



**California Health and Human Services Agency
Behavioral Health Task Force
Agenda**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Conference Room 110A and 110B, Clifford L. Allenby Building
1215 O Street, Sacramento
[Zoom Registration](#)

- 1. Welcome and Introductions (10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.)**
 - **Stephanie Welch, MSW**, Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health, CalHHS
 - **The Social Changery**, Facilitation Team
- 2. Behavioral Health Transformation Investments and Legacy (10:15 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.)**
 - **Kim Johnson**, Secretary, CalHHS
- 3. Panel Presentations and Discussion (10:25 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)**
 - **Michelle Baass**, Director, Department of Health Care Services
 - **Elizabeth Landsberg**, Director, Department of Health Care Access and Information
 - **Mary Watanabe**, Director, Department of Managed Health Care
 - **Dr. Erica Pan**, Director, California Department of Public Health
- 4. Panelist Questions (12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.)**

30-minute Break, Followed by Working Lunch - END OF PUBLIC WEBINAR

- 5. Discussion & Breakout Session (1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.)**
- 6. Department and BHTF Member Updates (2:30 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.)**
- 7. BHTF Roadmap and Changes for 2026 (2:40 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.)**
- 8. Closing and Adjourn (2:50 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)**

Upcoming Meetings:

- April 8, 2026

- July 15, 2026
- October 14, 2026

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