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**Reviewing & Advising  
Regarding  
Criminal Justice & Mental Health**

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# Reviewing & Advising regarding Criminal Justice & Mental Health

- Tools & Resources
- Performance Outcome Data
- New Legislation: MHSA Can be Used for Diversion & Parole Services
- Making Recommendations

# Reviewing & Advising: Tools & Resources

## Reviewing Mental Health Programs in County Jails / Detention Facilities:

- **Local Speakers**
- **Patients Rights Advocates**
- **Grand Jury Reports**
- **Site Visits**

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# REVIEWING & ADVISING: WIC 5604.2

1. Review and evaluate the community's public mental health needs, services, facilities, and special problems **in any facility** within the county or jurisdiction where mental health evaluations or services are being provided, including, but not limited to, schools, emergency departments, and psychiatric facilities.
3. Advise the governing body and the local mental health director as to any aspect of the local mental health program. Local mental health boards may request assistance from the **local patients' rights advocates** when reviewing and advising on mental health evaluations or services provided in public facilities with limited access.

# Reviewing & Advising: Performance Outcome Data

- **Reducing # of Incarcerations**
- **Reducing # of Days Incarcerated**
- **Performing MHSA Programs**
- **[www.calbhbc.org/performance](http://www.calbhbc.org/performance)**

# NEW LEGISLATION

- **MHSA funds can be used for services for individuals who are participating in:**
  - **Pre-Sentencing Diversion Programs**
  - **Post-Sentencing Diversion Programs**
  - **Community Supervision, most notably Parole (SB 389 (Hertzberg)), August, 2019)**
- **Whistle-Blower Protection: County Patients' Rights Advocates (AB-333 (Eggman)), August, 2019)**

# RECOMMENDATIONS re: MHSA (WIC 5848)

- b. ...The adopted three-year program and expenditure plan or update shall summarize and analyze the recommended revisions. The mental health board shall review the adopted plan or update and make recommendations to the local mental health agency or local behavioral health agency, as applicable, for revisions. The local mental health agency or local behavioral health agency, as applicable, shall provide an annual report of written explanations to the local governing body and the State Department of Health Care Services for any substantive [see (f) below] recommendations made by the local mental health board that are not included in the final plan or update.
- f. For purposes of this section “Substantive recommendations made by the local mental health board” means any recommendation that is brought before the board and approved by a majority vote of the membership present at a public hearing of the local mental health board that has established its quorum.

# CALBHB/C 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:

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