

# California Behavioral Health Planning Council

## Systems and Medicaid Committee Agenda

Monday, December 12, 2022

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12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

- 12:00 pm**                    **Welcome and Introductions**  
*Karen Baylor, Chairperson and All Members*
- 12:05 pm**                    **High-level Overview of CA Behavioral Health Community-                    Tab 1**  
**Based Continuum Demonstration Concept Paper**  
*Ashneek Nanua, SMC staff*
- 12:15 pm**                    **SMC Discussion and Recommendations for Concept Paper                    Tab 2**  
*Karen Baylor, Chairperson and All Members*
- 12:50 pm**                    **Public Comment**
- 12:55 pm**                    **Wrap Up/Next Steps**  
*Karen Baylor, Chairperson and All Members*
- 1:00 pm**                    **Adjourn**

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### **Systems and Medicaid Committee Members**

Karen Baylor, Chairperson    Uma Zykofsky, Chair-Elect

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**Agenda Item:** High-Level Overview of CA Behavioral Health Community-Based Continuum Demonstration Concept Paper

**Enclosures:** [DHCS Overview: California Community-Based Continuum Demonstration Concept Paper PowerPoint](#)

**How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission**

*To review, evaluate and advocate for an accessible and effective behavioral health system.*

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the SMC with information regarding the Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS) California Behavioral Health Community-Based Continuum Demonstration concept paper which will be used to develop California's Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver application.

**Background/Description:**

In 2023, DHCS will apply for a new Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration to increase access to and improve mental health services for Medi-Cal members statewide. The demonstration, known as the California Behavioral Health Community-Based Continuum Demonstration (CalBH-CBC), takes advantage of the [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' \(CMS\) guidance](#) and associated federal funding aimed at improving care for people living with serious mental illness (SMI) and serious emotional disturbance (SED). This opportunity allows California to make historic investments in building out the full continuum of care for behavioral health, with a special focus on the populations who are most at-risk. DHCS' central goal of the CalBH-CBC Demonstration is to leverage this opportunity to expand a robust continuum of community-based behavioral health care services for Medi-Cal members living with SMI or SED.

By the request of the Systems and Medicaid Committee, SMC staff will provide a high-level overview of the CalBH-CBC concept paper to inform the committee on the CalBH-CBC Demonstration prior to collecting recommendations for the concept paper.

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**Agenda Item:** SMC Discussion and Recommendations for Concept Paper

**Enclosures:** [California Behavioral Health Community-Based Continuum \(CalBH-CBC\) Demonstration Concept Paper](#)  
[CalBH-CBC Concept Paper Executive Summary](#)

**Additional Resources:**

[Assessing the Continuum of Care for Behavioral Health Services in California Report](#)  
[CMS State Medicaid Director Letter #18-011](#)  
[CMS SMI and SED Demonstration Opportunity Technical Assistance Q & A](#)  
[CMS Qualified Residential Treatment Programs \(QRTP\) and SMI/SED Demonstration Opportunity Technical Assistance Questions and Answers](#)  
[CalBH-CBC Webpage](#)

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SMC members will provide their feedback and recommendations for the CalBH-CBC concept paper. SMC staff will compile the committee's recommendations to DHCS in an effort to ensure that the Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver includes a feasible and responsive continuum of care for individuals with SMI/SED served by California's public behavioral health system.