

The 34th Annual Conference

of the California Association of LPS Hearing Officers
April 26th & 27th, 2025
Courtyard Marriott - Mission Valley (Hotel Circle)
San Diego, California
Tentative Conference Agenda

Saturday, April 26^h

- 7:00 - Registration and Breakfast
- 7:45 Presidential Address
Michael A. Francis, JD, Mental Health Hearing Referee, Los Angeles County Superior Court, CALPSHO President
- 8:00 - Untold Truths of Addiction: Decades of Insights for Today's Crisis
Nicolas Badre, MD, Forensic Psychiatrist, San Diego County Forensic Evaluation Unit
- 9:00 Mindfulness, Self-care, Security, and Secondary Trauma for LPS Practitioners
Autumn Byers, LCSW, Mental Health Hearing Officer, Fresno and Merced Counties, CALPSHO Board Member & Victoria Cortez, LMFT, Mental Health Hearing Officer, Fresno and Merced Counties
- 10:00 - Morning Break
- 10:15 - SB43: Overview of Changes to Grave Disability and Clinical Impressions
Mike Phillips, JD, Senior Director of Patient Advocacy and Housing Services, Jewish Family Service of San Diego
- 11:45 - Lunch & CALPSHO Annual Membership Meeting
- 12:45 - Unique Issues in Inpatient Geriatric Psychiatry
Dr. Plopper, MD
- 2:15 - Case Law and Legislative Update: New and Pending Legislation Affecting the LPS
Kimberly Ringer, Supervising Research Attorney and Mental Health Hearing Officer, Stanislaus County Superior Court, CALPSHO Board Member
- 3:15 - Hypothetical Riese and Certification Review Hearings and Discussion
David N. Pugh, JD, LCSW, Mental Health Hearing Officer, San Diego County, former CALPSHO President; and Samuel Bluck, JD, Mental Health Hearing Officer, San Diego
- 5:15 - CALPSHO Board Meeting – Election of Officers

Sunday, April 27th

- 7:00 - Breakfast
- 8:00 - An Introduction to Inpatient Child Psychiatry
Dr. Sweet, MD & Andrea Carlin, MSW, JD, Mental Health Hearing Officer, San Diego, CALPSHO Vice President
- 10:00 - Morning Break and Check-Out
- 10:30 - Difficult Issues Arising in LPS Hearings: Analysis and Discussion
Michael A. Francis, JD, Mental Health Hearing Referee, Los Angeles County Superior Court, CALPSHO President & David N. Pugh, JD, LCSW, Mental Health Hearing Officer, San Diego County, former CALPSHO President; and Samuel Bluck, JD, Mental Health Hearing Officer, San Diego
- 12:00 - Conference Wrap-Up
- 12:15 - End of Conference