

State of California - Health and Human Services Agency  
California Department of Public Health

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**Office of Binational Border Health (OBBH)  
Advisory Group General Meeting (Hybrid)**

**Agenda**

Tuesday, November 4, 2025  
1:00 PM to 3:50 PM (PST)

**Meeting Location:**

County of San Diego Public Health Services Building  
Conference Room 241 and 242  
5530 Overland Ave,  
San Diego, CA 92123

**Virtual:**

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**1:00 PM – 1:10 PM**

**Welcome | Introductions and New Members | Agenda and Documents Review**

Dr. Esmeralda Iniguez-Stevens, OBBH Chief; Dr. Álvaro Garza, Advisory Group Chair

**1:10 PM – 1:25 PM**

**California Department of Public Health Updates**

Adrian Barraza, Assistant Deputy Director, Center for Infectious Diseases

**1:25 PM – 1:45 PM**

**Old Business Review:**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 28, 2025 | Vice-Chair Nomination and Approval**

Dr. Álvaro Garza

**1:45 PM – 2:15 PM**

**OBBH General Updates**

Dr. Esmeralda Iniguez-Stevens

**Border Infectious Disease Surveillance (BIDS) Program Update and a Spotlight on Binational Case Surveillance**

Theodore Efthymeou, BIDS Program Manager

**Discussion, Q&A**

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**2:15 PM – 2:30 PM**

**Break**

**2:30 PM – 2:55 PM**

**County Updates on Binational Border Health Issues and Recommendations**

**Los Angeles County**

Dr. Brian Hui, Staff Analyst, Center for Health Equity, Los Angeles County Public Health Department

**Imperial County**

Karla Lopez, Communicable Disease Control and Prevention Manager, Imperial County Public Health Department

**San Diego County**

Dr. Elizabeth Hernandez, Director, Public Health Services - Administration, County of San Diego, Health & Human Services Agency

**Discussion, Q&A**

**2:55 PM – 3:15 PM**

**Advisory Group Member Updates**

Advisory Group Members

**3:15 PM – 3:35 PM**

**Cross-Border Health Economics**

Jim Arriola, Executive Vice President, MediExcel Health Plan

**3:35 PM – 3:40 PM**

**Public Comment**

**3:40 PM – 3:45 PM**

**Next Steps**

Dr. Álvaro Garza

**3:45 PM – 3:50 PM**

**Evaluation**

Dr. Álvaro Garza

**3:50 PM**

**Adjourn**

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