Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and
Public Health – Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (DPH-SAPC)
Behavioral Health Commission Meeting
November 12, 2026

Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Update

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

- BHSA Community Planning Process (CPP)
  - The remaining BHSA Community Forums have been scheduled as follows. DMH and DPH-SAPC subject matter experts will present their collective approaches for the BHSA Statewide Behavioral Health Goals at these interactive forums.

Date	Topic
11/4/2026	Reduce Homelessness
11/10/2026	Increase Access to Care
12/1/2026	Reduce Removal of Children from Home
12/8/2026	Reduce Institutionalization
1/26/2027	Reduce Untreated Behavioral Health Conditions
2/9/2027	Reduce Justice Involvement
2/26/2027	Increase Engagement in Schools

  - The BHSA CPT quarterly meeting has also been scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2027.

- BHSA Integrated Plan (IP)
  - DMH and DPH-SAPC are finalizing content for the Intermittent and Annual Updates.
  - The Intermittent Update, which includes budget updates, will be posted and available for public comment in December before Board approval and DHCS submission. The Departments will present the Intermittent Update during the December Regular Commission Meeting.
  - The Annual Update will be posted and available for public comment in March 2027. The Departments will present during the April Regular Commission Meeting, but unlike the Mental Health Services Act, a Public Hearing is not required under BHSA.

BHSA Implementation Update

- DMH has updated all contracts effective July 1, 2026, with new contract language and Program Service Exhibits (PSE). These PSEs reflect expectations for each funded program.
- Full-Service Partnership Intensive Case Management (FSP-ICM) is operational. Referrals can be made directly to FSP-ICM with no pre-authorization required.
- Ten Directly Operated clinics have been identified to transform into Assertive Community Treatment and the existing Directly Operated Re-Integration Programs will transform into Forensic Assertive Community Treatment.
- Over 1,000 Directly Operated and Contracted providers have completed the FSP-ICM training requirements which cover topics such as field-based outreach, navigating the housing system, working with Justice Involved Clients, and approaches for working with substance use and co-occurring disorders.
- Transformation of the Children's system is in process as program guidance to Counties was delayed.