

Community Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention Commission



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**October 14, 2021
3:00-5:00 pm**

WebEx



Agenda



- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Approval of 6/10 Meeting Minutes**
- 3. Agency and Legislative Updates**
- 4. Review of Commission Priorities and Next Steps**



Confirmed Meeting Schedule



Date	Time	Location
October 14, 2021	3:00-5:00 pm	WebEx
December 9, 2021	3:00-5:00 pm	WebEx
February 10, 2022	3:00-5:00 pm	WebEx
<i>March 1, 2022 – Submission of Annual Report to the Legislature</i>		



Appendix: Promote-Prevent Commission Recommendations



Expanded Summary of Behavioral Health Promotion and Upstream Prevention Commission's Recommendations

- 1. Infuse Prevention, Promotion, and Results First Science into State Government**
 - Employ data driven decision-making in the Legislature and State Agencies
 - Establish a permanent Promote Prevent Commission
 - Adopt standardized concepts for evidence-based decision making

- 2. Innovate to Fund Promotion and Prevention**
 - Establish public-private partnerships at the state and local-level
 - Direct revenues from the sale of cannabis to fund community-based prevention
 - Establish a Behavioral Health Promotion, Prevention, and Early Intervention Trust Fund (BeHaPPE Trust Fund)
 - Assess opiate manufactures and wholesalers to fund prevention and promotion

- 3. Building Prevention Infrastructure**
 - Strengthen and invest in community-level coalitions
 - Fund technical assistance for community prevention leaders
 - Support local youth commissions
 - Advance and encourage data collection on local behavioral health issues



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- 4. Investing in What Works: Evidence-based Prevention and Promotion Programming and Systems**
 - Invest in evidence-based programming, promote family economic stability, and reauthorize the Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund

- 5. Prevention Workforce: Supporting Caregivers and Integrating Behavioral Health**
 - Advance behavioral health promotion and prevention education and support for law enforcement, healthcare staff, caregivers, and educators
 - Expand access to early intervention behavioral health services

- 6. Promoting Behavioral Health in Schools**
 - Advance social-emotional learning for new educators
 - Incorporate mental health promotion education into school health curriculums
 - Protect elementary students' access to opportunities for recess and free-play