

**Sacramento County  
Behavioral Health Commission (BHC)  
Adult Prevention & Treatment Committee Meeting Minutes  
December 1, 2025**

**Meeting Location**

In-Person  
7001-A East Parkway  
Conference Room 1  
Sacramento, CA 95823

Attendance			
Behavioral Health Commission (BHC) Adult Prevention & Treatment Committee Members			
Name	Attendance	Name	Attendance
Laura Asay-Bemis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Bradley Lueth	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Melinda Avey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Donald Scherschligt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
John Durbin, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Patricia Wentzel, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Emily Halcon	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent		
County Staff to BHC Adult Prevention & Treatment Committee			
Name	Attendance	Name	Attendance
Erica Cambern, Program Planner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Dr. Ryan Quist, Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Pamela Hawkins, Program Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Arys Scott, Program Planner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Stephanie Kelly, Division Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Kelli Weaver, Deputy Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Lori Miller, Division Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Allison Williams, Program Manager	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent

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<b>I. Welcome and Introductions</b>	Kelli Weaver called the meeting to order at 3:03PM. Behavioral Health Commission (BHC) members and Sacramento County Behavioral Health Services (BHS) staff introduced themselves.
<b>II. BHS Overview of Programs and Summary of Current Initiatives</b>	<p>Sacramento County BHS Division Managers, Stephanie Kelly and Lori Miller, shared a presentation on the Sacramento County BHS Adult Prevention and Treatment Continuum.</p> <p>Member Comments/Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member Durbin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Question: Does an individual need to have Medi-Cal or a specific income to receive services at a Community Outreach Recovery Empowerment (CORE) Community Wellness Center (CWC) site?</li> <li>Response: Anyone ages 18 years and older can receive services at a CORE CWC.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Member Scherschligt: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Question: What is the difference between a CORE CWC and CORE Outpatient (OP) services?</li> <li>Response: CORE OP services are intended for Medi-Cal eligible adults with severe mental health needs. Each</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p>CORE site also has an attached CWC which serves as a low barrier access point to treatment as well as a step-down. There was a redesign of the Adult Mental Health OP system within the last three years, and BHS emphasizes the importance of providing co-occurring treatment. BHS Substance Use Prevention and Treatment (SUPT) staff are stationed at a majority of the CORE locations to provide screenings and linkage to Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member Wentzel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Question: Is BHS expecting to fund all Full Service Partnerships (FSPs) for next Fiscal Year 2026/2027? It would be helpful to identify gaps in services and hear informative presentations about available services and funding resources.</li> <li>○ Response: There have been no funding cuts for BHS OP Programs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Member Durbin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Question: Is there any information about the number of individuals who are receiving SUD treatment services compared to the number of individuals in the community who have a SUD?</li> <li>○ Response: Specific data is not currently available, but this raises a good point about the importance of supporting individuals with accessing treatment.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Member Wentzel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Question: Of the individuals being served, how many are being served at the highest level of care for SUD?</li> <li>○ Response: Specific data is not currently available although a majority of individuals are being served by Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Programs for Opioid Use Disorder.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Member Wentzel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Question: Are Withdrawal Management services needed? If so, are there challenges with getting individuals into services due to a lack of available beds or co-occurring issues?</li> <li>○ Response: Yes, there is a huge demand for Withdrawal Management services. BHS is linking individuals to care within a 10-day period and has substantially increased bed capacity for Withdrawal Management and Residential Treatment as well as Sober Living Environments/Recovery Residences.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Member Wentzel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Question: Is Behavioral Health Services-Screening and Coordination (BHS-SAC) able to complete the Level of Intensity Screening Tool (LIST)? Can anyone complete the LIST?</li> <li>○ Response: Typically, these referrals are coming from Providers and hospitals, but BHS-SAC can internally route the referral to our Intensive Placement Team for FSP services.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<b>III. Public Comment</b>	No public comments.
<b>IV. Committee Leadership Structure</b>	<p>Committee members discussed the committee leadership structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kelli Weaver stated that BHS County staff will continue to support the committee meetings if the committee decides not to elect a chair.</li> <li>• Committee members shared that there is language in the BHC Bylaws speaking to the requirement for the committee to elect a chair and vice chair.</li> <li>• Committee members elected John Durbin as the chair and Patricia Wentzel as the vice chair.</li> </ul>
<b>V. Meeting Logistics</b>	<p>Committee members discussed future meeting logistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The reoccurring monthly meetings will be scheduled on the second Monday of every month at a time to be determined.</li> <li>• A virtual poll will be sent to committee members with afternoon/evening time options. The preferred time identified by the majority of the committee members will be utilized to schedule the January 12, 2026 meeting as well as future monthly meetings.</li> <li>• The next meeting will be scheduled for Monday, January 12, 2026, at a time to be determined. This meeting will be held at 7001-A East Parkway, Sacramento, CA 95823.</li> </ul>
<b>VI. Discussion Item: Future Agenda Topics</b>	<p>Committee members proposed the following agenda items for future meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service and program data.</li> <li>• Presentations about Mental Health and SUD programs.</li> <li>• Future focused discussions on ideas to help mitigate the potential community impacts due to the programs proposed to be sunset (as reported during the Behavioral Health Services Act Update presentation at the BHC General Meeting on November 19, 2025).</li> <li>• Housing supports and outcomes across programs.</li> <li>• Funding for respite programs. Committee members shared that they will also raise this topic at the BHC Crisis and Justice Involved Continuum Committee.</li> <li>• Gaps in providing programming that meets the unique needs of older adults, LGBTQ+ individuals, and individuals who speak a primary language other than English.</li> </ul>
<b>VII. Public Comment</b>	<p>Public comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question: Where can the Request for Applications (RFA) for FSPs be accessed?</li> <li>• Response: RFA information is available on the Sacramento County Department of Health Services Contractor Bidding Opportunities webpage.</li> </ul>
<b>VIII. Adjournment</b>	Kelli Weaver adjourned the meeting at 4:32PM.