



CALBHB/C Amended and Restated Bylaws

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ARTICLE I
Name, Definition, Mission, Objectives

Section 1. **Name:** This organization shall be known as California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions (CALBHB/C), referred to as “CALBHB/C”.

Section 2. **Definitions:**

- A. The term "Behavioral Health" shall include mental health and substance use disorders.
- B. The “Executive Director” refers to the staff person that reports directly to the CALBHB/C Governing Board. The actual job title may differ (e.g. Executive Administrator). In the absence of an Executive Director, the CALBHB/C President may act as the Executive Director in the context of these bylaws.

Section 3. **Mission Statement:** The purpose of CALBHB/C shall be to support the work of local Mental/Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions, referred to as “MHB/BHBs”.

Section 4. **Objectives:**

- A. Provide information, guidance, and training to local MHB/BHBs to improve efficiency and effectiveness in carrying out mandated roles and responsibilities as set forth in Welfare & Institutions Code 5604 et seq. of the State of California.
- B. Convene members from local boards and commissions for the purpose of communication, collaboration, and organized advocacy.
- C. Advocate for the best system of behavioral health care to include culturally competent, evidenced-based, recovery-focused treatment and services for all behavioral health consumers, including the unserved and underserved, within the confines of 501c3 status eligibility.
- D. Collaborate with those agencies of similar intent such as the California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CMHPC), the California Behavioral Health Directors’ Association (CMHDA), and the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC).

ARTICLE II
Membership, Member Dues, Regions & Meetings

- Section 1.** **Members:** The membership of CALBHB/C shall be comprised of current members of MHB/BHBs as established in Section 5604 et seq. of the Welfare & Institutions Code (W&I) of the State of California.
- Section 2.** **Member Dues:** Member dues are assessed in accordance with an annual CALBHB/C budget that is recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the Governing Board. Approval of CALBHB/C's annual dues and budget shall occur annually.
- Section 3.** **Regions:** Regions shall coincide with the regions of the California Behavioral Health Directors Association, including the following counties/jurisdictions:
- Bay Area:*** Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, plus City of Berkeley.
- Central:*** Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Inyo, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Sutter-Yuba (Joint Powers), Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yolo.
- Los Angeles:*** County of Los Angeles.
- Southern:*** Imperial, Kern, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura, plus Tri-City (Pomona, Claremont, LaVerne).
- Superior:*** Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity.
- Section 4.** **Meetings:**
- A.** CALBHB/C shall conduct four quarterly meetings per year. One of the quarterly meetings shall be designated as the "Annual Meeting". MHB/BHBs in corresponding regions will be invited to the quarterly meetings. All MHB/BHBs will be invited for the Annual Meeting.
- B.** The Governing Board shall meet monthly (in conjunction with quarterly meetings or by teleconference.)
- C.** The Executive Committee shall meet at the discretion of the President.

ARTICLE III
Elections of Governing Board

- Section 1:** **Governing Board:** The "Governing Board" shall consist of all Officers and Directors. Officers and Directors shall be current and former members of MHB/BHBs.
- Section 2:** **Terms of Office:**
- A.** Governing Board members shall have staggered two (2) year terms of office.
- B.** The term of office for each Governing Board Director shall commence immediately following their election onto the Governing Board.
- C.** The term for the Officers shall begin July 1st and end June 30th of each year.
- D.** Governing Board members who have completed their terms as "Officers" may remain on the Governing Board as "Directors" for the remainder of the term for which they were elected by the regions.

Section 3: Election of Executive Committee (Officers):

- A. **Nominating Committee:** No later than five (5) months prior to the annual elections, an ad hoc Nominating Committee (with representation from each of the regions) shall be formed to oversee the annual election of Officers, to include the President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. The process shall be facilitated by CALBHB/C Executive Director.
- B. **Nominations:** No later than four (4) months prior to the annual meeting, the Nominating Committee and CALBHB/C Executive Director shall solicit nominations for open officer positions among the Governing Board. The entire Governing Board shall be contacted about interest in serving. Only members of the Governing Board are eligible for nomination.
- C. **Ballot:** No later than one month prior to the annual elections, the Nominating Committee shall develop a ballot of candidates for each position, taking into consideration the geographic and other representational needs of CALBHB/C. The Nominating Committee shall assure at least one (1) nominee for each officer position.
- D. **Election of Officers:** Officers shall be elected annually by the Governing Board at the Annual Meeting by a majority vote of Governing Board members. Governing Board members unable to attend the Annual Meeting may cast their ballots in advance through an internet-based election process. Candidates with the most votes shall be elected. The terms for the Officers shall begin July 1st and end June 30th of each year.
- E. **Appointments:** If an elected officer of CALBHB/C is unable to complete her/his full term, the CALBHB/C President shall appoint a Governing Board member to fulfill the remainder of the term. Officer appointments are to be approved by the Governing Board.

Section 4: Election of Directors:

- A. **Nominations:** The Executive Committee shall oversee the regional elections of Directors. The process shall be facilitated by CALBHB/C Executive Director. Nominees must be current or former MHB/BHB members.
No later than two (2) months prior to each regional election, nominations shall be solicited for Director candidates among the MHB/BHB members in each region. All MHB/BHBs shall be contacted and asked to notify their members about the opportunity to run in the election.
- B. **Ballot:** No later than one (1) month prior to each regional election, a ballot of candidates shall be developed, taking into consideration the geographic and demographic diversity within the region.
- C. **Election:** All current MHB/BHB members may cast their ballots through an internet-based election process. Paper ballots will be available upon request. A maximum of three candidates with the most votes shall be elected as Directors in each region.
- D. **Appointments:** In the event of a Governing Board vacancy in a region, the CALBHB/C President may appoint an MHB/BHB member to serve as a Director on the Governing Board until the regional election. Appointments are to be approved by the Governing Board.

ARTICLE IV

Executive Committee: Duties & Responsibilities

Section 1. Executive Committee: Shall consist of Association officers, to include: President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and **Immediate Past President**.

Section 2. Duties and Responsibilities: Officers shall work toward the objectives outlined in Article I.

- 1. **President:** Shall lead CALBHB/C toward strategically fulfilling its mission. Shall prepare the agenda for and preside over all Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Annual meetings. Shall be in regular consultation with CALBHB/C's Executive Director.

2. **Vice President:** In the absence of the President, or in the event of her/his inability to act, the Vice President shall perform all duties of the President. The Vice President shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by these bylaws.
3. **Secretary-Treasurer:** Duties shall include:
 - a. Keep or cause to be kept a record of minutes of all meetings of the Governing Board;
 - b. Oversee the functions of annual budgeting, annual auditing, and maintaining the bylaws;
 - c. Review the annual budget developed by staff and make budget recommendations to the Executive Committee and Governing Board prior to adoption;
 - d. Present a monthly financial statement to the Governing Board;
 - e. Monitor and assure CALBHB/C's compliance with labor laws and standards relating to individuals and employers, health and safety regulations, contractual requirements and all government filings.
 - f. With the approval of the President, the Secretary-Treasurer may delegate any of the office's responsibilities to staff of CALBHB/C or other Executive Committee or Governing Board members.
 - g. Maintain all Association records.
4. **Immediate Past-President:** The immediate past president shall participate in an advisory role.
5. **Executive Committee** (President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and **Immediate Past President**) shall:
 - a. Oversee the hiring (or contracting) of an Executive Director and provide annual performance evaluations.
 - b. Act as the regional election Nominating Committee (facilitated by Executive Director.)
 - c. Upon the expiration of his or her term of office, or in the case of resignation or removal, each Officer shall turn over to his or her successor, without delay, all records, materials, software, passwords and equipment pertaining to the office.
 - d. An Officer may be deemed by the Executive Committee to have ceased to discharge the duties of an Officer based on attendance and/or performance of duties. If after review, the Executive Committee determines the Officer is to be removed, a recommendation will be made to the Governing Board. Upon a 2/3 vote, the Officer shall be removed from the Governing Board.

ARTICLE V

Directors: Duties & Responsibilities

Section 1. **Directors:** Shall consist of a maximum of three current or former MHB/BHB members from each region.

Section 2. **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- A. Directors shall ensure CALBHB/C fulfills its mission to support CA's 59 local mental/behavioral health boards and commissions through communication, collaboration, resources, issue-based information, training and organized statewide advocacy.
 1. Report local support needs and mental/behavioral health issues to the Governing Board
 2. Review and advise regarding CALBHB/C resources, issue-based information and training offerings.
 3. Prioritize issues for statewide advocacy.
 4. Support statewide efforts to successfully advocate for prioritized issues
 5. Participate in fiscal and organizational review

- B. Upon the expiration of his or her term of office, or in the case of resignation or removal, each Director shall turn over to his or her successor, without delay, all records, materials, software, passwords and equipment pertaining to the office.
- C. A Director may be deemed by the Executive Committee to have ceased to discharge the duties of a Director based on attendance and/or performance of duties. If after review, the Executive Committee determines the member should be removed, a recommendation will be made to the Governing Board. Upon a 2/3 vote, the Director may be removed from the Governing Board.

ARTICLE VI

Bylaws: Update Process

The Governing Board shall review, revise and vote to approve CALBHB/C bylaws as needed. Members shall be notified in writing or electronically of proposed revisions at least 30 days in advance of vote. Proposed revisions shall be subject to approval of a majority of Governing Board Members present at a [Governing Board](#) meeting. The Bylaws shall be posted on the website.

ARTICLE VII

Dissolution

The Governing Board in consultation with CALBHB/C Executive Director shall not dissolve this Association without arranging for a timely and orderly transfer of its assets back to its funders, and notifying Members, government bodies, contractors and financial institutions.

ARTICLE VIII

Execution of Instruments

The Governing Board, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, may by resolution authorize any officer or agent of the Corporation to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless so authorized, no officer, agent, or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the Corporation by any contract or engagement to pledge its credit or to render it liable monetarily for any purpose or in any amount.

ARTICLE IX

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be from July 1 through June 30.

ARTICLE X

Indemnification

The provisions of the California Corporation Code Section 5238 apply.

ARTICLE XI

Insurance

This corporation shall purchase and maintain insurance to the full extent permitted by law on behalf of its officers, directors, employees, and other agents, to cover any liability asserted against or incurred by any officer, director, employee, or agent in such capacity or arising from the officer's, director's, employee's, or agent's status as such.

ARTICLE XII

Parliamentary Procedure

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised ([link to summary](#)) shall govern CALBHB/C in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with CALBHB/C's Articles of Incorporation, its bylaws, its otherwise specifically adopted rules of order or Federal, State or local laws that govern it.

ARTICLE XIII

Ratification of These Bylaws

These bylaws, amending the June 2018 version, were ratified by a majority vote of the Governing Board in July of 2021 by teleconference.