



**Joint Oversight Hearing  
Assembly Health Committee and Select Committee on Native American Affairs  
Assemblymembers Bonta and Ramos, Chairs**

**AGENDA**

**Date:** May 12, 2026

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** 1021 O Street, Room 1100

**1) Outcomes Review: AB 988 (Bauer-Kahan) Statutes of 2022, 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.**

**a) Stakeholder and Call Center Perspectives**

- i)** Tara Gamboa-Eastman, *Director of Government Affairs, Steinberg Institute*
- ii)** Jonathan Porteus, Ph.D, *Chief Executive Officer, WellSpace Health*
- iii)** Narges Zohoury Dillon, LMFT, *President, 988 Consortium and Executive Director, Crisis Support Services of Alameda County*
- iv)** Genevieve Valentine, LMFT, *Director of Health Care Services, San Joaquin County*

**b) AB 988 State Implementation and Financing**

- i)** Stephanie Welch, *Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health, California Health and Human Services Agency*
- ii)** Ivan Bhardwaj, *Chief, Medi-Cal Behavioral Health Policy Division, Department of Health Care Services*
- iii)** Steve Yarbrough, *Deputy Director, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services*
- iv)** Michelle Doty Cabrera, *Executive Director, County Behavioral Health Directors Association*

**c) Public Comment**

## **2) Suicide Prevention and Intervention in California Indian Communities**

### **a) Panelists**

- i)** Joe James, *Chairman, Yurok Tribe*
- ii)** Erica Pinto, *Chairwoman, Jamul Indian Village of California*
- iii)** Virginia Hedrick, *Chief Executive Officer, California Rural Indian Health Board*
- iv)** Mike Duncan, *Director and Founder, Native Dads Network*
- v)** Shari Sinwelski, MS/EdS, LPCC, *Vice President of Crisis Care, Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services*
- vi)** Ashley Mills, *Assistant Deputy Director, Center for Healthy Communities, California Department of Public Health*
- vii)** Stephanie Weldon, *Deputy Director, Office of Health Equity and Tribal Liaison, California Department of Public Health*

### **b) Public Comment**