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Meeting Agenda
Monday December 15th, 2025
11:00 a.m. PST Until adjournment

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3. For Possible Action – Approval of August 18th and September 15th, 2025, BHPAC meeting minutes.
4. For Information Only – Presentation on Behavioral Health Certification for Excellence in Nevada (BHCEN) from the Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention
5. For Possible Action – Recommendations to update Division Criteria to reflect the updated American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) from BHCEN and CASAT (For Possible Vote)
6. For Information Only – Presentation on BHPAC Best Practices Report from Social Entrepreneurs Inc
7. For Possible Action – Recommendations on BHPAC Best Practices Report from the Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention (For Possible Vote)
8. For Possible Action – Recommendations on the formation of subcommittees. (For Possible Vote)
9. For Possible Action – Recommendations for the 2026 calendar year meetings. (For Possible Vote)
10. For Possible Action – Discussion for next meeting agenda topics. (For Possible Vote)
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12. Adjournment

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