

CalMHSA Board of Directors Meeting

MEETING PACKET

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Noon – 1:00 p.m.

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 25-05 Authorizing Remote Teleconferencing Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361
- b) CalMHSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes June 25, 2025
- c) Approval of the Quarterly Treasury Report June 30, 2025

Recommendation: Approval of Consent Calendar

6. **Executive Director's Report**

7. Close Meeting

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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 25-05 Authorizing Teleconferencing Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361

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CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

Resolution No. 25-05

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, January 7, 2025, and June 18, 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, on July 29, 2025, the Governor of California proclaimed a state of emergency to exist in eight counties due to the February and March 2025 storms; 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 August 20, 2025.

Emi Botzler-Rodgers
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

David Avetissian
CalMHSA, Chief Financial Officer

CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

CalMHSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes June 25, 2025.

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CalMHSA Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 25, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Alameda County, Member, Karyn L. Tribble, PsyD, LCSW
Amador County, Member, Melissa Cranfill, LCSW
Amador County, Alternate, Karen Vaughn
Berkeley, City of, Member, Jeffrey Buell MSW
Berkeley, City of, Alternate, Karen Klatt MEd
Calaveras County, Alternate, Leeann Burns
Colusa County, Member, Tony Hobson, Ph.D.
Fresno County, Member, Susan Holt
Glenn County, Member, Joe Hallett LCSW
Humboldt County, Member, Emi Botzler-Rodgers, MFT
Inyo County, Member, Anna Scott
Kern County, Member, Alison Burrowes
Lake County, Member, Elise Jones
Lassen County, Member, Tiffany Armstrong, LCSW
Marin County, Member, Todd Schrimmer
Marin County, Alternate, Galen Main
Mendocino County, Alternate, Karen Lovato
Merced County, Member, Kimiko Vang
Mono County, Member, Robin Roberts
Napa County, Member, Cassandra Esalami, LMFT
Nevada County, Member, Phebe Bell
Placer County, Member, Amy Ellis, MFT
Placer County, Alternate, Amy Haynes, PSY.D
Riverside County, Alternate, Brandon Jacobs, MHA
Sacramento County, Member, Ryan Quist, Ph.D.
San Benito County, Member, Dana Edgull
San Bernardino County, Alternate, Marina Espinosa
San Diego County, Member, Luke Bergmann, LCSW
San Joaquin County, Member, Fay Vieira
San Luis Obispo County, Member, Star Graber
San Mateo County, Member, Jei Africa
Santa Barbara County, Alternate, Jamie Huthsing
Santa Cruz County, Member, Dr Marni Sandoval
Shasta County, Alternate, Bailey Cogger
Siskiyou County, Member, Sarah Collard, Ph.D.

Sonoma County, Member, Jan Cobaleda-Kegler, PsyD, LMFT
Tehama County, Alternate, Travis Lyon
Tri-City MHS, Member, Ontson Placide
Yolo County, Alternate, Jennifer Gay

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

CALMMHSA STAFF PRESENT

Amie Miller, Executive Director
Carmen Salais, Project Coordinator
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
Karri Eggers, Chief Operating Officer
Lucero Robles, Director of Quality Assurance & Compliance
Magen Jack, Project Manager
Margaret Bruno, Executive Assistant
Ryan Caceres, Director of Behavioral Health Financing programs
Tara Muchow, Office Assistant
Tatiana Ortiz, 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 12:04pm on Wednesday, June 25, 2025. Emi Botzler-Rodgers directed David Avetissian, Chief Financial Officer of CalMHSA, 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 Executive Committee was established.

3. Instructions for public comments 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. Ms. 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, Emi Botzler-Rodgers acknowledged the Consent Calendar as follows:

- a. Board Resolution 25-04 Authorizing Remote Teleconferencing Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361
- b. CalMHSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes April 23, 2025
- c. Approval of Proposed CalMHSA Board of Directors Meeting Calendar FY 2025-2026
- d. Board Resolution 25-05 approving the appointment of Nominating Committee member and approving recommendations for Committee members from Nominating Committee
- e. Approval of the Slate of Nominations for CalMHSA Committee Vacancies
- f. Approval of CalMHSA Budget FY 2025-2026

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

Action: Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion: Lake County, Member, Elise Jones

Second: Siskiyou County, Member Dr. Sarah Collard, Ph.D.

Public Comments: None

Vote: Passed

Abstain: 0

Yes: 7

Nevada County, Member, Phebe Bell	Sonoma County, Member, Jan Cobaleda-Kegler, PsyD LMFT	Sacramento County, Member, Ryan Quist PH.D.	Lake County, Member, Elise Jones
Humboldt County, member Emi Botzler- Rodgers MFT	Placer County, Member, Amy Ellis, MFT	Fresno County, Member, Susan L Holt LMFT	

6. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Dr. Amie Miller mentioned that a comprehensive guidebook has been distributed online and mailed to all participating counties to support community planning processes. Training sessions included an overview webinar on May 22 (available on-demand) and an in-person workshop on June 4 with 119 county staff from 42 counties attending. The training format was designed to be collaborative, hands-on, and energizing to maximize participant engagement and learning outcomes.

CalMHSA launched a free, self-paced training series for Community-Based Organizations interested in exploring Medi-Cal certification. The training covers Medi-Cal structure, financing, administration, and helps organizations assess opportunities and challenges of becoming a provider. The program is designed for leaders, decision-makers, and senior CBO staff and is accessible through CalMHSA's Learning Management System.

Dr. Miller mentioned that over 300 county staff participated in a webinar presented by Homebase on June 17, 2025. The session provided foundational knowledge of the housing continuum for individuals with behavioral health needs and covered housing pathways and cross-sector coordination strategies. Participants gained insights into specialized approaches for supporting clients with behavioral health needs in accessing appropriate housing resources.

Dr. Miller announced DHCS engaged CalMHSA to estimate county-specific Medi-Cal and uninsured populations eligible for Full-Service Partnerships to support the BHT Integrated Plan Submission. The project covers five FSP service models including ACT, FACT, FSP ICM, IPS, and CSC for First Episode Psychosis. Population estimates are based on DHCS prevalence data (4-9%) and diagnostic-based prevalence (5.9%) and are presented as ranges or ratios rather than absolute numbers.

CalMHSA is offering a new optional service using a structured, analytic framework to assess potential rate adjustments as authorized in DHCS's draft guidance. The team includes a Medicaid Actuary with experience in Payment Reform rate development who previously collaborated with CalMHSA and CBHDA. The comprehensive rate review service focuses on outpatient rates, wage data updates, productivity assumptions, and provides counties with well-substantiated rationales for DHCS-compliant adjustment requests.

Dr. Miller announced the statewide Mental Health Month campaign featured social media partnerships with Olympian Jordan Chiles and NBA champion Jeremy Lin, reaching over 420,000 people in one week. The campaign included radio and billboard ads, plus toolkits and promotional materials for counties. In Los Angeles County specifically, 8 area events were held at community college campuses, grants were provided to 66 CBOs, and 97 events were conducted in over 20 languages, along with social impact partnerships with major sports teams.

Ms. Dawn Kaiser announced that DHCS obtained an NCQA certification exemption for BHPs for HEDIS MY23/MY24, and starting MY25, BHPs must use NCQA-certified vendors for HEDIS performance measures. CalMHSA is currently pursuing NCQA certification for MY25 reporting requirements.

Ms. Lucero Robles announced that more than 300 individuals at 14 state correctional facilities are taking the peer certification exam this week, contributing to over 6,000 peers certified statewide. Counties are reminded to post job opportunities at www.capeercertification.org to support employment placement for certified peers. CalMHSA is working with DHCS to finalize a

new initiative that will provide additional scholarships, training, and a statewide media campaign to further support the peer workforce.

Ms. Robles announced that CalMHSA is having a 5150 training, and the course is available in two formats: live 3-hour monthly sessions and asynchronous recordings accessible for 28 days following each session. LCSWs, LMFTs, LPCCs, and LEPs earn 3 CEUs for completing either format. CalMHSA is requesting county feedback on current participants, additional training requirements, quiz/testing needs, and recommendations for program improvements via workforce@calmhsa.org.

Public Comments: None

7. Public Comment 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.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Emi Botzler-Rodgers
President, Board of Directors

DATE

CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

Approval of the Quarterly Treasury Report June 30, 2025

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Treasurer's Report

Quarterly - as of June 30, 2025

April 1, 2025- June 30, 2025

	Book Balance	Market Value	Effective Yield
Cash with California Bank & Trust	\$1,135,777.57	\$1,135,777.57	0.00%
Cash with California Bank & Commerce	\$35,494,494.41	\$35,494,494.41	0.00%
Local Agency Investment Fund	\$28,700,145.70	\$29,014,585.68	4.40%
Cash with Tri Counites Bank	\$9,298,283.52	\$9,298,283.52	0.00%
Total Cash and Investments	\$74,628,701.20	\$74,943,141.18	

Amount of receipts since last report	\$13,478,356.67
Amount of payments since last report	\$34,297,342.03
Amount of prior period voided checks	\$0.00

The Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) market value was derived by applying the June 2025 fair value factor of 1.001198310 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