

Commission for Behavioral Health Meeting

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Announcements & Administrative Updates

- Welcome extended to Will (supporting LEX, CFLCs, and CLCC committees) and Alfonso Jimenez (Assistant Deputy Director for Administration and Performance Management).
- Agenda adjustment: Item 15 moved after lunch (1:15 PM); subsequent items shifted by 15 minutes.

Caring Moment: allcove Presentation

- allcove model overview:
 - Youth drop-in centers for ages 12–25 and families, adapted from Australia's headspace model.
 - Core services: mental health, physical health, substance use, peer/family support, supported education and employment.
 - Results: >10,000 services provided; 79% of struggling youth improved mental health; 98% with 6+ months in program report better coping skills.
 - Expansion: growing from 6 to 10 centers by end of year; backed by \$5M state legislative funding.
- Personal testimonies presented by youth advisors Josh and Alina highlighting early intervention vs. institutional/crisis intervention.
- Commissioner comments addressed the severe drop in prevention services across California following Prop 1.

Executive Director's Report

- Announced 8 new grantees for the peer respite grant; technical assistance applications due next day.
- AB 2008 suicide prevention training modules currently testing; target release September 2027.
- Strategic Plan 2028–2030 kickoff scheduled for advisory committee next month.
- FY 26–27 budget adopted; team vacancy rate steady at ~9%.
- Internal QA/process improvement project proceeding across multiple phases into summer 2027.

Minutes & Consent Calendar Actions

- Approved August 2026 meeting minutes.
- Approved consent calendar items:
 - Sole source contract with Health Management Associates and interagency agreements with UCLA/UC Davis Centers of Excellence (up to \$2M total) for full service partnerships.
 - Tableau renewal purchase order (up to \$175,000).
 - iBridge Data Center hosting/maintenance contract (up to \$300,000).
 - UCSF research/evaluation contract amendment (up to \$1.8M for an additional 2 years).

Mental Health Wellness Act (MHWA) & Field-Based Care

- LA County DMH Homeless Outreach Mobile Engagement (HOME) team presentation:
 - Serves chronically unsheltered individuals with severe psychosis/lack of insight (anosognosia).
 - Outpatient conservatorship initiation without requiring prior acute hospital stay.
 - De-escalation and clinician-led physical restraint model developed to reduce law enforcement involvement and lethal force risks.
 - Outcomes (May 2022–Jan 2026): >1,000 hospitalizations, 90% discharged into housing/placements, only 10% returned to street.
- California Street Medicine Collaborative & Sacramento Street Medicine presentation:

- Directly provides primary care, MAT, chronic disease management, psychiatric support, and lab collection via backpacks/vans.
- Direct-to-inject buprenorphine protocol showed 85% completion and 82% cessation/reduction of opioid use.
- Critical concern: Pending HR1 requirements (work requirements, shortened 6-month recertification) could cause up to 90% of unsheltered clients to lose Medi-Cal coverage.
- Policy asks: Require managed care plans to contract with street medicine; pilot street medicine integration into FSP models.