CalMHSA Board of Directors Meeting

MEETING PACKET

November 18, 2026

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Registration Link: Click Here

Agenda

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call, Instructions and SB 707 Disclosure**

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 info@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.

4. **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. Resolution 26-14 Authorizing Remote Teleconferencing Meetings Pursuant to Senate Bill 707
   b. CalMHSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from October 21, 2026
   c. Resolution 26-15 Authorizing Agreements for the Behavioral Health Consent, Access, and Real Time Exchange (BH-CARE) Grant Program

   Recommendation: Approval of Consent Calendar

6. **Executive Director's Report**

7. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

8. **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 info@calmhsa.org.

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CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 26-14 AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCING MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND BOARD COMMITTEES PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361

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CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

Resolution No. 26-14

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 54953.8.2 as added by Senate Bill 707, 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 December 9, 2025, the Governor of California proclaimed a state of emergency to exist due to significant wildfire impacts; and

WHEREAS, on December 24, 2025, the Governor of California proclaimed a state of emergency to exist in several counties due to a storm; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 24, 2025, several counties issued a proclamation of a local emergency due to significant storms; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2026, the Governor of California proclaimed a state of emergency to exist due to significant wildfire impacts; and

WHEREAS, on or about September 21, 2026, the Governor of California proclaimed a state of emergency to exist in anticipation of El Niño's anticipated impacts; and

WHEREAS, on or about September 21, 2026, the Governor of California proclaimed several states of emergency to exist in several counties due to storm events; and

WHEREAS, it would be safe, beneficial and efficient for the public and for CalMHSA to use teleconferencing and videoconferencing to conduct the Board of Directors meeting 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 are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to conduct Board of Directors 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 November 18, 2026.

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Susan Holt
President

ATTEST:

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Karri Eggers, CalMHSA, Chief Operations Officer

CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 21, 2026
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CalMHSA Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Berkeley City, Member, Jeffrey Buell MSW
Butte County, Member, Tony Hobson
Calaveras County, Member, Wendy Alt
Colusa County, Member, Jeannie Armstrong
Del Norte County, Member, Ranell Brown MSML IPMA-SCP
Fresno County, Alternate, Ahmad Bahrami MBA
Glenn County, Alternate, Eloise Jones
Glenn County, Member, Bridget Howe
Humboldt County, Alternate, Oliver Gonzalez Bobadilla
Humboldt County, Member, Emi Botzler-Rodgers MFT
Kern County, Alternate, Heather Hornibrook
Kings County, Member, Lisa Rogers
Lake County, Member, Elise Jones
Lassen County, Member, Tiffany Armstrong
Madera County, Member, Nickie Matus
Marin County, Member, Todd Schirmer PhD CCHP
Merced County, Alternate, Alexandra Pierce
Mono County, Member, Robin Roberts MFT
Monterey County, Member, Melanie Rhodes
Nevada County, Member, Cari Yardley
Placer County, Alternate, Amy Haynes Psy.D.
Riverside County, Alternate, Brandon Jacobs MHA
San Bernardino County, Alternate, Marina Espinosa
San Francisco City and County, Member, Hillary Kunins
San Joaquin County, Member, Fay Vieira
San Luis Obispo County, Member, Dana McEwen
San Mateo County, Member, Jei Africa
Santa Barbara County, Alternate, Jamie Huthsing
Santa Cruz County, Member, Marni Sandoval
Siskiyou County, Member, Sarah Collard
Tri-City, Member, Ontson Placide
Tulare County, Alternate, Casie Ennis

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

CALMHSA STAFF PRESENT

Allison Bradley, Director of Communications
Amie Miller, Executive Director
Courtney Vallejo, Senior Director of EHR Clinical Integration
Dawn Kaiser, Senior Director of Analytics and Insights
Holly Petrosyan, Associate Contracts Specialist
Jeremy Wilson, Senior Program Director
Josh Iverson, Chief Financial Officer
Karleen Jakowski, Senior Director of Cross County Contracts and Partnerships
Karri Eggers, Chief Operations Officer
Kim Flores, Project Manager
Lucero Robles, Senior Director of Quality Assurance and Compliance
Magen Jack, Project Manager
Margaret Bruno, Executive Assistant
Phebe Bell, Senior Director of Housing Solutions
Ryan Caceres, Director of Behavioral Health Financing
Sarah O'Malley, Director of Quality Assurance Operations
Stephanie Gamble, Executive Team Operations Manager
Tara Muchow, Office Administrator
Tatiana Ortiz, Executive Assistant- QA and Compliance

OTHERS PRESENT

Randall Keen, Legal Counsel, Manatt, Phelps, & Phillips, LLP

Agenda

A. Open Session

1. Call to Order

Vice President Robin Roberts called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 12:05pm on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2026. Ms. Roberts directed Magen Jack, CalMHSA Project Manager, to take the roll call.

2. Roll Call and Instructions

Ms. Jack recorded Board Members and Alternates in attendance and reminded Board Members of SB707 requirements for teleconferencing meetings, which include disclosing the presence of any individual 18 years of age or older in the room and providing their general relation with said individual. A quorum of the Board of Directors was established, and Nevada County Member Cari Yardley reported that she had an individual 18 years of age or older in the room with her. Ms. Yardley disclosed that the individual was Board Alternate Priya

Kannal.

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 after each agenda item. Ms. Jack instructed individuals to raise their hands via the raise hand feature on Zoom to indicate their desire to make a public comment.

4. **Closed Session**

The Board did not move into Closed Session.

5. **Consent Calendar**

Vice President Robin Roberts acknowledged the Consent Calendar as follows:

a. Resolution 26-10 Authorizing Remote Teleconferencing Meetings Pursuant to Senate Bill 707
b. CalMHSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from Aug. 19, 2026
c. Resolution 26-11 Authorizing the Use of a Master Official Bond
d. Resolution 26-12 Authorizing Investments of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund
e. Resolution 26-13 Approving and Adopting the Capital Assets Policy and Establishing Capital Asset Capitalization Thresholds

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

Action: Approval of the Consent Calendar

***Motion**: Lake County, Elise Jones*

***Second**: Humboldt County, Emi Botzler-Rodgers*

Public Comments: None

Vote: 27

Yes: 27

Berkeley City of, Member, Jeffrey Buell MSW	Calaveras County, Member, Wendy Alt	Colusa County, Member, Jeannie Armstrong	Del Norte County, Member, Ranell Brown MSML IPMA-SCP

Fresno County, Alternate, Ahmad Bahrami MBA	Glenn County, Member, Bridget Howe	Humboldt County, Member, Emi Botzler-Rodgers MFT	Kern County, Alternate, Heather Hornibrook
Kings County, Member, Lisa Rogers	Lake County, Member, Elise Jones	Lassen County, Member, Tiffany Armstrong	Madera County, Member, Nickie Matus
Marin County, Member, Todd Schirmer PhD CCHP	Mono County, Member, Robin Roberts MFT	Monterey County, Member, Melanie Rhodes	Nevada County, Member, Cari Yardley
Placer County, Alternate, Amy Haynes Psy.D.	Riverside County, Alternate, Brandon Jacobs MHA	San Bernardino County, Alternate, Marina Espinosa	San Francisco City and County, Member, Hillary Kunins
San Joaquin County, Member, Fay Vieira	San Mateo County, Member, Jei Africa	Santa Barbara County, Alternate, Jamie Huthsing	Santa Cruz County, Member, Marni Sandoval
Siskiyou County, Member, Sarah Collard	Tri-City MHS, Member, Ontson Placide	Tulare County, Alternate, Casie Ennis	

6. **Executive Director's Report**

Ryan Caceres, Director of Behavioral Health Financing, announced CalMHSA's upcoming in-person Fiscal Optimization & Sustainability workshops for SUD providers in Sacramento (Nov. 16), Redding (Nov. 17), and Ventura (Dec. 8), intended for provider executive leadership, program and clinical leadership, and fiscal and finance staff. The six modules cover knowing the financial system, building cleaner claims, capturing legitimate revenue opportunity, turning capacity into access, protecting earned revenue, and fiscal monitoring compliance. Board Members were encouraged to promote attendance among their providers, noting that a stronger provider network protects access, continuity of care, public funds, and the county's ability to maintain SUD services. Board Members were also asked to save the dates for a three-part leadership series in Sacramento in 2027: the Behavioral Health Fiscal Academy (Feb. 9), Optimizing Your Managed Care Plan (Feb. 10), and QI Essentials & Planning (May 4–5).

Phebe Bell, Senior Director of Housing Solutions, introduced a new video series on documenting housing and homelessness, created in partnership with DHCS to help county behavioral health staff collect clients' housing status data. The series includes three short videos: Tracking Housing Status to Shape Policy, for Behavioral Health directors, department leadership, and directors of contracted providers; Documenting Housing Status, for intake workers, therapists, case managers, peer support specialists, and managers; and HMIS and Why It Matters, for directors, managers, contracted providers, and frontline staff. A companion facilitation guide in slide deck format helps supervisors and managers frame each video and includes discussion questions, tools and resources, and speaker notes. As next steps, directors were to receive an email from CalMHSA later that day with the facilitation guide and video links and were encouraged to bring the presentation to their next leadership or management team meeting and begin thinking about how to share the message with their provider networks.

Dawn Kaiser, Senior Director of Analytics & Insights, provided updates on HEDIS initiatives, reporting that the MY26 Participation Agreements were released in August with options for BHP-MCP and MCP-BHP data exchange, and asked counties to sign by November 30 to support on-time generation of January

2027 member-level detail files. All MY26 measures are NCQA certified, including the two new measures, SSD and FUI. Enhanced Offering quarterly reports allow counties to monitor and measure performance trends ahead of the MY26 annual audit, with the first round generated in late July and the next round scheduled for late October; HSAG dates have not yet been released. The MY26 HEDIS kick-off is scheduled for Nov. 4 at noon.

Ms. Kaiser also announced that CalCentral, a new Azure-based HEDIS data and communications platform offering single sign-on access, will launch on Nov. 2. CalCentral replaces the Dropbox submission and data access structure and the current HEDIS Communications Portal, bringing announcements, documentation, data submission, and data retrieval into one place. The platform is preferred for all counties and required for counties using CalMHSA to exchange data between the MCP and BHP. CalMHSA requests that county IT teams sign off on a security review prior to first use.

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 12:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ruben Imperial (Secretary) Date

CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 26-15 AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONSENT, ACCESS, AND REAL TIME EXCHANGE (BH-CARE) GRANT PROGRAM

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CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

Resolution No. 26-15

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONSENT, ACCESS, AND REAL TIME EXCHANGE GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the California Mental Health Services Authority ("CalMHSA") is a joint powers authority formed by its members to provide assistance with a broad range of behavioral health programs and services, including but not limited to the administration of mental health services and programs, contracting with state agencies, and providing related fiscal and administrative services; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Health Care Services ("DHCS") is implementing the Behavioral Health Consent, Access, and Real Time Exchange ("BH-CARE") grant program to promote real-time data exchange and care coordination across behavioral health, physical health, housing, and social service organizations; and

WHEREAS, CalMHSA may contract with DHCS to serve as the BH-CARE program's third-party administrator ("TPA"); and

WHEREAS, as the TPA, CalMHSA would provide several services, including but not limited to administering grants, acting as fiscal intermediary for the grants, and providing training and technical assistance, and contracting for related services.

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 hereby delegates authority to the Executive Director, or her or his designee, to execute agreements, including but not limited to TPA agreements, grant agreements and contracts that are necessary to implement the BH-CARE grant program, and any subsequent amendments and related documents;

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 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 November 18, 2026.

Susan Holt
President

ATTEST:

Karri Eggers
Chief Operations Officer