

## August 2019 Update - News & Resources

### CALBHB/C Events

Central Region Meeting/Training  
Saturday, October 19th in Stockton  
[Agenda](#) [Registration](#)

Southern Region Meeting/Training  
Saturday, January 18th in San Diego  
Registration coming soon!

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### Statewide Events

#### CA BH Planning Council: Behavioral Health 2020: Exploring Options for System Transformation

Friday, October 18, 2019  
9:00 am–12:00 pm  
UC Davis School of Medicine  
Sacramento - [Registration](#)

Presenters will discuss the current structure, challenges, and opportunities in delivering services to recipients of California's public behavioral health system. The Council hopes to gain feedback from audience members during the event to deliver recommendations to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) on the Medi-Cal 1915(b) and 1115 Waiver renewals in 2020. Agenda includes:

- Overview of the Medi-Cal BH Delivery System, Michelle Cabrera, Executive Director of CBHDA
- Panel of subject-matter experts from a large county, small county, health plan, and public policy consulting group.
- Q&A session following panelist presentations.
- Opportunity for audience member feedback.

### Resources

Member Orientation, Recruitment & more  
<https://www.calbhbc.com/resources.html>

On-line Training & Handbooks:  
<https://www.calbhbc.com/training.html>

Frequently Asked Questions:  
<https://www.calbhbc.com/faqs.html>

Issue Briefs and more:  
[www.calbhbc.com](http://www.calbhbc.com)

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### News & Updates

#### Access - Public Charge

Access to mental/behavioral health services by legal immigrants and their families may be impacted by a recent change to the federal **Public Charge Policy**. Negative consequences could include reduced access to preventive care, and increased local costs. The CA Primary Care Association's website contains resources to help maintain access to services.

#### Recovery Month:

Sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health



Services Administration (SAMHSA), Recovery Month is a national observance held every **September** to educate Americans that substance use treatment and mental health services can help individuals with mental illness and those with substance use disorders to live healthy and rewarding lives.

## California Alliance of Child & Family Services

The California Alliance of Child and Family Services is hosting community forums to spark dialogue among community-based organizations, policymakers and government administrators around school-based mental health, highlighting meaningful and impactful strategies that are grounded in evidence. The forum will examine successful partnerships for the delivery of school based mental health services.

**Sacramento, October 21** [Registration](#)  
**Los Angeles, October 28** [Registration](#)

### Legislative Advocacy

[Sample Letters](#) are on our website at:  
<https://www.calbhbc.com/legislative-advocacy.html>

**Workforce - AB-565** (Maienschein) Public health workforce planning. SB-539 (Caballero) Mental Health Services Act: workforce education and training funds.

**Children/Youth--AB 734:** Foster family support services pilot programs providing strengths-based, skills-based, trauma-informed coaching; SB 582: Creates parity and access to school-based mental health services. (Restores triage grant funding); **SB12:** Mental Health Centers for Youth.

**Peer Provider Certification**—Peer support standardization to promote recovery and self-sufficiency--**SB10**

**Adult Residential Facilities (ARF)** (Board & Cares) for adults with Severe Mental Illness **AB-1034:** ARF Disaster Plans **AB1766:** ARF Data Collection

**Access to Mental Health Care** (two Medi-Cal visits in the same day)--**SB66**

## School-Based Programs:

Integrated mental and behavioral health programs are key to success. See [www.calbhbc.com/childrens-issues.html](http://www.calbhbc.com/childrens-issues.html) for the latest, including best practices, and guidance from joint agencies: SAMHSA and CMS.

### Suicide Prevention:

**MHSOAC Request for Input:** The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission has released the first draft of the Statewide Suicide Prevention Plan. The Commission is requesting public input, specifically the Strategic Aims, Goals, and Action section of the plan.

**September 10th is World Suicide Prevention Day:** [Resources and Information](#)

**National Suicide Prevention Awareness Week is September 8-14.** Encourage local staff to take advantage of CA's Each Mind Matters 2019 Suicide Prevention Activation Kit.

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