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GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

MEETING AGENDA

November 19th, 2026
9:00 am to Adjournment

This meeting is being held virtually only. The public is invited to attend.

MEETING LOCATIONS

PHYSICAL LOCATIONS

There is no physical location.

VIRTUAL INFORMATION

Meeting Link:
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NOTICE:

1. Agenda items may be taken out of order;
2. Two or more items may be combined; and
3. Items may be removed from agenda or delayed at any time.

Public Comment: The Commission will provide public comment periods in compliance with the requirements of the Open Meeting Law. As set forth below, the public will be provided with an opportunity to provide specific public comments for individual action items, at the time of the Commission's consideration of the item. Comments provided during a specific agenda item must be limited to topics relating to that item. Further, the public will be provided with an opportunity to provide public comments, prior to the adjournment of the meeting. Use of obscenities or other behavior which disrupts the meeting to the extent that its orderly conduct is made impractical may result in the forfeiture of the opportunity to provide public comment or removal from the meeting.

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
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by stating your name for the record. To provide public testimony by telephone during this period of public comment, members of the public may call any time after 9:00 a.m. on September 17th, 2026. Those wishing to provide public comment by telephone, please dial 1-775-321-6111 and when prompted enter the phone conference ID number 154971714#. Members of the public may also request comments be added to the minutes of the meeting by submitting them in writing either in addition to testifying or in lieu of testifying. Written comments may be submitted electronically before, during, or after the meeting by email to DPBH@health.nv.gov. You may also mail written documents to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, 4150 Technology Way, Suite 300, Carson City, NV 89706, or fax them to (775) 687-7570.

3. **FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Review and possible approval of the minutes for the Governor's Commission on Behavioral Health Meeting September 17th, 2026**

4. **FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Review and possible approval of the minutes for the Governor's Commission on Behavioral Health Meeting October 15th, 2026**

5. **FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ONLY: Agency Director Reports**
   a. Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (NNAMHS)
   b. Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (SNAMHS)
   c. Lake's Crossing Center
   d. Rural Clinic Services
   e. Sierra Regional Center
   f. Desert Regional Center
   g. Rural Regional Center

6. **FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ONLY: Discussion and Review of Current Commission Appointments**

Current Members Terms:

   a. *Braden Schrag, Chair: 4/1/26 – 3/31/30*
   b. *Lisa Ruiz-Lee, Vice-Chair: 7/1/26 – 6/30/30*
   c. *Lisa Durette: 7/1/24 – 6/30/28*
   d. *Jasmine Cooper: 10/1/23 – 9/30/27*
   e. *Nicole Schembre: 9/1/24 – 8/31/28*
   f. *Daniel Ficalora: 7/1/25 – 6/30/29*

Current Vacancies:

   a. *VACANT; A social worker who has a master's degree and has experience in dealing with mental illness or mental retardation, or both;*
   b. *VACANT; A registered nurse licensed to practice in this State who has experience in dealing with mental illness or mental retardation, or both, from a list of three candidates submitted by the Nevada Nurses Association;*
   c. *VACANT; A psychologist licensed to practice in this State and experienced in clinical practice, from a list of four candidates submitted by the Nevada State Psychological Association, two of whom must be from northern Nevada and two of whom must be from southern Nevada*
   d. *VACANT; A physician, other than a psychiatrist, licensed to practice medicine in this State and who has experience in dealing with intellectual disabilities, from a list of three candidates submitted by the Nevada State Medical Association;*

7. **FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ONLY: Discussion and Review of the Updates to Commission on Behavioral Health Bylaws and Roles and Responsibilities of the Commission's Members**

Focus areas to include:

   e. *Excused and unexcused absences*

f. *Terms of members and Chair/Co-Chair*
g. *Accountability of meeting attendance and quorum*
h. *Handling replacements of members as necessary*
i. *Language around timeline for reappointment paperwork to be submitted to the Governor's Office by members*
j. *Language around term lapses and members being in good standing can remain as reappointment paperwork is processed through the Governor's Office.*

8. **FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and Possible Approval of Updated DCFS Policies**
   a. Review and possible approval of the Identification of Children for Residential Services Face Sheet
   b. Review and possible approval of the Policy Creation Review and Approval Process

9. **FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ONLY: Discussion and Review of Development of the Governor's Letter for 2027**

10. **FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ONLY: Update on Behavioral Health Programs from Aging and Disability Services Division**

11. **FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ONLY: Update on Seclusion and Restraint/Denial of Rights from Desert Regional Center**

12. **FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ONLY: Update on Seclusion and Restraint/Denial of Rights from State Adult Mental Health Services**

13. **FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ONLY: Recommendations for future agenda items.**

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15. **ADJOURNMENT**

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SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT - 280 S. Decatur Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89107
CENTRAL NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT - 485 W B St #101, Fallon, NV 89406

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https://www.dpbh.nv.gov/boards/commission-on-behavioral-health/meetings/2026-cbh-agenda--minutes/
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It is the goal of this body to afford the public a comment period in compliance with the minimum requirements of the Open Meeting Law prior to adjournment. This body provides at least two public comment periods. No action may be taken on a matter raised under public comment unless the item has been specifically included on the agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. The Chair retains discretion to only provide for the Open Meeting Law's minimum public comment and not call for additional item-specific public comment when it is deemed necessary by the Chair to the orderly conduct of the meeting.

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