



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

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

[Zoom Meeting Registration Link](#)

1. Welcome and Introductions (10:00 – 10:10 a.m.)

Mark Ghaly, MD, MPH. Secretary, California Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS)

Ariel Ambruster and Julia Csernansky, Lead Mediator/Facilitators, Sacramento State University

2. Improving Behavioral Health Access and Outcomes for Californians with Commercial Health Plans – Panel (10:10 – 11:10 a.m.)

Stephanie Welch, MSW. Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health, CalHHS

- State Department

Mary Watanabe, Director, Department of Managed Health Care

- Plan Perspective

Charles Bacchi, President, California Association of Health Plans

- Community Perspective

Kiran Savage-Sangwan, Executive Director, California Pan-Ethnic Health Network

3. Group Discussion (11:10 – 11:40 p.m.)

4. Facilitated Discussions/Activity (11:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.)

Lunch Break (1 hour: 12:10 – 1:10 p.m.)

5. BHTF Members Reflections (1:10 – 1:30 p.m.)

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6. 988-Crisis Care Continuum Update (1:30 – 1:55 p.m.)

Dr. Anh Thu Bui, Project Director of 988-Crisis Care Continuum, CalHHS

7. Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) Update (1:55 – 2:30 p.m.)

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

8. CalHHS and BHTF Member Updates (2:30 – 2:45 p.m.)

Stephanie Welch, MSW. Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health, CalHHS
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9. Public Comment (2:45 – 2:55 p.m.)

10. Closing – Reflections and Next Steps (2:55 – 3:00 p.m.)

11. Adjourn (3:00 p.m.)

Upcoming Quarterly Meetings:

- August 28, 2024
- November 13, 2024

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