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**COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS (CPHS)  
CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY (CalHHS)**

Friday, April 24, 2026  
8:30 a.m.

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**CPHS AGENDA**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Larry Dickey, MD,</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Swearing in of Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (CPHS) Chair</b> Swearing in ceremony of CPHS Chair.	<b>Adam Dondro, CalHHS Chief Information Officer and Director of the Office of Technology and Solutions Integration (OTSI)</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Update on Potential Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (CPHS) Regulations</b> Share updated information related to potential CPHS regulations.	<b>Adam Dondro, CalHHS Chief Information Officer and Director of the Office of Technology and Solutions Integration (OTSI)</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>Overview of CalHHS Data De-identification Guidelines (DDG)</b> Present and answer questions on Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Data De-identification Guidelines (DDG), including recent updates.	<b>Linette Scott, Deputy Director and Chief Data Officer, Enterprise Data and Information Management, California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes</b> Review and approval of meeting minutes from the February 6, 2026, board meeting.	<b>Catherine Hess, PhD</b>

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F	<p><b>Projects with Reported Adverse Events and/or Deviations</b></p> <p>Determine if action on projects is needed. See meeting materials for list of projects. <b>Action</b></p>	All Members
G	<p><b>New Projects – Full Committee Review Required</b></p> <p>See meeting materials for list of projects. <b>Action</b></p>	All Members
H	<p><b>Full Board Continuing Review.</b></p> <p><b>Action</b></p>	All Members
I	<p><b>Amendments – Full Committee Review Required</b></p> <p>See meeting materials for list of projects. <b>Action</b></p>	All Members
J	<p><b>Second Review Calendar</b></p> <p>Full committee review needed on previously tabled projects. <b>Action</b></p>	Catherine Hess, PhD
K	<p><b>New Projects – Expedited Review Requested</b></p> <p>Inform committee of new projects recommended for approval by expedited review. See meeting materials for list of projects.</p>	Catherine Hess, PhD
L	<p><b>Projects Requiring Continuing Review</b></p> <p>Inform committee of project continuing reviews recommended for approval by expedited review. See meeting materials for list of projects.</p>	Catherine Hess, PhD
M	<p><b>Amendments – Projects with Revisions Approved through Expedited Review</b></p> <p>Inform committee of project amendments recommended for approval by expedited review. See meeting materials for list of projects.</p>	Catherine Hess, PhD
N	<p><b>Projects with Request for CPHS to Rely on Another IRB.</b></p> <p>None.</p>	Catherine Hess, PhD
O	<p><b>Exemption/Not Research Approvals</b></p> <p>Some projects listed may require full committee review and others are recommended for approval by expedited review. See meeting materials for list of projects.</p>	Catherine Hess, PhD

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P	<b>Final Reports</b> Projects listed are submitted for closure and have been recommended for approval by expedited review. See meeting materials for list of projects.	<b>Catherine Hess, PhD</b>
Q	<b>Public Comments</b>	<b>Catherine Hess, PhD</b>
R	<b>Next Meeting</b> The next CPHS meeting is scheduled to be held on June 5, 2026.	<b>Catherine Hess, PhD</b>
S	<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Catherine Hess, PhD</b>

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