training and technical assistance, gathering requirements for reporting, and creating and distributing reports to be used for continuous quality improvement. In more recent years, her duties have expanded to advise on data collection for programs beyond those funded by MHSA, and she is the department lead for Quality Improvement. In her role as the QI manager, Dr. Taguchi oversees the development, implementation, and evaluation of the annual Quality Assurance Performance Improvement (QAPI) workplan, monitors performance on the Behavioral Health Accountability Set (BHAS), state mandated Performance Improvement Projects and the annual Consumer Perception Survey (CPS). She joined the LA County Department of Mental Health in 2000 as a Clinical Psychologist providing mental health services to foster and probation youth residing in LA County's only public shelter. Since then, her experience varied from program development, contract monitoring, improving relationships between mental health and child welfare, program administration, and service area administration.

TINA KIM, Ph.D and M.A. is an accomplished executive in the fields of Research, Data Analytics, Data Science, and Program Evaluation, boasting over 20-year experience in spearheading various critical projects. As the Division Chief of Health Outcomes and Data Analytics Division for the Bureau of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Dr. Kim plays a pivotal role in shaping data-driven strategies and implementing innovative initiatives. Her profound contributions span various domains, including program evaluations of LA County's SUD prevention and treatment program implementation, outcomes, cost effectiveness, and quality of care provided by over 80 treatment and 30 prevention community-based organizations, performance improvement projects, member satisfaction surveys, community needs assessments, and performance measures, all of which have significantly impacted policy decisions, program planning and development, and practice standards. Dr. Kim is deeply committed to advancing knowledge, fostering evidence-based and data-driven decision-making, and ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements, as demonstrated by her remarkable professional accomplishments.