
From: Behavioral Health Commission
Subject: BHC 5.20.26 meeting Public Comment #1

From: B_GRAYBILL
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2026 4:24 PM
To: Kaino Hopper ; Behavioral Health Commission ; Corrine Sako ----- Rich Desmond ----
-----; Melinda.avey -----
Cc: Mary Ann Bernard -----Marvin Hopper -----
Subject: RE: Public comment Agenda item # 5 Sac Co Behavioral Health Commission meeting 5.20.26

Thanks for sharing, and for your advocacy! B

----- Original message -----

From: Kaino Hopper <ekainohopper@gmail.com>
Date: 5/19/26 3:57 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: BehavioralHealthCommission@saccounty.gov, Corrine Sako -----, -----, Melinda
Avey-----
Cc: Mary Ann Bernard -----, Marvin Hopper -----
Subject: Public comment Agenda item # 5 Sac Co Behavioral Health Commission meeting 5.20.26

Dear Sacramento County BHC Chair Sarah Weber, Crisis & Justice Continuum Committee Co-chairs Melinda Avey & Donald Scherschligt, Sacramento County Supervisor Desmond of District 3, and All BHC Commission Members,

I live in Carmichael CA, and my family member lives with Serious Mental Illness and Serious Substance Use Disorder that is resistant to treatment, and she is terrified of law enforcement but often needs a crisis response. Currently, CWRT alternative crisis response is the only way to interface with my loved one in crisis whenever she is residing outside local city boundaries and inside Sacramento County areas (Sheriff refusal to respond unless a crime is in progress).

And so, it is with a matter of life, suffering and possible death urgency I write to submit public comment for BHC general meeting tomorrow, 5.20.26, in support of continuing CWRT and alternative (and co-responses whenever possible) responses and the respite locations.

I write to express public comment for BHC General Meeting 5.20.26 for to support agenda item #5, the draft letter regarding continuation of CWRT and 988 and respite centers. Although I understand it can be controversial to write to Sacramento County Board of Supervisors to pro-actively promise to fund a this full continuum of crisis response, I ask all BHC Commissioners to vote to send this letter.

I also ask this BHC Commission to persist for as long as it takes to ensure these programs stay active and funded. Many statewide advocates like myself, are writing And calling the governor as well as our

political representatives two point out how funding alternative crisis response programs saves money, reduces suffering, and in many cases is the only Crisis Response available because sheriffs departments across the state have also refused to serve 100% of the population with public safety Protections.

While Californian residents lobby all possible entities to secure funding outside of county general fund budgets to cover these alternative Crisis Response teams and efforts, it is also urgent to ask Sacramento County Supervisors (who currently only add a small percentage of their general funds to SCBH budgets) to fund Sacramento County behavioral health non-law enforcement crisis responses .*

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Kaino Hopper & Marvin W Hopper (ekainohopper@gmail.com) Carmichael, CA

* “Sacramento: 0.15% (\$1.2 million per report from BHS) Sacramento has taken down the link to their plan as of this date. My only copy is a hard copy so I can’t email it to you.”

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Sacramento County Behavioral Health Commission General Meeting

Meeting Agenda

IN PERSON MEETING, HYBRID PARTICIPATION OPTION

All Behavioral Health Commission General Meetings will be held in person. Meetings will have a hybrid format, with participation available in-person or via Teams, subject to technological and staffing limitations at the time of the meeting. Members of the public who wish to ensure their participation are encouraged to attend in person.

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- Meeting ID: 292 251 073 429 9

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Public comments may be given verbally at the designated time. Members of the public may also submit written comments electronically to BehavioralHealthCommission@saccounty.gov or by US Postal

Service to:

Behavioral Health Services

Attn: Behavioral Health Commission

7001-A East Parkway

Sacramento, CA 95823

Verbal public comment is accepted until the adjournment of the meeting. Written public comment will be

distributed to BHC members at the meeting following its receipt.

Meeting Time

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Meeting Location

WellSpace Health

1500 Expo Parkway

Sacramento, CA 95815

Margie Meza Conference Room

Welcome and Introductions 6:00 – 6:10 pm

Participants: BHC Chairperson Meeting Logistics

- Roll Call & Administration

- Meeting Minutes Review

1. Public Comment on Matters Not on the Posted Agenda 6:10 – 6:20 pm

Participants: Members of the Public (up to 3 minutes)

Public Comment

per person)

2. Behavioral Health Services Director's Report 6:20 – 6:30 pm

Presenter: Dr. Ryan Quist, Behavioral Health Director Information Item

- May 2026 Director's Report
- Public Comment (up to 3 minutes per person)

Meeting Invitees

- Behavioral Health

Commission

- General Public

1 Sacramento County

Behavioral Health Commission

General Meeting

3. Committee Updates & Memberships 6:30 – 6:45 pm

Presenters: BHC Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs Discussion/Action Item

- Discussion
- Public Comment (up to 3 minutes per person)
- Vote

4. BHS Budget Overview 6:45 – 7:20 pm

Presenter: John Dizon, Division Manager Discussion/Action Item

- Discussion
- Public Comment (up to 3 minutes per person)
- BHC Recommendation(s)
- Possible Creation of Ad Hoc Budget Committee

5. Crisis & Justice Involved Continuum Committee Letter 7:20 – 7:40 pm

Participants: CJIC Committee Discussion/Action Item

Purpose: Review and discuss the Committee's letter regarding the Behavioral Health Coordinated System of Crisis Care.

- Discussion
- Public Comment (up to 3 minutes per person)
- Vote

6. Proposal to Form Administrative Ad Hoc Committee 7:40 – 7:55 pm

Participants: BHC Commissioners Discussion/Action Item

- Discussion
- Public Comment (up to 3 minutes per person)
- Vote

Meeting Conclusion 7:55 – 8:00 pm

Presenter: BHC Chairperson & Commissioners Meeting Logistics

- Commissioner Announcements
- Adjournment

Recurring Meeting Schedule: Third Wednesday of the month, 6:00PM – 8:00PM (unless specified otherwise).

For more information regarding the Sacramento County Behavioral Health Commission, please visit our website at Behavioral Health Commission. If you plan to attend and need to arrange for an interpreter or a reasonable accommodation, please contact Gail Brosnan prior to the scheduled meeting at (916) 709-1653 or at BrosnanG@saccounty.gov.

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Agenda item #5

Crisis & Justice Involved Continuum Committee Letter 7:20 – 7:40 pm

Participants: CJIC Committee Discussion/Action Item

Purpose: Review and discuss the Committee's letter regarding the Behavioral Health Coordinated System of Crisis Care.

- Discussion
- Public Comment (up to 3 minutes per person)
- Vote

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So, I thought I would share with you the amounts listed in the draft plans for each of the counties and a link to the county plans so you could look up your own county and take action accordingly. For those counties that have made only a small investment, you might make a public comment to your Board of Supervisors advocating for a larger commitment if you think that's what should happen. And for the counties that have made a bigger commitment, you can commend your Board of Supervisors for their support.

Alameda: 10% (\$81 million) [Alameda draft Integrated Plan](#)

Contra Costa: 8.2% (\$41.6 million) [Contra Costa draft Integrated Plan](#)

Imperial: 0% (\$0) [Imperial draft Integrated Plan](#)

Los Angeles 1.5% (\$73.5 million) [Los Angeles draft Integrated Plan](#)

Marin: 19% (\$21 million) [Marin draft Integrated Plan](#)

Orange County: 0.45% (\$3.6 million) [Orange County draft Integrated Plan](#)

Plumas: 0.06% (\$8,000) [Plumas draft Integrated Plan](#)

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San Bernardino: 0.3% (\$2.1 million) [San Bernardino draft Integrated Plan](#)

San Diego: 2.1% (\$32.6 million) [San Diego draft Integrated Plan](#)

San Luis Obispo 14% (\$19.1 million) [San Luis Obispo draft Integrated Plan BUDGET](#); [San Luis Obispo draft Integrated Plan](#)

San Mateo: 18.5% (\$70.7 million) [San Mateo draft Integrated Plan](#)

Santa Barbara: 2.9% (\$6.3 million) [Santa Barbara draft Integrated Plan](#)

Santa Cruz 8.8% (\$18.5 million) [Santa Cruz draft Integrated Plan](#)

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California Counties and their Investment in local Behavioral Health Programs

How much is your county contributing?



PATRICIA J WENTZEL
MAR 28, 2026



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This week's slightly belated post is about the extent to which various counties appear to be investing in their behavioral health programs based on the amounts that are being reported in draft Integrated Plans.

More DMCA info and Integrated Plans are featured throughout the State...

