



California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions

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Internship Opportunity (not just for college students)

In an effort to attend more local board/commission meetings around the state, CALBHB/C is opening up internship positions. We are looking for interested local mental/behavioral health board/commission members or college students who have a strong interest in CA's behavioral health system. More information at: www.calbhbc.org/internship

Resources for Boards/Commissions

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- Bylaw Requirements
- Duties
- Expenses
- Membership Criteria
- MHSA Community Planning

Legislative Advocacy

CALBHB/C leadership supports legislation and budget items in response to issues reported from CA's 59 local mental/behavioral health boards & commissions.

Join with us by writing to your legislators after reviewing "[Understanding your Role](#)".

AB 32: Telehealth: Expanding Healthcare Accessibility [Sample Letter & Fact Sheet](#)

SB 224: Pupil instruction [Sample Letter & Fact Sheet](#)

HR 432: Mental Health Access [Advocacy](#)
(National Council for Behavioral Health)

Understanding Your Role

As Individuals: Individuals can and should contact their legislators! Legislators especially appreciate hearing from residents within their districts.

For ADA compliant or printed copies of CALBHB/C documents and resources, contact cal@calbhbc.com

As Advisory Bodies: Local mental/behavioral health boards/commissions are in an advisory role. In most counties, legislative advocacy is handled through the Board of Supervisors / Executive Office.

Visit our [legislative advocacy page](#) for more information and updates.

CALBHB/C Issue Briefs



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EMPLOYMENT -- Successful practices for adults with mental illness.

What is IPS?
IPS is a model of supported employment for people with serious mental illness (for example, schizophrenia spectrum disorder, bipolar, depression). IPS is based on eight principles:

1. Competitive Employment
2. Systematic Job Development
3. Rapid Job Search
4. Integrated Services
5. Benefits Planning
6. Zero Exclusion
7. Time-Unlimited Support
8. Worker Preferences

IPS Data
• In CA, only 12% of people in the public mental health system work.
• IPS helps 50% or more of people get jobs.
• People are 2.5 times more likely to get a job with IPS vs. traditional rehab programs.
• People in IPS work longer times, earn more, and are more likely to become steady workers than people in traditional programs.
See: www.clbhbc.org/employment.html

Peer Provider Certification
With the passage of SB 803 (Beall), CA will implement a process for certification for peer support specialists (who have lived experience with the process of recovery from mental illness, substance use disorder, or both). This bill requires DMHCS, by July 1, 2022, to establish requirements for counties or their representatives. See: www.clbhbc.org/peer-supporters.html

CALBHB/C: A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING THE WORK OF CA'S 59 LOCAL MENTAL & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

[Board & Care \(ARF or RCFE\)](#)
[Children & Youth](#)
[Criminal Justice](#)
[Disaster Prep/Recovery](#)
[Employment](#)
[Older Adults](#)
[Performance Outcome Data](#)
[Suicide Prevention](#)

Issue briefs address issues impacting communities throughout the state to help boards/commissions in their advisory capacity. Questions: cal@calbhbc.com

Recommended Reading / On-line Media

Access

[Addressing the Crisis in Our Streets: LPS Act Convening](#), Steinberg Inst. Recording

[How to Transform the U.S. Mental Health System](#), RAND Corporation, 2021

[New Law Strengthens CA's Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Parity Statute](#), SB 855, CA Department of Managed Care Fact Sheet

COVID-19

[Adverse Impacts of COVID-19 on Children with Serious Emotional Disorders](#), SAMHSA, March 3, 10:00 - 11:30 am PT

Prevention & Early Intervention

[Risk & Protective Factors' Role in Strategic Planning & Program Delivery](#), MHSOAC, March 17, 12:30 pm

[State & Local Evaluation of PEI Activities](#), MHSOAC, March 24, 9:00 am

[Reducing the Negative Consequences of Mental Health Needs](#), MHSOAC, April 5, 12:30

Substance Use Disorder

[Medication Options for Treatment of Stimulant Use Disorders](#), National Council for Behavioral Health, March 2, 10 am PT

[MHSA COVID-19 Flexibilities Extension Fact Sheet](#), DHCS

[How ACEs Aware Training Can Support Providers and Patients During COVID-19](#), Aces Aware, February 24, 12 - 1 pm

Culture, Ethnicity, Race
[CA Reducing Disparities Project](#):
Community Defined Evidence Practice Outcome One-Pagers and 10-minute recordings for:

- Asian American Pacific Islander
- African American Black Identified
- Latino Latinx
- LGBTQ+
- Native American

Peer Support
[Stakeholder Listening Session](#), March 2

Performance
[Building a Racial-Equity Approach to Full Service Partnerships \(FSPs\)](#), March 4, 10a

Suicide

[New Guidelines on Suicide Screening During Telehealth](#), National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention

Telehealth

[Telehealth's Rapid Adoption in 2020 and Building Sustainable Telehealth Programs for the Future](#), National Council for Behavioral Health Recording

[Patients with Low Incomes and Their Providers Agree: Continue Telehealth](#)
Patients with low incomes and their providers are generally satisfied with telehealth and want it to continue, but payment parity and access to technology are key to ensuring continued access. CA Health Care Foundation

[Mental Health in a Pandemic: How California Can Do Better for All](#) - The use of telehealth to close access gaps. Also see: [Opinion: As Telehealth Expands, We Must Include Diverse Communities](#), CA Health Report, Kiran Savage-Sangwan

Trauma-Informed Care

[ACEs Aware Trauma-Informed Network of Care Roadmap DRAFT](#) - Especially see *Section 4: Milestone for Communities, p. 66.*

Grants/Funding

Access

[As Need for Mental Health Care Surges, A Funding Program Remains Underused](#), CA Health Report

[Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic \(CCBHC\) Grants](#), SAMHSA, Applications Due March 1 2021

Older Adults

[Learning Collaborative: Community Partnerships to improve Depression Care for Older Adults](#), Archstone Foundation, University of Washington and University of California

Prevention & Early Intervention

[The MHSOAC Request for Application 002 \(RFA-002\)](#) for the Early Psychosis Intervention Plus (EPI Plus) Round 2, with a focus on addressing the disparities which

COVID

Costs of purchasing [PPE and telehealth equipment](#) for providers and staff are allowable costs of delivering services for county-operated and county-contracted providers in Specialty Mental Health, Drug Medi-Cal (DMC), and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS). The PPE and telehealth equipment must be used to provide patient care.

Digital Technology

- [Individuals](#) - Internet and Devices: www.digitalaccessproject.org
- [Computers for Classrooms](#) - Low cost Windows PCs to Californians
- [Skilled Nursing Facilities+](#) for tablets and accessories

exist for African Americans, Asians and Pacific Islanders, Latinxs, LGBTQ+, Native Americans, and other traditionally underserved or inappropriately served populations (Diverse, Racial, and Ethnic communities).

Workforce

[CalHealthCares Loan Repayment Program](#) - Loan repayment on educational debt for CA physicians and dentists who provide care to Medi-Cal patients. Awards up to \$300,000 in exchange for a five-year service obligation. Application Deadline: February 26

Meetings (State Councils/Departments)

[MHSOAC Research & Evaluation Committee Teleconference](#), February 24, 1 pm

[MHSOAC Meeting](#), February 25, 9:00 am - 1 pm

CA Behavioral Health Planning Council Meetings, April 14 -16

- [Performance Outcomes Committee](#)
- [Patients' Rights Committee](#)
- [Workforce and Employment Committee](#)
- [Legislation Committee](#)
- [Housing & Homelessness Committee](#),
- [Systems & Medicaid Committee](#),

[DHCS Behavioral Health Stakeholder Advisory Committee](#), April 29, 9:30 am

[CA Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health](#), April 30, 2 pm

Evaluate Us!

CALBHB/C is here to provide resources, support, training, communication and coordinate advocacy for statewide issues. We invite you to evaluate us by taking a few minutes to complete: [Evaluate CALBHB/C](#).

Report to Us!

Let us know your top issues and/or resource needs: [Report to CALBHB/C](#)

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