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California Health Workforce Education and Training Council (Council) AGENDA

March 4, 2026, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Agenda

- Item #1 Call to Order**
Facilitator: Nader Nadershahi, Chair
- Item #2 Roll Call**
Facilitator: Dawn Snodgrass, HCAI Staff
- Item #3 Approval of October 2025 Meeting Minutes**
Vote to approve October 2025 minutes.

Facilitator: Nader Nadershahi, Chair
- Item #4 HCAI Director's Remarks**

Presenter: Elizabeth Landsberg, Director, HCAI
- Item #5 HCAI Workforce Program Update**
Update on Chair/Vice-Chair Transition. Overview of recent activities, including award outcomes and current and forthcoming funding

opportunities. BH-CONNECT program update. Program spotlights.

Presenter: Libby Abbott, Deputy Director, Office of Health Workforce Development, HCAI

Item #6

Maternal Health and Maternal Health Workforce Landscape

This session will provide a landscape analysis of the maternal health workforce with a focus on workforce diversity. It will highlight the existing state of the workforce, challenges to training and education, expansion of interprofessional collaboration, inequities in maternal and infant health outcomes, and barriers to accessing care, including the impact of labor and delivery ward closures reducing access to perinatal care in rural and underserved communities.

Presenter: Ariana Thompson-Lastad, PhD, University of California San Francisco

Item #7

Panel on Maternal Health Workforce

Panel discussion highlighting maternal health workforce needs and solutions to build and sustain a maternal health workforce to serve birthing people.

Facilitator: Hovik Khosrovian, Senior Policy Advisor, HCAI

Item #8

Introduction to Maternal Health Workforce Planning Project

Overview of collaborative project with the California Health Care Foundation, Mathematica, and HCAI. The project will develop assumptions for use in the development of a Maternal Health Workforce Supply and Demand model to inform a statewide strategy for maternal health workforce development.

Presenter: Lekisha Daniel-Robinson, Senior Researcher, Mathematica

Item #9

Oral Health Workforce Supply and Demand Model

Preview of HCAI's oral health workforce supply/demand model.

Presenters: Eric Neuhauser, Research and Evaluation Branch Chief, HCAI; Chipso Maringa, Research Data Supervisor II, HCAI

Item #10

California's Rural Health Transformation Program

This session will provide an overview of HCAI's proposal and highlight key proposed activities which includes transformative care, technology and tools, and workforce development.

Presenter: Hovik Khosrovian, Senior Policy Advisor, HCAI; Lemeneh Tefera, MD, Chief Medical Officer and Deputy Director for Clinical Innovation, HCAI

Item #11

Meeting Reflections

Reflections on the meeting, including key insights and how the Council can leverage these insights to strengthen and advance health workforce development across California.

Facilitators: Nader Nadershahi, Chair; Vernita Todd, Vice Chair

Item #12 **General Public Comment**
Facilitator: Nader Nadershahi, Chair

Item #13 **Adjourn Meeting**
Facilitator: Nader Nadershahi, Chair

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