



# California Behavioral Health Planning Council

ADVOCACY • EVALUATION • INCLUSION



..... The CBHPC is a 40-member advisory  
body appointed by the Department of  
Health Care Services.

## Guiding Principles

### Wellness and Recovery:

Wellness and recovery may be achieved through multiple pathways that support an individual to live a fulfilled life and reach their full potential.

### Resiliency Across the Lifespan:

Resilience emerges when individuals of all ages are empowered and supported to cope with life events.

### Advocacy and Education:

Effective advocacy for policy change statewide starts with educating the public and decision makers on behavioral health issues.

### Consumer and Family Voice:

Individuals and family members are included in ALL aspects of policy development and system delivery.

### Cultural Humility and Responsiveness:

Services must be delivered in a way that is responsive to the needs of California's diverse populations and respects all aspects of an individual's culture.

### Parity and System Accountability:

A quality public behavioral health system includes stakeholder input, parity and performance measures that improve services and outcomes.

## Federal and State Mandates

The California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC) is mandated in Public Law 103-321 to exist as a condition of the Mental Health Block Grant funds received from the Federal government. The CBHPC has additional statutory requirements outlined in Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC). Some of our duties include:

- Advocate for adults and older adults with serious mental illness and Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
- Review, assess, and make recommendations regarding all components of the behavioral health system and report to the Department of Health Care Services
- Advocate for children with serious emotional disturbances and their families
- Monitor, review, and evaluate the allocation and adequacy of behavioral health services in the state
- Advise the Legislature and the DHCS on mental health /SUD issues and priorities
- Participate in statewide planning
- Review and comment on the application submitted annually by the DHCS for funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
- Conduct public hearings on the state mental health plan, SAMHSA Mental Health Block Grant, and on other topics as needed

### OUR VISION

A behavioral health System that makes it possible for individuals to lead full and purposeful lives.

### OUR MISSION

To review, evaluate and advocate for an accessible and effective behavioral health system.

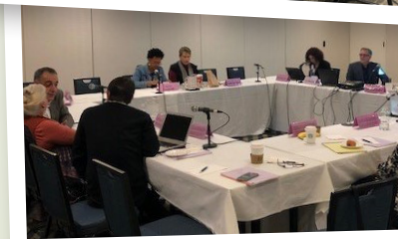
## CBHPC Meetings

We hold in-person meetings on a quarterly basis at various locations across California. All meetings are open to the public, and materials can be accessed via the CBHPC website.

The CBHPC is organized into standing committees focused on 6 priority areas. They are:

- Legislation and Public Policy
- Workforce and Employment
- Housing and Homelessness
- Systems and Medicaid
- Patients' Rights
- Performance Outcomes

**Top Photo:** Housing and Homelessness Committee meeting.  
**Bottom Photo:** Systems and Medicaid Committee meeting.





The Council is recognized as the voice of the constituency to address behavioral health priorities statewide. Your voice matters, join us!

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