



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

**Wednesday, April 9, 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, Facilitation Team, Sacramento State University*

**2. Interconnections between Proposition 1 and the Behavioral Health
Community-Based Organized Networks of Equitable Care and Treatment
(BH-CONNECT) Initiative – Panel Discussion (10:15 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.)**

- **Overview (10:15 – 10:35 a.m.)**

*Paula Wilhelm, Deputy Director, Behavioral Health, Department of Health
Care Services*

- **Proposition 1 and BH-CONNECT Interconnections (10:35 – 11:10 a.m.)**

*Dr. Ryan Quist, Behavioral Health Director, Sacramento County Behavioral
Health Services*

*Harjit Singh Gill, LCSW, Regional Vice President, Bay Area Community
Services*

- **Opportunities in Proposition 1 and BH-CONNECT to Implement
Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) and Forensic Assertive
Community Treatment (FACT) (11:10 – 11:40 a.m.)**

*Dr. Elizabeth Bromley, Professor in Residence, UCLA Department of
Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sciences and Director, Public Mental Health
Partnership*

*Dr. Karyn Tribble, PsyD, LCSW, Director, Alameda County Behavioral Health
Department*

3. Proposition 1 and BH-CONNECT – Questions (11:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

4. Proposition 1 and BH-CONNECT – Group Discussion (12:00 – 12:30 p.m.)

Discussion Questions

- How do you see BH CONNECT and ACT/FACT aiding your county in serving priority populations in the BHSA?
- What do you need to be successful? Are there tools/ resources that you think would be helpful to support planning and implementation?
- What are some strategies to help manage adapting to these changes?

30-minute Break to Bring Lunch, Followed by Working Lunch (12:30 – 1:00 p.m.)

5. Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) Update (1:00 – 1:30 p.m.)

Dr. Sohil Sud, MD, MA. Director, CYBHI, CalHHS

Amanda Lechner, Senior Researcher, CYBHI Evaluation, Mathematica

6. Update on Behavioral Health Transformation Implementation – Presentation and Member Discussion (1:30 – 2:45 p.m.)

a. Update from Stephanie Welch

b. Discussion on Opportunities, Challenges, and Recommendations

7. CalHHS and BHTF Member Updates (2:45 – 2:50 p.m.)

8. Public Comment (2:50 – 3:00 p.m.)

9. Closing and Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings:

- August 13, 2025
- November 12, 2025

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