

Veterans/Veterans Advocates – New Requirement

Legislative Change to CA WIC 5604 Membership for CA's 59 Local Mental/Behavioral Health Boards/Commissions

Veteran Requirement: One member shall be a veteran or veteran advocate. (For counties with a population of 100,000 or more)

Veteran Encouragement: A county shall give a strong preference to appointing at least one member of the board who is a veteran or a veteran advocate. (For counties with a population fewer than 100,000)

Vacancy Notification: A county shall notify its county veterans service officer about vacancies on the board, if a county has a veterans service officer.

“Veteran Advocate” Defined: A parent, spouse, or adult child of a veteran, or an individual who is part of a veterans organization, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars or the American Legion.

WIC 5604+: www.calbhbc.org/legislation-mhb-wic.html

Veterans: www.calbhbc.org/veterans