



# California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions

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*"Be the change you want to see in the world."  
Mahatma Gandhi*

**T**hank you to all the advisory board members. As we increase our support and trainings, we know that you are the heart of our organization. Duties of local boards and commissions are many, and CALBHBC is glad to offer opportunities for greater communication and collaboration as we strengthen our organization.

Check out the resources shared from other boards on our [website](#)! Local board/commission members are encouraged to make our website the "go-to" place for [resources](#), [news](#), [reports](#) and more. We encourage you to share your local reports, resources and news with us—[contact us!](#)

### News & Reports

*(See website for more!)*

**STATE:** The 2015 CA Mental Health Planning Council Data Notebook responses are compiled [on-line](#). Top responses regarding urgent Mental Health needs include:

1. All levels of psychiatric residential and skilled nursing facilities.
2. MH Urgent Care
3. Crisis Stabilization Unit Services (23-Hour)
4. Supportive Housing of any type.

**FEDERAL:** [The 21st Century Cures Act](#), a bipartisan effort for public health and medical research, directs \$6 Billion to address mental health challenges in the criminal justice system and toward other behavioral health and physical health priorities. *(Continued on [website](#).)*

### Upcoming Meetings/Trainings

Bay Area Region Training Meeting & Elections in San Jose, CA  
April 22, 9:30 a.m.—4 p.m.  
Holiday Inn—Silicon Valley

Central Region Training Meeting & Elections in Sacramento, CA  
May 20, 9:30 a.m.—4 p.m.  
Doubletree-Arden Fair, Sacramento, CA

Annual Meeting / Southern Region Mtg.  
June 16-17, Irvine—Training & Elections

[Contact CALBHBC](#) for details & to register—[link](#).



### Important Reminders

#### By-Laws

Have you updated your local board or commission's by-laws based on the recent change affecting the criteria for members? **As a reminder:** consumers (adults with mental illness) who work for County Mental Health (or contractors) can now be appointed to boards ([WIC 5604 \(B\)\(d\)\(2\)](#)). [\(Link\)](#)

#### Ethics Training

Members of boards and commissions should take Ethics Training every two years either locally or [on-line](#). It is recommended & required in order to receive reimbursement for expenses (such as travel).



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**Resources** ([link to website](#))

[Brown Act \(Open Meeting Rules\) Summary Points & FAQ's](#)

[Reports \(Local & Statewide\)](#)

[Templates/Sample Docs \(Bylaws, Annual Reports, New Member Interview Questions, Site Visit Forms\)](#)

[Training \(Online Links, Materials, Dates\)](#)

[Websites for Local Boards/Commissions](#)

**News & Issues** ([link to website](#))

[Board & Commission News](#)

[Children's Issues](#)

[Co-Occurring with Mental Illness](#)

- [Dementia](#)
- [Developmental Disabilities](#)
- [Substance Use Disorder](#)
- [Traumatic Brain Injury \(TBI\)](#)

[Cultural Issues](#)

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**Duties of Boards & Commissions**

From California Welfare & Institution Code [5604.2\(a\)](#)  
The local mental health board shall do all of the following:

1. Review and evaluate the community's mental health needs, services, facilities, and special problems.
2. Review any county agreements entered into pursuant to [Section 5650](#).
3. Advise the governing body and the local mental health director as to any aspect of the local mental health program.
4. Review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process.
5. Submit an annual report to the governing body on the needs and performance of the county's mental health system.
6. Review and make recommendations on applicants for the appointment of a local director of mental health services. The board shall be included in the selection process prior to the vote of the governing body.
7. Review and comment on the county's performance outcome data and communicate its findings to the California Mental Health Planning Council.
8. Nothing in this part shall be construed to limit the ability of the governing body to transfer additional duties or authority to a mental health board.

(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that, as part of its duties pursuant to subdivision (a), the board shall assess the impact of the realignment of services from the state to the county, on services delivered to clients and on the local community.

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