



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

**Wednesday, January 22, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

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

- 1. Welcome, Introductions, New Members (10:00–10:15 a.m.)**
 - *Stephanie Welch, MSW, Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health, CalHHS*
 - *Ariel Ambruster and Jonathan Bell, Facilitators, Sacramento State University*
- 2. Behavioral Health Services Related to Building Foster Youth Strengths and Addressing Immediate Needs – Presentation, Discussion, and Engagement Activity (10:15 a.m.–11:45 p.m.)**
 - Lived Experience Expertise
 - *Kristina Tanner, Special Projects Coordinator, Youth Law Center*
 - State Department
 - *Angie Schwartz, Deputy Director, the Children and Family Services Division, California Department of Social Services (CDSS)*
 - *Erin Thuston, Chief, the Permanency Policy Bureau, CDSS*
 - *Sara Rogers, Chief, the System of Care Branch, CDSS*
- 3. Behavioral Health Ideas for Master Plan for Developmental Services – Presentation and Engagement Activity (11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.)**
 - *Victor Duron, Project Director, Master Plan for Developmental Services, Department of Rehabilitation*
- 4. Secretary Kim Johnson: Message for BHTF (12:30 p.m.–12:50 p.m.)**
 - *Kim Johnson, Secretary, CalHHS*

30-minute Break to Bring Lunch, Followed by Working Lunch (12:50–1:20 p.m.)

* **Note:** The order and timing of agenda items may change to accommodate late-breaking schedules and topic priorities.

5. BH-CONNECT Workforce Initiatives (1:20 p.m.–2:20 p.m.)

- *Libby Abbott, Deputy Director, Health Workforce Development, Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI)*
- *Sharmil Shah, MA., Psy.D, Assistant Deputy Director, Health Workforce Development, HCAI*
- *Paula Wilhelm, Deputy Director, Behavioral Health, Department of Health Care Services*

6. CalHHS and BHTF Member Updates (2:20–2:50 p.m.)

- Proposition 1 / Behavioral Health Transformation**
- 988 Crisis Care Continuum**
- CYBHI**
- Homelessness Emergency and Active Readiness Toolkit (HEART) (10 mins)**
- LA Fires and Behavioral Health (*if time and BHTF member interest*)**

7. Public Comment (2:50–3:00 p.m.)

8. Closing and Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings:

- April 9, 2025
- August 13, 2025
- November 12, 2025

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