



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

**Wednesday, November 12, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

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

- 1. Welcome and Introductions (10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.)**
 - **Stephanie Welch, MSW**, Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health, CalHHS
 - **The Social Changery**, Facilitation Team
- 2. SUD as a Behavioral Health Priority (10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)**
 - **Kim Johnson**, Secretary, California Health and Human Services
- 3. Panel Presentations and Discussion (10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)**
 - **Marlies Perez**, Chief of Behavioral Health Community Services Division, DHCS
 - **Vanessa Ramos**, Senior Advisor, Disability Rights California
 - **Dr. Brian Hurley**, Medical Director for Substance Abuse Prevention and Control, LA County Dept of Public Health
 - **Carmen Katsafrov, LPCC, CCM**, Executive Director of Behavioral Health Integration, Cal Optima
 - **Staci Anderson**, President & CEO, PRO Youth & Family Services

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

- 1. Panelist Questions (12:30p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)**
- 2. Discussion & Breakout Session (1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)**
- 3. Department and BHTF Member Updates (2:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.)**
- 4. Closing and Adjourn (2:50 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)**

Upcoming Meetings:

- January 21, 2026
- April 8, 2026

- July 15, 2026
- October 14, 2026

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