



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

Wednesday, August 28, 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.)

*Stephanie Welch, MSW, Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health, CalHHS
Ariel Ambruster and Jonathan Bell, Facilitation Team, Sacramento State University*

1. Evidence-Based Strategy to Develop California’s Behavioral Health Workforce – Presentation and Panel (10:10 – 11:15 a.m.)

Libby Abbott, Deputy Director, Health Workforce Development, Department of Health Care Access and Information

- Policy Perspective
Karen Larsen, CEO, Steinberg Institute
- County Perspective
Luke Bergmann, Ph.D., Director, San Diego County Behavioral Health Services
- Provider Perspective
Carmen Katsarov, Executive Director, Behavioral Health Integration, CalOptima Health
- Education/Training Perspective
Rebecca Ruan-O’Shaughnessy, Vice Chancellor for Educational Services and Support, California Community Colleges
- CBO Perspective
Christine Stoner-Mertz, CEO, California Alliance of Child and Family Services

2. Group Questions and Discussion (11:15 – 11:45 p.m.)

3. Facilitated Discussions/Activity: Strategy Feedback (11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)

4. BHTF Members Reflections (12:15 – 12:30 p.m.)

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

5. Update on Proposition 1/BH Transformation Implementation – Presentation and Member Discussion (1:00 – 2:30 p.m.)

Michelle Baass, Director, Department of Health Care Services

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

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

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6. Public Comment (2:45 – 2:55 p.m.)

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

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

Upcoming Meetings:

- Lunch and Learn: Population-Based Prevention in the Age of Behavioral Health Transformation – *Date TBD*
- November 13, 2024

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