



**California Health and Human Services Agency  
Behavioral Health Task Force  
Meeting Notice and Agenda**

**Thursday January 28, 2021  
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**[Meeting video presentation will occur via WebEx](#)**

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**1. Welcome and Opening Comments (10:00 AM)**

**a. Meeting the Moment for Behavioral Health**

*Mark Ghaly, MD, MPH. Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS)*

**b. Voices From the Field (10:15 AM)**

*Jevon Wilkes, Executive Director, California Coalition for Youth  
Christina A. Roup, Executive Director, NAMI Fresno*

**2. Highlights from Member Interviews and Next Steps (10:45 AM)**

*Stephanie Welch, MSW, Deputy Secretary, Behavioral Health CHHS*

**3. Suicide Prevention and Issues from the Field (11:00 AM)**

*California Department of Public Health (CDPH)*

*Monica Morales, Deputy Director, Community Wellness at the Center for Health Communities,*

*Erika Pinsker, PhD, MPH. Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit Chief, Substance and Addiction Prevention Branch, and*

*Renay Bradley, Ph.D. Chief, Epidemiology and Surveillance Section, Injury and Violence Prevention Branch*

*Riverside University Health System*

*Iman Abouazra, MPH, Research Specialist II Epidemiology and Program Evaluation/Vital Records*

*Dianne Leibrandt, MPH, MSc, Program Director, Riverside Overdose Data to Action  
Epidemiology and Program Evaluation*

*Department of Health Care Services and CalHOPE  
Jim Kooler, Dr.P.H, Assistant Deputy Director*

- 4. Member Discussion (12:15 PM)**
- 5. Public Comment (12:45 PM)**
- 6. Adjourn**

### **2021 Taskforce Meeting Dates**

**March 9, 2021, June 8, 2021**

**September 7, 2021 & December 7, 2021**

The order in which agenda items are considered may be subject to change. Public comment will be taken at the end of the meeting. Prior to making your comments, please state your name for the record and identify any group or organization you represent. Depending on the number of individuals wishing to address the Task Force, the chair may establish specific time limits on comments.

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