



CALBHB/C Update

From President, Theresa Comstock

Thanks for serving on (or supporting) a local board/commission! You are integral to helping local communities provide effective mental/behavioral health programs.

CALBHB/C is growing as an organization, increasing communication, opportunities to connect regionally, and planning our first Capitol Day (April 10th in Sacramento). We hope you will mark your calendars, review our monthly updates, [newsletters](#) and [website](#), and engage with us!

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Over the next few months, CALBHB/C leadership is reaching out to *every* local board/commission, hosting phone calls throughout the state with Chairs and member Supervisors. Invitations forthcoming!

How do I pronounce "CALBHBC?"

You can run out of breath saying "California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions." Saying "CALBHBC" does not help either. There is a solution. Say "CAL – BH – BC."

National/Statewide Opportunities:

October is [National Disability Employment Awareness Month](#). The 2018 National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) theme is "America's Workforce: Empowering All." NDEAM celebrates the contributions of workers with disabilities and educates about the value of a workforce inclusive of their skills and talents. Share a [social media toolkit](#) and connect with us - Twitter: [#CALBHBC](#) [#NDEAM2018](#)
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MHSA Workforce Education and Training (WET) Five Year Plan (2020-2025) The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) is seeking input from stakeholders: <https://surveyMonkey.com/r/2020-25WET>

Meetings & Training:

Central: 10/19/18, Folsom (Training 10/20)
[Registration](#) [Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

South: 1/18/19, San Diego (Training 1/19)
Capitol Day: 4/10/19, Sacramento

[Additional opportunities below.](#)

Legislative News

Governor Brown recently signed the following bills related to mental and behavioral health (this is a partial listing):

SB 1287 (Hernandez) - Revises the Medi-Cal definition of "medically necessary" for purposes of an individual under 21 years of age to incorporate the existing federal standards related to Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) services.

SB 1152 (Hernandez) - Requires each hospital to include a written homeless patient discharge planning policy and process within the hospital discharge policy.

AB 2193 (Maienschein) - Requires a licensed health care practitioner who provides prenatal or postpartum care for a patient to offer to screen a mother for health plans to develop a maternal mental health program by July 1, 2019.

AB 2576 (Aguiar-Curry) - Removes barriers to continuity of care when disaster strikes (e.g., wildfires).

[2018 Cultural Competence Summit "Honoring California's Diversity: A Call to Action"](#), October 23 – 24, 2018 at the Riverside Convention Center in Riverside. CA Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions

[CA Association of Social Rehabilitation Agencies-](#) October 30, 2018, Pasadena; Hilton Pasadena. **Fundamentals of Recovery**, Cynthia Perez, CPRP and Elsa Loera, Mental Health America of Los Angeles—Antelope Valley; **Student Services at the Department of Rehabilitation – What You Need to Know**, Courtney Tacker, DOR's Mental Health Cooperative Programs Unit, Department of Rehabilitation; **Social Security Work Incentives: Myths and Facts on Returning to Work**, Rebecca Spadaro, CWIP and Oscar Castellon, CWIP, DOR