



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

**Wednesday, August 13, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Conference Room 110A and 110B, Clifford L. Allenby Building
1215 O Street, Sacramento

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1. Welcome, Introductions, New Members (10:00 – 10:15 a.m.)

Stephanie Welch, MSW. Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health, CalHHS
Lisa Smusz and Jeanine Gaines, Facilitation Team, The Social Changery

2. Transforming Behavioral Health: Housing is Health

Panel Presentations and Discussion (10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.)

- **Margot Kushel, MD**, Professor of Medicine at University of California San Francisco, Division Chief of the Division of Health Equity and Society, and Director of the UCSF Action Research Center for Health Equity and the UCSF Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative
- **Glenn Tsang**, Policy Advisor for Homelessness and Housing, Department of Healthcare Services
- **Jonathan Russell**, Director of Housing and Homelessness Services, Alameda County Health
- **Phebe Bell**, Behavioral Health Director, Nevada County Behavioral Health

3. Questions for Panel (11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

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

4. Message from Secretary Kim Johnson (1:00 – 1:15 p.m.)

**5. Proposition 1 / BHSA Implementation Updates and Member Discussion
(1:15 – 2:30 p.m.)**

- a. Updates from Departments (1:15 - 1:45 p.m.)**

- i. Department of Health Care Services
- ii. California Department of Public Health
- iii. Department of Health Care Access and Information

b. Behavioral Health Commission Presentations (1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

c. Member Sharing & Discussion: Supporting the Local Planning Process (2:00 - 2:30 p.m.)

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

7. Public Comment (2:45 – 3:00 p.m.)

8. Closing and Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings:

- November 12, 2025

The order in which agenda items are considered may be subject to change. Public comment will be taken at various points during the meeting and/or at the end of the meeting. Prior to making your comments, please state your name for the record and identify any group or organization you represent. Depending on the number of individuals wishing to address the Task Force, the Chair may establish specific time limits on comments.

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