



Health, Housing & Community Services  
Mental Health Commission

To: Mental Health Commissioners  
From: Jamie Works-Wright, Commission Secretary  
Date: November 12, 2025

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## Berkeley/ Albany Mental Health Commission

### AGENDA

**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 20, 2025**

*All Agenda Items are for Discussion and Possible Action*

**Public Comment Policy:** *Members of the public may speak on any items on the Agenda and items not on the Agenda during the initial Public Comment period. Members of the public may also comment on any item listed on the agenda as the item is taken up. Members of the public may not speak more than once on any given item. The Chair may limit public comment to 3 minutes or less. The meeting maybe recorded by staff to review the minutes to get accurate motions on record.*

**Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Location:** North Berkeley Senior Center  
1901 Hearst Ave. Berkeley, Poppy Room

- 1. Roll Call (1 min)**
- 2. Preliminary Matters**
  - a. Action Item: Approval of the November 20, 2025, meeting agenda
  - b. Public Comment (non-agenda items)
  - c. Action Item: Approval of the October 23, 2025, meeting minutes
- 3. Approval of the 2026 Commission Schedule**
- 4. Inform Commission about the BHSA process – Karen Klatt**
- 5. Mental Health Manager’s Report and Caseload Statistics – provided by Jeff Buell**
  - a. MHC Manager Report November 2025
- 6. Berkeley Mental Health’s training in CARE Court protocols and to ensure that they are providing correct information and support to applicants – Patricia Fontana-Narell**
- 7. Temporary Ad-Hoc Committee Reports –**
  - a. Financial Subcommittee
  - b. Care Court Subcommittee
  - c. Evaluation Subcommittee
- 8. Adjournment**



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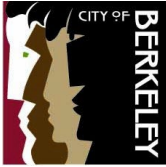
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Department of Health,  
Housing & Community Services  
Mental Health Commission

## Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission Draft October Minutes

7:00 pm  
North Berkeley SC 1901 Hearst

Regular Meeting  
October 23, 2025

**Members of the Public Present:** Ann Hawkins, unnamed attendee

**Staff Present:** Jamie Works-Wright, Jeff Buell,

### 1) Call to Order at 7:02 pm

**Commissioners Present:** Ajay Krishnan, Andrea Prichett, Edward Opton (7:05), Glenn Turner, Maria Sol, Lisa Teague, Patricia Fontana-Narell **Absent:** Igor Tregub, Ashley Gu, Ian Hunt

### 2) Preliminary Matters

#### a) Approval of October 23, 2025, agenda

M/S/C (Prichett, Teague) Motion to move the agenda

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Fontana-Narell, Krishnan, Prichett, Sol, Teague, Turner; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Tregub, Gu, Hunt, Opton,

#### b) Public Comment- No public comments

#### c) Approval of September 25, 2025, minutes

M/S/C (Krishnan, Hunt) Motion to approve the minutes

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Fontana-Narell, Krishnan, Opton, Sol, Teague, Turner; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** Prichett; **Absent:** Tregub, Gu, Hunt

### 3) Discussion of non-police care responses – Andrea Prichett –

M/S/C (Prichett, Opton) Motion that we request documentation related to the disposition and use of all the vans formally used by the Specialize Care Unit. Making this request to Jeff Buell pursuant to the California record request act.

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Fontana-Narell, Krishnan, Opton, Prichett, Sol, Teague, Turner; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Tregub, Gu, Hunt

**4) Recording for agenda items for commission meetings – Andrea Prichett –**

**M/S/C (Prichett, Turner)** Motion to ask chair to write a letter to Mark Numainville to help the commission to have the equipment to upload audio to the city website.

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Fontana-Narell, Krishnan, Opton, Prichett, Sol, Teague, Turner; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Tregub, Gu, Hunt

**5) Request for agenda items for commission meetings – No Motion Made****6) Mental Health Manager’s Report and Caseload Statistics – provided by Jeff Buell**

A) MHC Manager Report October 2025

**M/S/C (Prichett, Teague)** Motion to ask commission chair to ask Council Member Igor Tregub to involved himself in the re-writing the enabling legislation for this commission so that we can be in compliance with the state laws.

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Fontana-Narell, Krishnan, Opton, Prichett, Sol, Teague, Turner; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Tregub, Gu, Hunt

**M/S/C (Teague, Turner)** Motion to propose the Catherine Roseman send the mental health commission a draft of this letter and we will consider it and sign it by November, whenever its due.

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Fontana-Narell, Krishnan, Opton, Prichett, Sol, Teague, Turner; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Tregub, Gu, Hunt

**7) Temporary Ad-Hoc Committee Reports – No Motion**

a) **Financial Subcommittee – No motion made**

b) **Care Court Subcommittee**

**M/S/C (Fontana-Narell, Prichett)** Motion for Patricia Fontana- Narell and Lisa Teague would like to be appointed to the Ad-Hoc Care Court committee.

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Fontana-Narell, Krishnan, Opton, Prichett, Sol, Teague, Turner; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Tregub, Gu, Hunt

c) **Evaluation Subcommittee – No motion made**

**8) Adjournment – 9:00 PM**

Minutes submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jamie Works-Wright, Commission Secretary



## City Policy Regarding the Scheduling of City Meetings on All Significant Religious Holidays

Pursuant to Resolution No. 70,066-N.S., it is the policy of the City to avoid scheduling meetings of City Legislative Bodies (City Council, Policy Committees, Commissions, Task Forces) on religious holidays that incorporate significant work restrictions for common observance in the United States. City legislative bodies must avoid scheduling meetings on the religious holidays listed below.

Religion	Holiday	2026 Date(s)
Shinto	New Year	1/1/2026 thru 1/3/2026
Hindu	Makara Sankranti	1/14/2026
Cultural	Chinese New Year (Eve, Day, Lantern Festival)	2/16, 2/17, 3/3
Islam	Ramadan (Eve & First Night)	2/17/2026 thru 2/18/2026
Hindu	Holi	3/3/2026
Islam	Eid al-Fitr	3/19/2026 thru 3/20/2026
Cultural	Nowruz*	3/21/2026
Jewish	Passover Nights 1 & 2 (7*, 8*)	4/1 - 4/2 (4/8, 4/9)
Christian	Good Friday	4/3/2026
Christian	Easter Sunday	4/5/2026
Jewish	Shavuot*	5/21/2026 thru 5/23/2026
Islam	Eid al-Adha	5/26/2026 thru 5/27/2026
Buddhist	Vesak	5/31/2026
Shinto	Obon Ceremony*	8/13/2026 thru 8/15/2026
Jewish	Rosh Hashanah	9/11/2026 thru 9/13/2026
Jewish	Yom Kippur	9/20/2026 thru 9/21/2026
Jewish	Sukkot (1st Day)*	9/25/2026 thru 9/26/2026
Jewish	Shmini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah*	10/2/2026 thru 10/4/2026
Hindu	Dussehra	10/20/2026
Hindu	Diwali	11/8/2026
Baha'i Faith	Birth of Bab	11/10/2026
Baha'i Faith	Birth of Baha'u'llah	11/11/2026
Jewish	Chanukah (1st night)	12/4/2026
Christian	Christmas	12/25/2026
Cultural	Kwanzaa	12/26/2026 thru 1/1/2027
Jewish	Shabbat (Friday sunset to Saturday sunset)*	Weekly

\* Meetings not prohibited, but avoid scheduling meetings if possible



# 2026 CITY CALENDAR

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### CITY OF BERKELEY RECOGNIZED HOLIDAYS / OBSERVANCES

- 1/1 New Year's Day
- 1/19 Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
- 2/12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 2/16 Washington's Birthday
- 3/31 Cesar Chavez Day - Obs 3/30
- 5/19 Malcolm X's Birthday - Obs 5/18
- 5/25 Memorial Day

- 6/19 Juneteenth
- 7/4 Independence Day - Obs 7/3
- 9/7 Labor Day
- 10/12 Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 11/11 Veterans Day
- 11/26-27 Thanksgiving Day/Day After
- 12/25 Christmas Day

- Pay Day
- Observed Holidays
- Voluntary Time Off (VTO) Days
- New Employee Orientation



Health Housing and  
Community Services Department  
**Mental Health Division**

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mental Health Commission  
**From:** Jeffrey Buell, Mental Health Division Manager  
**Date:** 11/12/2025  
**Subject:** Mental Health Manager Report

### Behavioral Health Services Report

Alameda County has changed the software used to access Yellowfin, which holds the County's ongoing client data. Since this change, the system has not been accessible. Also note that fiscal fields continue to not be updated in this template. Commissioners may seek to meet again with the Division Manager and Health, Housing, and Community Services (HHCS) Fiscal Services Manager to discuss helpful data and structure for future service reports (Initial meeting on 11/18/24).

### Information Requested by Mental Health Commission

On 10/23/25, the Commission requested documentation related to the disposition and use of all the vans formally used by the Specialized Care Unit, which was an HHCS contract and project. The request was submitted by the Division Manager to the HHCS Department to gather the requested documentation, and HHCS is in process of gathering the pertinent information. HHCS will reach out to the Commission with the results.

### Mental Health Division Updates

#### **Policy and Funding**

- The CARE Act, signed into law in 2022, has now been implemented in Alameda County for almost two years. The law, closely mirroring Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT, also known as Laura's Law and signed into law in 2002), is another court-ordered mental health treatment program in California aimed at treating individuals with certain serious behavioral health disorders. While both laws were written with the ability to "mandate" outpatient treatment to individuals who are reluctant to enter care, neither has the ability to enforce individuals into these mandates.
  - As of the end of September 2025, CARE Court data from California's 58 counties suggest that almost 3,000 petitions had been filed, over 600

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- people had engaged in care voluntarily through this program, and only 19 had been ordered into treatment.
- As stated in October's Manager's report, Governor Newsom signed SB 27 to expand the eligible guidelines for CARE Court to include Bipolar-I Disorder with psychotic features, and also to convert all civil/criminal referrals into CARE petitions.
- California's mental health diversion law was passed in 2018 under AB 1810 and SB 215. This law was designed to allow defendants to enter into court-approved treatment programs as an alternative to jail. Successful treatment completion results in dismissal of charges and expungement of the record. Concerns have arisen recently about the breadth of these programs and the narrow exclusions that are included.
    - AB 433 was proposed to add exclusions to diversion programs for charges of child abuse, endangerment, or serious injury crimes, though the bill failed in its first committee review.
    - Data from these programs suggest that diversion programs may result in reduced recidivism and increased cost-efficacy. A significant proportion of diversion participants are unhoused and come from marginalized communities. Programs are also not all structured and measured across the board in the same way, making data more difficult to generalize and results less consistent across the board. Resources for housing and services are also reportedly insufficient, limiting the progress and sustainability of treatment gains.
  - BHSA: As previously discussed, the passage of Prop 1 has altered the Mental Health Services Act and transformed it into the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)
    - Jurisdictions are in process of planning for new Integrated Plans, which start July 1, 2026. Drafts of these plans are due to DHCS in March of 2026. Community engagement is even more valued with the transition to BHSA, and jurisdictions are interested in finding ways to bring in new voices to the discussion.
    - BHCIP bond grants have completed applications for the first two rounds. While this segment of BHSA is the only one intended to bring new one-time infrastructure resources into the system, the state will only give these grants to selected applicant agencies that align with state priorities, enter into 30 year contracts, provide matching funds for the State's contribution, and demonstrate that they will be able to continue providing services at these facilities for the next 30 years.
    - Because BHSA cedes more money to the State than MHSA, and also redirects former treatment funds into housing, jurisdictions across the state are in process of realigning their budgets and services in anticipation

of significant treatment losses. While SUD services are now eligible for BHSA spending, there are fewer funds available and more competing needs under the new law.

- Commission Name, bylaws, and enabling legislation changes
  - As has been discussed several times, the Commission hasn't yet been able to officially change its name, constitution, or bylaws. The City Clerk's office called out several inconsistencies with the Commissioner's manual, BMC, and enabling legislation by City Council. The Division Manager has reached out to the HHCS Department for guidance on next steps to complete these processes.

## Works-Wright, Jamie

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**From:** Works-Wright, Jamie  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 12, 2025 9:25 PM  
**To:** Works-Wright, Jamie  
**Subject:** FW: Mental Health Advisory Board Executive Committee Meeting (November 13, 2025)  
**Attachments:** BHAB Executive Committee Agenda (November 2025).pdf; MHAB Executive Committee Meeting (UNAPPROVED) Minutes (October 2025).pdf; BHAB Calendar 2026 (DRAFT).pdf

Hello Commissioners,

Please see the information from the Alameda county MHAB meeting

Thank you for your time.

### Jamie Works-Wright

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**From:** MHB Communications, ACBH <ACBH.MHBCommunications@acgov.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 10, 2025 3:20 PM  
**Cc:** MHB Communications, ACBH <ACBH.MHBCommunications@acgov.org>  
**Subject:** Mental Health Advisory Board Executive Committee Meeting (November 13, 2025)

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached materials for the Mental Health Advisory Board Executive Committee meeting scheduled for this Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 3:30 PM.

**Topic:** Mental Health Advisory Board Executive Committee Meeting

**Date:** November 13, 2025

**Time:** 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM Pacific Time

**Please click on this Zoom link to join:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85824656373?pwd=WElaa1JSN2poKytSL3JUaHpxaU1iZz09>

**Meeting ID:** 858 2465 6373

**Password:** 927248

**Or Telephone:**

USA (404) 443-6397

USA (877) 336-1831 (US Toll Free)

**Conference code:** 988499

## Behavioral Health Advisory Board AGENDA Executive Committee

**Thursday, November 13, 2025 | 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

*This meeting will be conducted exclusively through videoconference and teleconference*

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Alameda County  
Behavioral Health Advisory Board

<b>Committee Members</b>	<p><b>Brian Bloom</b> (<i>Chair, District 5</i>)  <b>Thu Quach</b> (<i>District 2</i>)  <b>Ashlee Jemmott</b> (<i>District 3</i>)</p>	<p><b>Terry Land</b> (<i>Vice Chair, District 1</i>)  <b>Gina Lewis</b> (<i>District 2</i>)  <b>Juliet Leftwich</b> (<i>District 5</i>)</p>
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- 3:30 PM I. Call to Order
- 3:30 PM II. Approval of Minutes
- 3:35 PM III. Residential Drug Program Site Visit Update
- 3:40 PM IV. Recruitment Efforts and BHAB Composition
- 3:50 PM V. Debrief and Discussion: October BHAB Board Presentation (BHSA Transition)
- 4:05 PM VI. Care First, Jails Last Update and Possible Adult Committee and/or Criminal Justice Committee Meetings
- 4:15 PM VII. Agenda for BHAB Main Board Meeting (November 17, 2025)
  - A. BHAB Chair’s Report
  - B. ACBHD Director’s Report
  - C. FSP Assessment Presentation
  - D. Committee/Liaison Report
- 4:20 PM VIII. Future BHAB Presentation Topics for the Main Board Meeting in 2026
- 4:30 PM IX. Executive Committee Meeting (December 11, 2025) - No Main Board Meeting in December
- 4:35 PM X. BHAB 2026 Calendar
  - a. January BHAB Main Meeting (January 26, 2026)
  - b. February BHAB Main Meeting (February 23, 2026)
- 4:40 PM XI. Updates/Announcements
- 4:45 PM XII. Public Comment
- 5:00 PM XIII. Adjournment

Contact the Mental Health Advisory Board at [ACBH.MHBCommunications@acgov.org](mailto:ACBH.MHBCommunications@acgov.org)



ALAMEDA COUNTY  
**Board of Supervisors**



**Behavioral Health  
Department**  
Alameda County Health



**MHAB Executive Committee Minutes UNAPPROVED**  
**Thursday, October 9, 2025 | 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Alameda County  
Mental Health Advisory Board**

This meeting was conducted exclusively through videoconference and teleconference

<b>Committee Members:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Brian Bloom</b> ( <i>Chair, District 4</i> ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Thu Quach</b> ( <i>District 2</i> ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Terry Land</b> ( <i>Vice Chair, District 1</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ashlee Jemmott</b> ( <i>District 3</i> )
<b>ACBH Staff:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Dr. Karyn Tribble</b> ( <i>ACBHD Director</i> ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Dainty Castro</b> ( <i>MHAB Liaison</i> ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Asia Jenkins</b> ( <i>ACBHD Director's Office</i> )
<b>Excused Absence:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Juliet Leftwich</b> ( <i>District 5</i> )

Meeting called to order 3:32 PM by **Chair Bloom**

ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ACTION
<b>Roll Call</b>	Roll call completed.	
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Last month's meeting minutes were adopted and approved.	
<b>Residential Drug Program Site Visit Update</b>	There were no updates from Member Gray regarding the scheduling of the next site visit to Magnolia house, or residential drug treatment facilities. This item will be discussed during the October 2025 MHAB main board meeting.	
<b>Opioid Settlement Listening Session Debrief</b>	The committee gave their insights and feedback on the Opioid Settlement Listening Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vice Chair Land was displeased with the outcome of the Opioid Settlement Listening Session. She emphasized that the panel should have given the opportunity to ask questions. Additionally, she noted that the board lacked sufficient information on matters, making it difficult to provide meaningful feedback without the ability to ask questions.</li> </ul>	

ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ACTION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member Lewis indicated the need for greater clarity regarding the Barney Box community process. She reported submitting an application to Director Wagner but did not receive a response. Upon a second request, she was informed that there were no Barney Box applications available. Chair Bloom will follow up with Director Wagner or Director Tribble to address Member Lewis' concerns regarding the applications.</li> <li>The committee observed that the Opioid Listening Sessions may be more appropriately aligned with Adult Committee's scope rather than the main board meetings. The committee members expressed a preference for a presentation format that allows questions, discussion of challenges, and a focused dialogue on care for individuals with substance use disorders and Opioid addiction.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Care First, Jails Last Ad Hoc Committee October Meeting Debrief Monitoring Recommendations Implementation</b></p>	<p>Chair Bloom shared that the Joint Health and Public Protection Committees meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2025. It was confirmed that Supervisors Nate Miley, Elena Marquez and Lena Tam will be in attendance.</p> <p>During the meeting, agencies and department heads will provide progress updates and discuss challenges encountered while implementing select CFJL recommendations presented in the May 22, 2025, Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting.</p>	
<p><b>Agenda for MHAB Main Board Meeting (October 20, 2025)</b></p>	<p>The agenda items for the upcoming MHAB main board meeting were reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The October 2025 Main Board meeting will focus on ACBHD Director BHSU Update/Transition presentation.</li> </ul>	

ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ACTION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACBHD Director will present a comprehensive report outlining key elements, including fiscal challenges, billing system deficiencies, and prevention group strategies. The presentation is scheduled for 45 minutes, followed by a 30-minute Q&amp;A session.</li> <li>• The initial draft of the BHSA three-year plan is set to take effect on July 1, 2026. The board plans to invite ACBHD Division Director for Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), Tracy Hazelton to attend the January 2026 or February 2026 meeting to provide updates on the draft plan.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Future MHAB Presentation Topics for the Main Board Meeting</b></p>	<p>The board reviewed potential agenda items for upcoming meetings:</p> <p><b>November 2025:</b> Presentation of the Full-Service Partnership (FSP) Assessment Report by Dr. Roberta Chambers of Indigo Project</p>	
<p><b>Updates/Announcements</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The FSP Assessment Report presentation has been rescheduled for the November 2025 Main Board meeting. The MHAB Liaison will notify Dr. Chambers of the change in schedule.</li> <li>• Chair Bloom reminded the board members to review Dr. Tribble’s memo and the BHSA presentation slide and begin preparing questions in advance.</li> <li>• MHAB members Jennifer DeGroat-Penny and Lawrence Brandon will be resigning from the board. Vacancies remain in District 1 (one seat), and District 5 (two seats).</li> <li>• Vice Chair Land shared a communication from the MHAB Liaison regarding the Board’s annual report. She proposed submitting last year’s</li> </ul>	

ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ACTION
	<p>report to the BOS despite its outdated status. Chair Bloom will forward the annual report to the MHAB Liaison for final formatting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Joint Health Committee extended an invitation for a meeting scheduled for November 13, 2025. The board declined due to current workload related to CFJL initiatives.</li> <li>• Chair Bloom gave an update on the existing MHAB sub-committees and member assignments. Members Lewis, Gray and Jemmott are now serving on the Children’s committee.</li> <li>• The committee requested the 2026 calendar to support planning and goal setting for the coming new year. Further discussion will take place during the November 2025 MHAB meeting.</li> <li>• It was announced that the Executive committee will convene in December 2025. The MHAB full board will resume its regular monthly board meetings beginning January 2026.</li> </ul>	
<b>Public Comment</b>	No public comments were provided.	
<b>Meeting adjourned</b>	Meeting adjourned at 4:14PM.	



# 2026

<p><b><u>Behavioral Health Advisory Board</u></b> 3rd Monday of every month 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm  <b>Chair:</b> Brian Bloom <b>Vice Chair:</b> Terry Land</p>	<p><b>Meeting Link:</b> <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84285334458?pwd=BUlRyUJjS2YyVhRURU2g4SW5L0xRQT09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84285334458?pwd=BUlRyUJjS2YyVhRURU2g4SW5L0xRQT09</a>  <b>Webinar ID:</b> 842 8533 4458 <b>Passcode:</b> 269505</p>
<p><b><u>Executive Committee</u></b> 2nd Thursday of every month 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm  <b>Co-Chairs:</b> Brian Bloom and Terry Land</p>	<p><b>Meeting Link:</b> <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85824656373?pwd=WEIlaa1JSN2oolKvSL3JUJahpxaUJ1zZ09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85824656373?pwd=WEIlaa1JSN2oolKvSL3JUJahpxaUJ1zZ09</a>  <b>Webinar ID:</b> 858 2465 6373 <b>Passcode:</b> 927248</p>
<p><b><u>Adult Committee</u></b> 4th Tuesday of every month 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm  <b>Co-Chairs:</b> Terry Land and Thu Quach</p>	<p><b>Meeting Link:</b> <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82737697674?pwd=mx1S2BL3qcXZZff767S6kYMDmmyDa.1">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82737697674?pwd=mx1S2BL3qcXZZff767S6kYMDmmyDa.1</a>  <b>Webinar ID:</b> 827 3769 7674 <b>Passcode:</b> 626793</p>
<p><b><u>Criminal Justice Committee</u></b> 3rd Wednesday of every month 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm  <b>Co-Chairs:</b> Brian Bloom and Juliet Leftwich</p>	<p><b>Meeting Link:</b> <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87038823662?pwd=zaASfgZD2ifHO1172uioTcxDTylibY.1">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87038823662?pwd=zaASfgZD2ifHO1172uioTcxDTylibY.1</a>  <b>Webinar ID:</b> 870 3882 3662 <b>Passcode:</b> 050331</p>
<p><b><u>Children and Young Adult Committee</u></b> 2nd Friday of every month 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  <b>Co-Chairs:</b> Ashlee Jemmott and Gina Lewis</p>	<p><b>Meeting Link:</b> <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87800949688?pwd=9LwYDFnn8S19bYh5Uyvwbn619kXato.1">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87800949688?pwd=9LwYDFnn8S19bYh5Uyvwbn619kXato.1</a>  <b>Webinar ID:</b> 878 0094 9688 <b>Passcode:</b> 448895</p>

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## Works-Wright, Jamie

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**From:** Works-Wright, Jamie  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 12, 2025 9:23 PM  
**To:** Works-Wright, Jamie  
**Subject:** FW: Brown Act Updates | Effective January 1, 2026

Hello Commissioners,

Please see the updates about the Brown Act.

Thank you for your time.

### Jamie Works-Wright

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**From:** CAL BHBC <[cal@calbhbc.com](mailto:cal@calbhbc.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 10, 2025 5:11 PM  
**Subject:** Brown Act Updates | Effective January 1, 2026

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**California Association of Local Behavioral Health  
Boards and Commissions**

**Brown Act Update:** [www.calbhbc.org/brown-act](http://www.calbhbc.org/brown-act)

California's open meeting law, "The Brown Act" has been updated. Changes impacting local advisory boards / commissions take effect January 1, 2026.

### Changes include:

**Brown Act Guide** Rev. 1/26

Open Meeting Rules for CA's Local Behavioral Health Boards/Commissions

1. The Basics
2. Teleconference & **Alternative Teleconference Rules**
3. Frequently Asked Questions
4. Brown Act Government Code

❖ The Brown Act Chapter of Government Code shall be given to all members of CA's local behavioral health boards/commissions (Per GOV 54952.7)

- **Remote Attendance without posting physical address:** All advisory board/commission members may attend meetings by teleconference without posting a physical address if certain requirements are met. (Must be approved by Governing Body (usually Board of Supervisors) every 6 months. There must be a physical location open to the public, with at least one staff member present.)
- **Additional remote attendance allowances** are available if the item above is not enacted.
- **Provide copy of the Brown Act:** All board/commission members should receive a copy of the Brown Act.

View highlighted changes in CALBHB/C's updated [Brown Act Guide](#).  
 CALBHB/C will provide training at upcoming events. [Training Schedule](#)  
 Questions? Contact us at: [info@calbhbc.com](mailto:info@calbhbc.com)

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## Works-Wright, Jamie

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**From:** Commission  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 5, 2025 3:38 PM  
**To:** Commission  
**Subject:** 2026 Commission Meeting Schedule – DUE 1/7/2026  
**Attachments:** Form - 2026 Commission Meeting Schedule.docx; 2026 COB Religious-Cultural Holidays.pdf; 2026 City Calendar.pdf

Dear Commission Secretaries and Admins,

Please collaborate with your respective commissions to establish the 2026 Commission Meeting Schedule. It is important that this schedule should be agendized and adopted by formal action of your commission. While planning the schedule, please refer to the List of Significant Religious Holidays and the City's holiday calendar (attached).

After your commission has determined its meeting schedule for 2026, **please complete the attached form and submit it to [Commission@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:Commission@berkeleyca.gov) as soon as possible or no later than Wednesday, January 7, 2026.**

This is an appropriate time to remind commissioners of the necessity to request a leave of absence from the Councilmember or body that appointed them in the event of a meeting absence. Commissioners may also submit a written request for an excused absence due to cultural or religious holidays. It is imperative that all leaves of absence be requested in advance of the anticipated absence.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Wendy

Wendy Sorensen, Assistant City Clerk  
 City of Berkeley  
 2180 Milvia St, First Floor  
 Berkeley, CA 94704  
[wsorensen@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:wsorensen@berkeleyca.gov)



## Works-Wright, Jamie

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**From:** Works-Wright, Jamie  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2025 9:08 AM  
**To:** Works-Wright, Jamie  
**Cc:** Buell, Jeffrey  
**Subject:** FW: Note re October BHC meeting

Hello Commissioner,

Please see the email below from Commissioner Opton.

Thank you for your time.

### Jamie Works-Wright

*Consumer Liaison & Mental Health Commission Secretary*  
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**From:** Edward Opton <eopton1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2025 12:45 AM  
**To:** Works-Wright, Jamie <JWorks-Wright@berkeleyca.gov>  
**Subject:** Note re October BHC meeting

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10.24.25

To: Jamie Works-Wright  
From: Edward Opton

Please distribute the attached note to BHC members and to Jeff Buell.

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10.24.25

To: Members, Behavioral Health Commission (BHC)

Jeff Buell

Re: Minutes of BHC meetings

At our October 23 meeting the BHC discussed the production and distribution of records ("minutes") of our BHC meetings. Some of us proposed that the Commission's secretary should draft and distribute reports--the "minutes"--of our meetings. Ms. Works-Wright explained that she is an employee of the City of Berkeley (and therefore not an employee of the BHC), and so she must limit her recordkeeping to the extremely limited scope authorized by our city's central management.

Ms. Works-Wright is right.

(1) Every City of Berkeley must work within the limits set by management. Those limits consist largely in limitations on expending time and money. Ms. Works-Wright is a City of Berkeley employee. We, BHC members, are not. If we think we could be more effective with more assistance from Ms. Works-Wright, we need to communicate with her supervisor(s). Could we convince our city's managers and executives that the BHC has done or, with greater secretarial support, could do so much more effective work that the City should allocate additional secretarial support funds to Behavioral Health? That would require either increasing taxes, reducing the City's efforts in other areas, or transferring other employees to do portions of Ms. Works-Wright's current non-secretarial responsibilities.

(2) Ms. Works-Wright's job is to support our city's mental health programs--*as defined by city management*. It is not her job to tell upper management *in public* what she thinks they should be doing or where she thinks they are going the the wrong direction. Our job, as BHC volunteers, is to support our city's mental health programs to the extent we believe they are effective, but also to criticize and to urge correction where we think correction is needed. And it is our mandate, as BHC volunteers, to make such recommendations *in public*--as for example, in the minutes of our meeting. In other words, the BHC and Ms. Works-Wright have closely related and interlocking responsibilities, but those responsibilities are not identical, and sometimes they may conflict. It's much like expressing our love--and our disappointments and irritations--to our families. We have to do it ourselves. We can't expect our secretary to do it for us.

(3) Writing up notes on what we, the BHC, are thinking, planning, hoping to do, notes on what we have and haven't accomplished, on what we need to do, and who we are asking to do it, and when and how--these are all core parts of our work as a commission. To get this core work done, we BHC members must do it ourselves.

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## Works-Wright, Jamie

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**From:** Works-Wright, Jamie  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2025 2:40 PM  
**To:** Works-Wright, Jamie  
**Subject:** Agenda items for MHC meeting and Manager Report

Hello Commissioners,

The next Mental Health Commission will be on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please have all your agenda items to me by **November 7<sup>th</sup>**.

If you have any questions you would like to ask Jeff to put in his report, please have them submitted by **November 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

If you would like to have items added the packet for others to review, please send me by **November 11<sup>th</sup>**.

Thank you for your time.

### Jamie Works-Wright

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## Works-Wright, Jamie

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**From:** Works-Wright, Jamie  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 23, 2025 9:02 PM  
**To:** Works-Wright, Jamie  
**Subject:** FW: MHC LOS draft attached  
**Attachments:** LOS\_Berkeley ROOTS\_Mental Health Commission.docx

Please see the draft letter of support for the BCHIP report.

Thank you for your time.

### Jamie Works-Wright

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**From:** Buell, Jeffrey <JBuell@berkeleyca.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 23, 2025 8:53 PM  
**To:** Works-Wright, Jamie <JWorks-Wright@berkeleyca.gov>  
**Cc:** Roseman, Catherine <CRoseman@berkeleyca.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: MHC LOS draft attached

Here is the current draft for editing and signing if the commission approves. Thank you.

Jeffrey Buell, LCSW  
 he/him  
 Manager of Mental Health Services  
 Health, Housing & Community Services  
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Please note that I'm out of the office every Monday.

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**From:** "Roseman, Catherine" <[CRoseman@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:CRoseman@berkeleyca.gov)>

**Date:** October 22, 2025 at 5:25:45 PM PDT

**To:** "Buell, Jeffrey" <[JBuell@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:JBuell@berkeleyca.gov)>

**Subject:** MHC LOS draft attached

[On Mental Health Commission letterhead]

[Date]

Re: Letter of Support for the City of Berkeley’s ROOTS Project (Bond BHCIP Round 2: Unmet Needs)

Dear BHCIP Round 2 Review Committee:

On behalf of Berkeley’s Mental Health Commission (MHC), I support the City of Berkeley’s application for Bond BHCIP Round 2: Unmet Needs funding for the Berkeley ROOTS—Recovery, Outreach, Opportunity, Treatment, Support—project.

The Mental Health Commission was created to review and evaluate the community’s mental health needs, resources, and programs. The Commission is composed of a majority of the minority representation in the city of Berkeley, designed to support the most vulnerable community members. The Commission has been briefed on the Berkeley ROOTS project and believes the project addresses many needs identified in the recent 2024 Berkeley Community Health Assessment (CHA) by rebuilding 2636 Martin Luther King Jr. Way into an outpatient mental health clinic which adds eight treatment rooms and one group/peer space and is adjacent to the City’s existing Medi-Cal–certified clinic at 2640 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Service capacity at this site will increase from 20,017 to 34,889 annual visits, serving an additional 14,872 visits per year. Many clients are Medi-Cal members, including individuals experiencing homelessness, serious mental illness, and substance use disorders.

The City of Berkeley has a large percentage of adults (40%+) who need mental health services. The Berkeley ROOTS project will address this need by increasing the amount of clients who are able to be seen and served at Berkeley Mental Health. This is a high priority within the Berkeley community given the high population of homeless individuals who struggle with co-occurring mental health and SUDs. We strongly support the City of Berkeley’s ROOTS project as it will significantly address one of the biggest needs in the city and urge approval of this Bond BHCIP Round 2 request.

Sincerely,

[Full Name]

[Title]

Berkeley Mental Health Commission

[Email] | [Phone]

## Works-Wright, Jamie

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**From:** Messner, Faye  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 22, 2025 3:46 PM  
**To:** Pearson, Alene; Van Dyke, Katie; Pilar Zuniga  
**Subject:** Please Share this Information with your Commission: General Plan Safety and Environmental Justice Pop-Up Exhibits  
**Attachments:** General Plan Pop Up Exhibits Flyer.pdf

Commission Secretaries,

I am sending this information for you to share with your Commissioners. Commissioners are invited to share with their networks to help publicize our upcoming events. Commissioners are invited to attend as members of the public - not in their capacity as Commissioners.

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Dear Commissioners,

The Planning and Development Department is excited to share a series of upcoming community engagement Pop-Up Exhibits for our project to update the General Plan. The [Prepared, Safe and Healthy Berkeley for All](#) project consists of an update to the existing General Plan Disaster Preparedness and Safety Element, a new Environmental Justice Element and Climate Monitoring and Resilience Metrics to measure the success of the new General Plan policies.

We are hosting 14 community events from October 25<sup>th</sup> to November 6<sup>th</sup> in partnership with the Ecology Center and member organizations of our Community Advisory Committee (CAC) which has been convening for the past year to provide deep community engagement for the project.

The purpose of the Pop-Up Exhibit is to share **preliminary policy themes** for the **Disaster Preparedness and Safety Element** and **Environmental Justice Element** that have been drafted during focused engagement with the CAC. These themes will be developed into the Element's **goals, policies and programs**. We want to understand if the policy themes are generally aligned with broad community needs and expectations.

Eight of the 15 events will be open to the public and have been shared on the City's Website. More information on these events is listed below.

- [North Berkeley Senior Center](#), Tuesday, October 28, 1:00pm-3:00pm
- [Central Library #1](#), Wednesday, October 29, 11:00am-1:00pm
- [Waterside Workshops](#), Wednesday, October 29, 4:00pm-5:30pm (child friendly!)
- [Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch Library](#), Monday, November 3, 12:00pm-3:00pm
- [Judge Henry Ramsey Jr. South Berkeley Branch Senior Center](#), Tuesday, November 4, 11:00am-1:00pm
- [Central Library #2](#), Wednesday, November 5, 1:00pm-3:00pm
- [Ecology Center](#), Wednesday, November 5, 5:30pm-7:00pm (child friendly!)
- [West Branch Library](#), Thursday, November 6, 12:00pm-3:00pm

The exhibits will also be available in an online version which will be shared on October 28th on the [Prepared, Safe and Healthy Berkeley for All](#) project webpage. The online exhibits will be available in English and Spanish.

We would appreciate your help sharing these events with your Commissions to help get the word out. Commissioners are invited to attend the Pop-Up exhibits as members of the public - not in their capacity as Commissioners.

If you have questions, accessibility requests, or would like to share a communication with the our office, please contact us at (510) 981-7484 or [PreparedSafeHealthy@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:PreparedSafeHealthy@berkeleyca.gov).

Sincerely,  
Faye



**Faye (Messner) Mingham** Assistant Planner (she/her/hers)

Planning and Development, Land Use Division  
1947 Center St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704

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# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND SAFETY POP-UP EXHIBITS

## OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 6

Come share ideas on how the City can better support health, safety, and resilience.

Talk with City staff and give feedback on topics like:

- Preparing for natural disasters, like earthquakes, tsunamis, and wildfires
- Improving access to healthier food, safe and affordable housing, and pollution reduction

Your feedback will help inform parts of the City's General Plan, a key document that guides Berkeley's future development.

All are welcome—drop by, ask questions, and help shape Berkeley's future. Visit our website for a list of our 8 public events happening throughout Berkeley! All of the locations are wheelchair accessible.

If you can't attend, please visit an online version of the exhibit on the Prepared, Safe, and Healthy Berkeley for All project webpage.  
<https://berkeleyca.gov/construction-development/land-use-development/general-plan-and-area-plans/prepared-safe-and-healthy>



### CONTACT

For questions or to request an accessibility accommodation, please email  
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# VISIT GENERAL PLAN<sup>31</sup>

## POP-UP EXHIBITS!

October 28 - November 6, Berkeley - Citywide!

*We want to hear from you!*

*Help shape policies to improve safety, health, and well-being.*

**Tuesday, October 28, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St



**Wednesday, October 29, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Central Branch Library, 2090 Kittredge St

**Wednesday, October 29, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm**

**Child Friendly!** Waterside Workshops, 84 Bolivar Dr

**Monday, November 3, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch Library, 1901 Russell St

**Tuesday, November 4, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St

**Wednesday, November 5, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

Central Branch Library, 2090 Kittredge St

**Wednesday, November 5, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Child Friendly!** Ecology Center Store, 2530 San Pablo Ave

**Thursday, November 6, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

West Branch Library, 1125 University Ave

