

CalMHSA Board of Directors

Meeting Board Packet

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.



California Mental Health Services Authority

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Registration Link: [Click Here](#)

Agenda

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call and Instructions**
3. **Instructions for public comment and stakeholder input**

The Board welcomes and encourages public participation in its meetings. For agenda items, public comment will be invited at the time those items are addressed. Because the meeting will be held via Zoom Meeting, each interested party is invited to inform CalMHSA staff prior to discussion of the item by sending an email to CFO David Avetissian david.avetissian@calmhsa.org indicating the item to be addressed. At the end of the meeting, the Board will also provide the public with an opportunity to speak on issues not listed on the agenda. All public comments will be limited to 3 minutes per person.

4. **Closed Session:** Closed Session: (Gov. Code § 54957.7(a)) The CalMHSA Board of Directors will meet in closed session as permitted by Government Code Section 54957(b). Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2) (two cases); Initiation of litigation pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(4) (one case)
5. **Consent Calendar:**
 - a. Board Resolution 25-03 Authorizing Remote Teleconferencing Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361
 - b. CalMHSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2025
 - c. Approval of Vacant Executive Committee seats
 - d. Approval of the Quarterly Treasury Report March 31, 2025

Recommendation: Approval of Consent Calendar

6. **Executive Director's Report**

7. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

8. Close Meeting

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a disabled person and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, contact David Avetissian at (279)-599-6224. Requests should be made as early as possible and at least one full business day prior to the start of the meeting.

Materials relating to an item on this agenda submitted to this Board after distributing the agenda packet are available for public inspection during normal business hours upon request to David Avetissian at david.avetissian@calmhsa.org.

This meeting will be recorded. By joining the meeting, you give consent to being recorded.

CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

Board Resolution 25-03 Authorizing Remote Teleconferencing Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361

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CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

Resolution No. 25-03

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCING MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS AND BOARD COMMITTEES PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361

WHEREAS, the California Mental Health Services Authority ("CalMHSA") is a local government agency subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e) as amended by Assembly Bill 361, CalMHSA's Board of Directors and its committees may use teleconferencing and videoconferencing to conduct Board and committee meetings, and may do so without complying with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, one condition that would allow CalMHSA to use teleconferencing and videoconferencing to conduct Board and committee meetings, without complying with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), occurs when a meeting is held during a proclaimed state of emergency, and the Board determines, by majority vote that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, on July 30, September 7, September 11, November 7, 2024, and January 7, 2025, the Governor of California proclaimed a series of a state of emergency to exist in six counties due to significant wild fire impacts; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2024, the Governor of California a state of emergency to exist in three counties due to a significant earthquake; and

WHEREAS, it would be safe, beneficial and efficient for the public and for CalMHSA to use teleconferencing and videoconferencing to conduct Board and committee meetings without complying with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CalMHSA Board of Directors has considered the circumstances of the state of emergency and finds that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CalMHSA Board of Directors and its committees are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to conduct Board and committee meetings, without complying with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3) in

accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CalMHSA Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of: (i) 30 days from the date of the adoption of this Resolution, or (ii) such time as the Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution to continue to teleconference without complying with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3) in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of CalMHSA hereby ratifies and approves any and all actions taken by the Executive Director, or her designee, prior to the adoption of this resolution, to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the California Mental Health Services Authority on April 23, 2025.

Emi Botzler-Rodgers
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

David Avetissian
CalMHSA, Chief Financial Officer

CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

CalMHSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2025

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CalMHSA Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Board Members Present

Berkeley, City of, Alternate, Karen Klatt MEd
Butte County, Member, Scott Kennelly
Calaveras County, Member, Wendy Alt, MFT
Colusa County, Member, Tony Hobson, Ph.D.
Del Norte County, Alternate, Shiann Hogan
El Dorado County, Member, Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken, LMFT
Fresno County, Member, Susan Holt
Humboldt County, Member, Emi Botzler-Rodgers, MFT
Imperial County, Alternate, Gabriela Jimenez
Inyo County, Member, Anna Scott
Kings County, Alternate, Christi Lupkes
Los Angeles County, Member, Dr. Lisa Wong, Psy.D.
Madera County, Alternate, Andrea Martinez
Marin County, Member, Todd Schrimmer
Marin County, Alternate, Galen Main
Merced County, Member, Kimiko Vang
Monterey County, Member, Melanie Rhodes
Napa County, Member, Cassandra Esalami, LMFT
Nevada County, Member, Phebe Bell
Nevada County, Alternate, Priya Kannall
Orange County, Member, Ian Kemmer, LMFT
Orange County, Alternate, Annette Mugrditchian, LCSW
San Bernardino County, Alternate, Marina Espinosa
San Diego County, Member, Luke Bergmann, LCSW
San Luis Obispo County, Member, Star Graber
San Mateo County, Alternate, Doris Estremera
Santa Barbara County, Member, Antonette Navarro, LMFT
Shasta County, Alternate, Bailey Cogger
Siskiyou County, Member, Sarah Collard, Ph.D.
Tehama County, Alternate, Travis Lyon
Tri-City MHS, Member, Ontson Placide
Trinity County, Member, Connie Smith
Tulare County, Alternate, Casie Ennis
Ventura County, Member, Dr. Loretta Denering, DrPH, MS
Yolo County, Member, Tony Kildare

Members of the Public

None

CalMHSA Staff Present

Allison Bradley, Communications Director
Amie Miller, Executive Director
Magen Jack, Associated Project Manager
Brittany Ganguly, Senior Program Manager
Carmen Salais, Executive Assistant
Courtney Vallejo, Director of Managed Care Operations
David Avetissian, Chief Financial Officer
Dawn Kaiser, Senior Director of Managed Care Operations
Holly Petrosyan, Executive Assistant
Jeremy Wilson, Senior Program Director
Jessica Watts, Senior Program Manager
Karri Eggers, Chief Operating Officer
Lucero Robles, Director of Quality Assurance & Compliance
Margaret Aranda, Executive Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT

Randall Keen, Legal Counsel, Manatt, Phelps, & Phillips, LLP
Michelle Cabrera, CBHDA

Agenda

A. Open Session

1. Call to Order

President Emi Botzler-Rodgers called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 12:05pm on Wednesday, January 22, 2025. President Botzler-Rodgers directed Magen Jack, to take the roll call.

2. Roll Call and Instructions

Ms. Jack recorded Board Members and Alternates in attendance and confirmed a quorum of the full Board of Directors was established.

3. Instructions for public comment and stakeholder input

Ms. Jack reviewed the instructions for public comment and noted that items not on the agenda would be reserved for public comment at the end of the agenda. Public comment is called for after each agenda item. Magen Jack instructed individuals to raise their hands via the raise hand feature on the Zoom call to indicate their desire to make a public comment.

4. **Closed Session:** The Board did not move into Closed Session.

5. **Consent Calendar**

President Botzler-Rodgers introduced the Consent Calendar as follows:

- a. Board Resolution 25-01 Authorizing Remote Teleconferencing Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361
- b. CalMHSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from December 18, 2024
- c. Approval of the Independent Auditor's Report
- d. Approval of the Procurement Policy
- e. Approval of Treasury Report December 31, 2024
- f. Approval of Sole Source Contract with Rachel Bavis for Specialized Training Under the Workforce Solution and Training Employee Retention Strategy Program

President Botzler-Rodgers asked for comments from Board Members. President Botzler-Rodgers asked for comments from the public. Hearing no comments or questions, she asked for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Upon hearing the motion and second, President Botzler-Rodgers directed Members to vote.

Action: Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion: Santa Barbara County, Member, Antonette Navarro, LMFT

Second: Ventura County, Member, Dr. Loretta Denering, DrPH, MS

Public Comments: *None*

Vote: *Passed*

Abstain: *3*

Shasta County, Alternate, Bailey Cogger

Tehama County, Alternate, Travis Lyon

Yolo County, Member, Tony Kildare

Yes: *26*

Berkeley City of , Alternate, Karen Klatt Med	Butte County, Member, Scott Kennelly LCSW	Calaveras County, Member, Wendy Alt	Colusa County, Member, Tony Hobson Ph.D.
El Dorado County, Member, Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken LMFT	Fresno County, Member, Susan L. Holt LMFT	Humboldt County, Member, Emi Botzler- Rodgers MFT	Imperial County, Alternate, Gabriela Jimenez

Inyo County, Member, Anna Scott	Kings County, Alternate, Christi Lupkes	Los Angeles County, Member, Lisa Wong Psy.D.	Madera County, Alternate, Andrea Martinez
Merced County, Member, Kimiko Vang	Orange County, Member, Ian Kemmer LMFT	Placer County, Alternate, Amy Haynes PSY.D.	San Luis Obispo County, Member, Star Graber
Santa Barbara County, Member, Antonette Navarro LMFT	Tri-City MHS, Member, Ontson Placide	Trinity County, Member, Connie Smith	Ventura County, Member, Loretta L. Denering DrPH
Del Norte County, Alternate, Shiann Hogan	Napa County, Member, Cassandra Eslami	San Bernardino County, Alternate, Marina Espinosa	San Mateo County, Alternate, Doris Estremera
Siskiyou County, Member, Sarah Collard	Tulare County, Alternate, Casie Ennis		

6. President's Report

President Botzler-Rodgers talked about the importance of all the work each of our entities do and how important it is that we all continue to communicate what we are all doing in each of our counties and programs with one another.

Public Comment: None

7. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Dr. Amie Miller discussed the upcoming managed care workshop, in collaboration with CBHDA, which will target mid-level leaders to help them think more like managed care plans. The workshop, taking place next week, aims to measure its effectiveness in training staff. Dr. Miller also highlighted the Peer Workforce project, which involves certifying peers from the State. The project has a deadline of March 2025 and currently has 400 people registered. Two more training courses are scheduled, one focused on supporting peers and the other on leadership. These events are free and open to county leaders and staff.

Dr. Miller explained CalMHSA's partnership with IDEO to redesign the community planning process for BHSA. The State is sponsoring this initiative, and the team is currently in the early planning phases, interviewing counties about best practices and conducting a landscape analysis. The goal is to develop a training and guidebook for BHSA planners and coordinators, aiming to create a more unified process between counties. The team is also targeting a diverse group of stakeholders for input. The project will include live training and recorded training for future references.

Ms. Dawn Kaiser reported on the new HEDIS requirements for behavioral health accountability. Counties are required to calculate nine HEDIS measures, which cover nine months of the year. CalMHSA is calculating HEDIS performance for about 40 counties as a delegated service. Ms. Kaiser discussed the technical details involved, such as submitting source code, member-level data files, and rate reporting templates. She mentioned while DHCS published initial performance measures, counties will ultimately be sanctioned based on calculations from CalMHSA or the counties themselves after validation. CalMHSA is pursuing NCQA certification as a HEDIS vendor to streamline the process and exploring licensing solutions to share percentile data and member-level details with counties in the future. The work involves both technical coding challenges and advocating for appropriate measurement of behavioral health services.

Public Comments: None

8. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Ms. Jack invited members of the public to make comments on non-agenda items.

Public comments from the following individual(s):

None.

Closed: President Botzler-Rodgers Closed the meeting at 12:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

President, CalMHSA

DATE

CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

Approval of Vacant Executive Committee seats

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CalMHSA
April 23, 2025

AGENDA ITEM 5F

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PROPOSED SLATE FOR COMMITTEE VACANCIES

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of Proposed Slate for Executive Committee vacancies.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE				
Role	Member	Term Length	Term Start Date	Term End Date
President	Emi Botzler-Rodgers, Humboldt County	2 years	7/1/2024	6/30/2026
Vice President	Susan Holt, Fresno County	2 years	7/1/2024	6/30/2026
Secretary	Robin Roberts – Mono County	2 years	7/1/2024	6/30/2026
Treasurer	Phebe Bell, Nevada County	2 years	7/1/2024	6/30/2026
Bay Area Member	Suzanne Tavano, Contra Costa County	2 years	7/1/2024	6/30/2026
Bay Area Alternate	Jan Cobaleda-Kegler, PsyD, LMFT - Sonoma	2 years	9/1/2023	6/30/2025
Central Member	Amy Ellis, Placer County	2 years	7/1/2024	6/30/2026
Los Angeles Member	Lisa Wong, Los Angeles County	2 years	7/1/2024	6/30/2026
Los Angeles Alternate	Patty Choi	2 years	9/1/2023	6/30/2025
Southern Member	Leticia Plancarte-Garcia, Imperial County	2 years	5/1/2025	4/30/2027
Southern Alternate	Antonette “Toni” Navarro, Santa Barbara County	2 years	7/1/2024	6/30/2026
Superior Member	Elise Jones, Lake County	2 years	5/1/2025	4/30/2027
Superior Alternate	Sarah Collard, Siskiyou County	2 years	9/1/2023	6/30/2025
CBHDA At-Large Member	Ryan Quist, Sacramento County	2 years	7/1/2024	6/30/2026

CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

Approval of the Quarterly Treasury Report March 31, 2025

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Treasurer's Report

Quarterly - as of March 31, 2025

January 1, 2025- March 31, 2025

	Book Balance	Market Value	Effective Yield
Cash with California Bank & Trust	\$12,682,533.11	\$12,682,533.11	0.00%
Cash with California Bank & Commerce	\$47,691,098.03	\$47,691,098.03	0.00%
Local Agency Investment Fund	\$28,387,320.56	\$28,700,145.70	4.48%
Total Cash and Investments	\$88,760,951.70	\$89,073,776.84	

Amount of receipts since last report	\$32,024,280.35
Amount of payments since last report	\$28,711,139.17
Amount of prior period voided checks	\$0.00

The Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) market value was derived by applying the March 2025 fair value factor of 1.000849191 to the book value.

I certify that this report reflects all cash and investments and is in conformance with the Authority's Investment Policy. The investment program herein shown provides sufficient cash flow liquidity to meet the Authority's expenditures for the next six (6) months.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted,

David Avetissian, Chief Financial Officer

Phebe Bell, Treasurer