

Fee Schedule Working Group Overview

To support and advance the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI), the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) have established a Fee Schedule Working Group composed of over 50 members supporting the design of an all-payer statewide school-linked fee schedule for behavioral health services. The vision for the fee schedule is to enable a sustainable funding source for school-linked behavioral health services and to expand access to those services while streamlining billing models and delivery systems for schools and educational institutions.

Members of the Working Group represent a wide range of professional backgrounds, including representatives from educational institutions (K-12 and Higher Education), Health Plans (Commercial and Medi-Cal), county behavioral health organizations, service providers (including behavioral health providers, community based organizations, after school programs, etc.), and others.

Below are details on the selection process and information on Working Group members, including biographies (as available).

Fee Schedule Working Group Members

DHCS and DMHC solicited applications for the Working Group through a public engagement and application process, receiving a total of 164 applications and nominations for the Fee Schedule Working Group. In the selection process, DHCS and DMHC sought to select members representing diversity in terms of geography, organization type (e.g., education, behavioral health providers, health plans), and relevant technical expertise (e.g., billing and administration, school-based services, experience with relevant programs such as Local Education Agency Billing Option Program).

63 individuals were selected to join the Working Group, with members representing organizations from the following categories:

- A. Schools and Educational Institutions (including providers of behavioral health services by or through school-sites)
- B. Health Plans (including Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans and Commercial Health Plans)
- C. County Behavioral Health Organizations
- D. Community-Based Organizations, Non-Profits, Professional Associations, and Other Providers and Organizations

The Working Group members reflect the diversity of California and a wide range of backgrounds in behavioral health and education. The group brings professional experience that includes the provision of clinical and non-clinical behavioral health services in school settings, management of school-linked billing and reimbursement

systems, and administration of schools and educational organizations. The group includes geographic representation across nine of California’s 10 census regions¹ and approximately 30 percent of the state’s counties.

The following sections contain the full list of Fee Schedule Working Group participants. Descriptions of current roles and professional biographies were submitted by Working Group members.

A. County Behavioral Health Organizations

Name	Current Role	Brief Professional Biography
Robert Byrd	Acting Deputy Director, Prevention, LA County Department of Mental Health (DMH)	Dr. Byrd joined LA County DMH in 2009, at a time when the Department was preparing for the implementation of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI), which was designed to proactively address the mental health needs of the county’s population through education, support, outreach and evidence-bases services. Collaborating with key partners that serve children, youth and families has been the cornerstone of Dr. Byrd’s philosophy in his advocacy role. He has consistently been mindful of the value and importance of inter-agency communication and collaboration, and the engagement of stakeholders to ensure successful implementation and delivery of quality mental health services throughout the county. Throughout Dr. Byrd’s career, prevention and advocacy strategies, as well as reducing the stigma of mental health have been a priority of his work. While the Department’s focus on early intervention continues through the implementation of evidence-based and community-defined practices, DMH is pivoting towards a more upstream approach in implementing prevention strategies in a variety of settings including clinics, homes, schools, libraries, community resource centers, and parks. It is within this context that Dr. Byrd has been

¹ The ten census regions are Superior California, North Coast, San Francisco Bay Area, Northern San Joaquin Valley, Central Coast, Southern San Joaquin Valley, Inland Empire, Los Angeles County, Orange County, and San Diego – Imperial. (Source: <https://census.ca.gov/regions/>)

		appointed to lead a team of professionals devoted to developing programs and resources that fulfil DMH's commitment to the promotion of wellness and strategies to reduce the risk factors associated with mental illness and emotional disturbances.
Michelle Doty Cabrera	Executive Director, County Behavioral Health Directors' Association of California (CBHDA)	TBA
Lisa Carlisle	Director, Child and Young Adult System of Care, Alameda County Behavioral Health	Ms. Carlisle has over 20 years of experience working in child and youth mental health and educational settings. Ms. Carlisle has an extensive background in child and youth mental health planning, programming, and implementation, as well as extensive experience working in and overseeing Medi-Cal specialty mental health services for children, youth, and young adults. She has worked for Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) since 2010 and is currently the Director of the Child and Young Adult System of Care. In this role at ACBH, Ms. Carlisle oversees six subdivisions including early childhood mental health, school based behavioral health, services to transition aged youth, and specialized services for children and youth in the child welfare and juvenile probation systems.
Le Ondra Clark Harvey	Chief Executive Officer, California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies (CBHA)	Dr. Clark Harvey is a psychologist and the Chief Executive Officer of the California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies (CBHA). CBHA is a statewide advocacy organization representing mental health and substance use disorder non-profit agencies that collectively serve approximately one million Californians. She is also the Executive Director of the California Access Coalition- a group of advocacy organizations and pharmaceutical industry companies that advocates for patient access to behavioral health treatment. Dr. Clark

		<p>Harvey has previously served as Chief Consultant to the California State Assembly Committee on Business and Professions, Principal Consultant to the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development, and a health policy consultant to the office of former Senator Curren D. Price, Jr. Prior to her work within the California Legislature, she completed her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She completed her pre-doctoral fellowship at the University of Southern California Children's Hospital Los Angeles and a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of California, Los Angeles Mattel Children's Hospital. Dr. Clark Harvey has maintained an impressive record of leadership including serving on national and local boards including the National Council of Mental Wellbeing, American Psychological Association, Association of Black Psychologists, CalNonprofits, Sacramento County Public Health Advisory Board and the Sacramento County Children's Coalition. Dr. Clark Harvey has received numerous local and national awards. In 2020, she was appointed by California Governor Gavin Newsom to his Master Plan on Aging Advisory Committee and Behavioral Health Task Force. In 2021, she was appointed by California Lieutenant Governor, Eleni Kounalakis, to the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine Board and by the federal Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Advisory Committee for Women's Services.</p>
Michelle Gibson	Deputy Director, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control, LA County Department of Public Health	Ms. Gibson served as a program administrator for community-based outpatient and residential substance use disorder (SUD) and mental health treatment programs for 5 years prior to obtaining a Master of Public Health and joining the Los Angeles County

		Department of Public Health, Division of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (DPH-SAPC), which oversees publicly funded SUD services, where she performed multiple roles over the past 15 years including Youth Services Manager, Prevention Services Manager, Strategic Planning and Development Manager, and most recently Deputy Director.
Gail Gronert	Director of Strategic Initiatives, County Behavioral Health Directors' Association of California (CBHDA)	TBA
Susan Holt	Director of Behavioral Health, Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health	Susan Holt, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, serves as the Director of Behavioral Health and Public Guardian for Fresno County. She has worked in the behavioral health field for over 25 years in various roles including manager, clinical supervisor, and clinician providing direct mental health treatment services with adults, children, and families. She has clinical experience working in settings such as a residential treatment program for adolescents, a foster family agency, public schools, and an inpatient psychiatric hospital. Her passion in behavioral health leadership is to cultivate strengths within teams to create and support environments that promote well-being, resilience, and recovery.
Timothy E. Hougen	Deputy Director, San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health	Clinical Psychologist for 30 years with experience in home and school based mental health services. Develop and oversee contracts to provide EPSDT Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) on school campuses. Some of these contracts are with school districts to operate their own Medi-Cal clinic.
Gabriela Jimenez	Assistant Director, Imperial County Behavioral Health	I was named Assistant Director of Imperial County Behavioral Health Services (ICBHS) in September 2022. Before that, I was the Deputy Director for

		<p>Adult and Older Adult Services and the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment division for five years. I have been working with ICBHS since 1998 where most of my career has been in an administrative role taking part in the implementation and oversight of numerous mental health and SUD treatment programs serving children, youth and the adult population. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Social Science from San Diego State University, a Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from University of Phoenix, and a Master's degree in Public Administration from National University.</p>
Veronica Kelley	Chief/ County Behavioral Health Director, Orange County Mental Health and Recovery Services (MHRS)	<p>I am currently the behavioral health Director in orange county and previous to this I was the behavioral health Director in San Bernardino County I've been a county employee for the last 23 years starting my county career in cultural competency and served as the cultural competency officer in both Orange County and San Bernardino counties I've had numerous leadership positions at the state including an appointment to the governors no place like home advisory committee And have a seat on the Cal M foster youth work group as well as the behavioral health advisory committee. I am a member of the California behavioral health planning Council and in the past president of the county behavioral health director's association. I also Co-Chair of the substance abuse prevention and treatment subcommittee of CBHDA. I have been a social worker for 31 years receiving my Master of Social Work degree from the University of Southern California with a concentration in children's and families and my doctorate degree in social work from Capella University I am a mom of three and a grandmother of one.</p>
Gerold Loenicker	Mental Health Program Chief, Child Adolescent Services, Contra	<p>Gerold Loenicker has worked in the field of community mental health for the last 20 years, as a direct services provider and administrator in community-based</p>

	Costa County Behavioral Health	organizations and county operated programs. He has worked in his current capacity over the last four years.
Matthew Madaus	Executive Director, Behavioral Health Collaborative of Alameda County	Matthew Madaus is a LCSW with over 30 years of experience in the behavioral health field. Mr. Madaus is currently the Executive Director of the Behavioral Health Collaborative of Alameda County, a regional association of mental health and substance use providers. Mr. Madaus was the President and CEO of Edgewood Center for Children and Families, Executive Director for Victor Community Support Services, Director of Residential Treatment at Chamberlain's Children Center, and Clinical Director at The Home for Little Wanderers. He co-founded an international clinical software firm, was the National Chief Clinical Officer for an EMR company, and a consultant to non-profits and law firms across the country.
Jeremy Nilsen	Deputy Branch Director, Humboldt County Behavioral Health	I have worked in County Behavioral Health for 20 years, the last 5 serving as the Deputy Director over Children's BH services. Experienced in providing FFT and TFCBT and supervising a variety of programs including Wraparound and services to youth involved in Child Welfare and Probation systems.
Leslie Roth	Program Manager of Behavioral Health Managed Care, Placer County	TBA
Marni Sandoval	Deputy Director, Monterey County Behavioral Health	TBA
Mike Stajura	Senior Policy Analyst, County Behavioral Health Directors' Association of California (CBHDA)	Mike Stajura, Ph.D., is responsible for children's mental health policy at CBHDA. He also adds value on the topics of disaster mental health and veteran mental health. He draws on his work as a child welfare advocate, a legislative aide in the California Assembly, and a civil servant with the California Department of Social Services. He's also driven by his lived experience as a former foster youth and youth experiencing homelessness. He

		went on to serve in the U.S. Army, and he has also developed expertise in emergency management and disaster resilience.
Min Tan	Director of School-Based Mental Health Services, San Francisco Department of Public Health	Min Tan started his career in children's mental health at Family Service Agency of San Francisco/Felton Institute as a school-based clinician, then site supervisor for Functional Family Therapy, and director of the outpatient mental health services with the focus on mobile ERMHS model. Next, he joined San Francisco Department of Public Health as the Lead Coordinator for ERMHS, then Director of School-Based Mental Health Services. In his current role, he managed the portfolio of services including ERMHS, classroom-based services for traumatized children and youth, day treatment at public school sites, wellness centers, and varieties of prevention and early intervention services for school aged youth and at early childcare settings.

B. Educational Institutions

Name	Current Role	Brief Biography (TBA)
Jacqueline Chacon	Government Relations Division, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office	TBA
Kim Griffin Esperon	Coordinator III, Psychiatric Social Worker, Los Angeles County Office of Education	I have been a school/district based psychiatric social worker for 24 years, with the last 11 years serving as an administrator developing and managing school/district mental health programs.
Trina Frazier	Assistant Superintendent, Student Services, Fresno County Superintendent of Schools	Trina Frazier is a native of the Central Valley and has 32 years of experience providing expertise in the areas of program development, pupil personnel services, behavioral health, and special education. She currently serves as the

		Assistant Superintendent of Student Services at the office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, where she oversees the Student Services Department, which includes the behavioral health All 4 Youth program, special education, and Fresno County's Special Educational Local Plan Area (SELPA).
Patty Gunderson	Superintendent, Lassen County Office of Education	TBA
Mayu Iwatani	Manager, Mental Health and Wellness Care Coordination, Orange County Department of Education	Mayu Iwatani is the Manager of Mental Health and Wellness Care Coordination at the Orange County Department of Education. During her past 22 years in the Educational field, Mayu has served as a School Social Worker, School Counselor, Student Services Administrator, Foster Care Social Worker, Coordinator and Manager of Student Services, and now in her current role. In her current position, she is the program lead for the Orange County MHSSA Grant program in partnership with the 29 Orange County school districts and Behavioral Health Services, Crisis Response Network, and a Student Wellness Center pilot program named the "WellSpace " project. Her commitment to this work comes from the belief that all students should have the opportunity to learn and practice wellness and resiliency strategies from an early age and have access to mental health services when needed.
Christian Jacobs	Program and Policy Analyst, University of California Office of the President	Christian Jacobs is Project and Policy Analyst for the University of California Office of the President, Graduate and Undergraduate Equity Affairs. His current portfolio consists of overseeing clinical services, recovery programs, and behavioral health crisis response on UC campuses. He is trained as a Marriage and Family Therapist and has a background providing direct care clinical mental health services for youth and adults. Christian has extensive experience developing policies and

		procedures to improve health equity in the behavioral health system and overseeing commercial plan and Medi-Cal services for the California Department of Managed Healthcare, California State Legislature, Department of Healthcare Services, and CA. Department of Public Health Reducing Disparities Project as a Lead Project Manager.
Genie Kim	Director of Student Mental Health and Wellbeing, University of California Office of the President	Dr. Kim serves as the systemwide director for student mental health & well-being at the University of California. She has worked in the field for over 15 years and started her career as an in-home behavioral counselor with foster youth. Her work with underserved children and youth inspired her to pursue her Master's in Public Policy and Doctorate in Social Work to address the world's most pervasive social challenges. Dr. Kim serves as a partner, consultant, and social good architect, designing equity-focused policies, programs, and services to meet the unique needs of the communities and people we serve.
Ali Murphy	Coordinator, School/ County Collaborative, Placer County Office of Education	TBA
Melissa Miller	San Bernardino County Office of Education	TBA
Rhyan Miller	Deputy Director, Integrated Programs, Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health	Rhyan is currently he BH Deputy Director over all DMC ODS System of Care, BH Crisis Response System of Care, Behavioral Health Integration Programs, and Criminal Justice Behavioral Health and Imbedded Programs. Rhyan has been in the Behavioral Health Field for the last 23 years.
Carolyn O'Keefe	Director of Student Wellness and Basic Needs, California State University, Office of the Chancellor	TBA

Nicola Parr	Senior Director of Student Services and Educational Options, Solano County Office of Education	Dr. Nicola Parr serves as Senior Director, Student Services and Educational Options for the Solano County Office of Education. Nicola has over 20 years of experience working in educational systems as a teacher, principal, and director. She has focused on building multi-tiered systems of support to address the academic, behavioral, and social-emotional needs of students. Nicola is an experienced Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) coach and trainer. She has facilitated the implementation of a PBIS countywide initiative that trained 80% of schools within Solano County. In 2019, Nicola worked collaboratively with community partners to establish a countywide initiative to open 47 school-based wellness centers that provide a welcoming place for students to de-stress and practice coping strategies that improve school performance. In 2021, Nicola led the implementation of the Solano County School-Based Mobile Crisis Response Program, which provides services to youth who are experiencing a mental health crisis at school. Nicola is committed to increasing collaboration with community partners and agencies to improve academic and health outcomes for all students.
Chaun Powell	Executive Director of Youth Health and Wellness, Santa Clara County Office of Education	Dr. Chaun Powell is the Executive Director - Youth Health & Wellness for the Santa Clara County Office of Education. She is a licensed clinical social worker with experience in community based social services, child welfare and school systems as a direct practitioner and administrator. In her work with schools, she has implemented and overseen school-based health and wellness programs that leverage various Medi-Cal billing programs for sustainability.
Henoc Preciado	Systemwide Manager of Basic Needs Initiatives, California State	TBA

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C. Health Plans

Name	Current Role	Brief Biography (TBA)
Vanessa Aranda	Manager of Behavioral Health/ Children and Families Program Manager, San Francisco Health Plan	Currently, I am the Manager, Behavioral Health/Children and Families Program Manager with San Francisco Health Plan. I am a clinical social worker with experience as a behavioral health provider specializing in youth and family therapy in the home, school and community settings. Previously, I worked for state and federal social services agencies providing care coordination/management, program development/management/evaluation, Medi-Cal behavioral health integrations and practice transformation projects, policy and advocacy.
David Bond	Director of Enterprise Behavioral Health – Government Business, Blue Shield	David W. Bond is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Board-Certified expert in traumatic stress. He currently serves as the Director of Enterprise Behavioral Health for Government Business at Blue Shield of California, where he leads initiatives to restore, sustain and enhance the behavioral health and wellbeing of our members. Before joining Blue Shield, David served as Vice President of Programs at The Trevor Project, the largest national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services for LGBTQ youth. He also previously served as Manager of Youth Development Programs at Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego, with programming based in Community clinics, hospitals, schools and juvenile detention facilities. For 12 years, David was a practicing psychotherapist specializing in children and trauma. He has taught and lectured widely on topics of physical and sexual abuse, domestic violence, suicide prevention, clinical and policy

		considerations for LGBTQ communities, access to care and program evaluation.
Mark Bontrager	Behavioral Health Administrator, Partnership Health Plan of California	Mark is responsible for oversight and management of PHC activities involving behavioral health (mental health and substance use) services and community projects that support access to and improvement of behavioral health. He also works with PHC leadership, member counties, providers, and the community to develop the health plan's approach to behavioral health services. Before moving into his current role, Mark was director of regulatory affairs and program development for PHC. Prior to coming to PHC, he was executive director of Aldea Children and Family Services. Bontrager also has worked as a private practice attorney and held multiple positions at the Villages of Indiana Inc. Mark earned a juris doctor degree from the Indiana University School of Law and a Master of Social Work from the Indiana University School of Social Work.
Dr. Michael Brodsky	Senior Medical Director, Los Angeles Care Health Plan	Psychiatrist with experience working in community-based counseling organizations, county mental health, and FQHC's.
Dr. Peter Currie	Senior Director of Behavioral Health, Alameda Alliance	TBA
Carmen Katsarov	Executive Director, Behavioral Health Integration, CalOptima Health	I am currently responsible for the management and oversight of CalOptima Behavioral Health Integration department, along with new implementation related to state and county behavioral health initiatives. I am a social worker, licensed professional clinical counselor and certified case manager with more than 20 years of both clinical (hospital, community nonprofit, outpatient private practice) and leadership roles, overseeing behavioral health utilization management, case management, social services, and leading initiatives for commercial, Medicaid and Medicare products. Previous past employment

		includes Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan and Magellan Health.
Linnea Koopmans	Chief Executive Officer, Local Health Plans of California	Linnea is the Chief Executive Officer for the Local Health Plans of California (LHPC), the statewide trade association representing all 16 of California's not-for-profit and community-based health plans that collectively cover over 70% of the state's Medi-Cal managed care population. Linnea leads the Association's legislative and policy advocacy on behalf of the local plans. Her leadership of LHPC is informed by a decade of experience in Medi-Cal policy, a deep understanding of Medi-Cal managed care, and a commitment to the mission of the local plans. She previously served as the Association's Director of Government Affairs. Before coming to LHPC in 2018, Linnea worked in behavioral health policy for the County Behavioral Health Directors Association and prior to that for the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. She started her career working in housing and homelessness. Linnea received a Master of Social Welfare from UCLA and a BA in Sociology from Westmont College.
Anete Millers	Director of Regulatory Affairs, California Alliance of Health Plans (CAHP)	TBA
Nivedita Misra	Practice Leader, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan	Nivedita has worked in the health care industry for close to 30 years in both the public and private sectors. Her experience includes working for federal and state agencies, provider groups, health plan, trade associations, and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. She has worked on topics related to Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial products and her experiences have allowed her to view issues from the perspectives of different constituencies and stakeholders.
Alicia Pimentel	Program Director, California	TBA

	Medicaid Health Plan, Anthem	
Belinda Rolichcheck	Program Manager II, Health Net Community Solutions	As a program manager with Health Net, I am currently responsible for oversight and implementation of SBHIP in the 29 counties served by Health Net, California Health and Wellness and Cal Viva Health. My other responsibilities at the plan have been as the liaison to our public health departments, regional centers and school-based health clinics and developing strategies to improve children's health. Prior to coming to the health plan, I served as the Executive Director of Haven Women's Center, a non-profit offering services and shelter to survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Other related experience has been in working at the Stanislaus County Health Services agency with a focus on adolescent reproductive health and peer-provided reproductive health services. Lastly, I served as an elected Trustee on the Modesto City Schools Board of Education from 2005-2009.
Courtney Sage	Director of Behavioral Health, Health Plan of San Mateo	I am an LCSW, and I have experience working with Families in the child welfare system, Adults with serious mental health issues and adults in the long-term care settings. I have worked at HPSM for nearly 4 years as a leader on the growing Behavioral health team, stepping into the Behavioral Health Director role in 2022.
James Trout	Senior Manager of Special Programs, Office of the CEO, Aetna	TBA
Daniel Vargas	Director of Provider Contracting, Inland Empire Health Plan	TBA
Elizabeth Whitteker	Behavioral Health Manager, Molina Healthcare of California	25 years post Masters experience spanning clinical, administrative and academic social work focused on harm reduction, access to care, serious mental illness and social justice. I have spent the last 9 years in managed care

		systemically serving the underserved and the past 5 years teaching MSW students.
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D. Community-Based Organizations, Non-Profits, Professional Associations, and Other Providers and Organizations

Name	Current Role	Brief Biography (TBA)
Alex Briscoe	Principal, California Children's Trust	Alex Briscoe was appointed director of the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency in 2009 where he led one of the state's largest public health systems, overseeing health and hospital systems, public health, behavioral health, and environmental health departments with an annual budget of \$700 million and 6,200 FTE contracted and civil service staff. Before joining the county, he was the director of the Chappell Hayes Health Center at McClymonds High School in West Oakland, a satellite outpatient center of Children's Hospital and Research Center. Mr. Briscoe's work has helped design the nexus of public health and public education. He has designed and administered a number of mental health and physical health programs and services in child serving systems, including home visiting programs, programs for medically fragile children, and clinical and development programs in child welfare, juvenile justice, and early childhood settings. Mr. Briscoe has served on the Alameda County First Five Commission, The Alameda Alliance, and The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and The Uninsured, as well as a number of other public and private boards and commissions. Mr. Briscoe is a mental health practitioner specializing in adolescent services and youth development. He has advised or collaborated with a number of local and national foundations including The Atlantic Philanthropies, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, The California

		Endowment, and most recently with Tipping Point Community. He has specialized in Medicaid policy and administration, emergency medical services, youth voice and crisis counseling, and safety net design and administration.
Sheri Coburn	Executive Director Consultant, California School Nurses Organization	Sheri Coburn has served as the Division Director for Comprehensive Health and Medicaid Services for the San Joaquin County Office of Education for the past 26. She oversees \$14 million dollars of federal, state and local funding for school nursing, mental health, LEA Medi-Cal Billing and substance abuse prevention. Sheri has been a registered nurse for 39 years and a Registered Credentialed School Nurse for 30 years. She holds a Master's degree in Nursing and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from St Mary's College of California. Sheri also serves as the California School Nurses Organization (CSNO) Executive Director Consultant.
Melanee Cottrill	Executive Director, California Association of School Psychologists	Melanee Cottrill, MBA, has been the Executive Director of the California Association of School Psychologists for three years. Her primary career focus has been nonprofit association management, and she previously served as a high school ethnic studies teacher and public conservator for mentally ill adults.
Jeff Davis	Executive Director, California AfterSchool Network	TBA
Lisa Eisenberg	Director of Policy and External Affairs, CA School Based Health Alliance	Lisa Eisenberg is the Director of Policy & External Affairs at the California School-Based Health Alliance, the statewide organization leading the movement to put healthcare in schools. She is responsible for planning and leading CSHA's policy agenda and advocating for legislative and administrative change to support school-based health services at the local, state, and federal levels. She works to provide resources, guidance, and expertise to efforts to

		<p>bridge school and health care systems in service of better and more sustainable school health services. Lisa has garnered almost 15 years of experience in child and family services, research, and policy advocacy with specific expertise in children’s health, mental health, and school health sustainability. She received her Master’s in Public Policy and Social Welfare from the University of California, Berkeley and her bachelor’s degree from the University of California, Los Angeles.</p>
<p>Jeff Farber</p>	<p>Executive Director, Helpline Youth Consulting</p>	<p>Jeff Farber, MSW is the Executive Director of Helpline Youth Counseling (HYC) and has served the agency in this role since 2004. Mr. Farber serves as the primary agency spokesperson with the media and in the community and provides leadership in local, state and federal planning and policy related to the agency’s mission. He is responsible for overall accountability of all HYC programs and services, manages a staff of 100 at seven office locations, and oversees an annual agency operating budget of \$10 million including contracts with the County departments of Mental Health, Public Health, Children and Family Services, Public Social Services, Health Services, and Probation, as well as the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. HYC has grown to be one of the largest nonprofit youth and family services organizations serving at-risk and low-income children, youth, and families in Southeast Los Angeles County and Long Beach, providing an integrated continuum of trauma-informed counseling, education, prevention, early intervention, and community building services. Mr. Farber also serves as the Chair of the Los Angeles County Youth Services Policy Group, a collaborative of 24 youth-serving organizations providing a continuum of substance use disorder prevention, early intervention, and treatment services. The mission of the Youth Services Policy Group is to advocate for a youth-friendly substance</p>

		<p>use system of care. The YSPG is actively advocates for policy changes that are beneficial for youth at local, State, and Federal levels. Additionally, Mr. Farber is a member of the CA Alliance, the California Association of Drug and Alcohol Program Executives (CAADPE), and the Association of Community Human Service Agencies (ACHSA). Mr. Farber's academic credentials include a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California at Berkeley and a Master in Social Work from the University of Southern California. His 30 years of executive nonprofit management experience includes strategic planning, organizational development, program management, policy, fundraising and community relations, team and coalition building, program evaluation and public speaking.</p>
<p>Jeremy Ford</p>	<p>School-Based Health Finance Associate, WestEd</p>	<p>Jeremy Ford is a School-Based Health Finance Associate with the Strategic Resource Planning and Implementation Team at WestEd. He is a knowledgeable school-based Medicaid billing professional with over 16 years managing complex systems and increasing revenue for billing programs. Ford is a dedicated program expert with national experience serving on two nonprofit school health-related boards. Ford advises local and state education agencies on the most effective options to maximize their overall priorities and systems design goals. He is currently facilitating systems change efforts with education leaders, including strategic design of school-based health financing systems ranging from state and federal grants, reimbursements, managed care plans and formula funding.</p>
<p>Michael Giambona</p>	<p>School Psychologist, California Association of School Psychologists</p>	<p>Mike Giambona holds a Ph.D. in School Psychology and has been a credentialed school psychologist for almost 20 years. He has created and supervised Educationally Related Mental Health Programs (ERMHS), ERMHS assessment teams, and ERMHS</p>

		<p>providers. Dr. Giambona specializes in the identification and treatment of students with mental health disorders in the educational setting. Dr. Giambona has been adjunct faculty at the University of the Pacific for 19 years and is currently a senior lecturer at UMASS Global. Dr. Giambona serves on the board of the California Association of School Psychologists (CASP) and serves on the Mental Health and Public Policy Committee for CASP.</p>
Alexis Martin	Mental Health Policy Associate, The Children's Partnership	<p>Alexis Martin is a Policy Associate at The Children's Partnership. She is on the mental health policy team where the focus is on TCP's policy priorities by ensuring children get equitable access to mental health services. Alexis received a B.A. in Sociology/African American studies from Loyola Marymount University and her M.S.W. from USC.</p>
Tom Orrock	Chief of Community Engagements and Grants, Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission	<p>Tom Orrock is the Chief of Community Engagement and Grants at the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission. Tom and his team manage the implementation of the Commission's Mental Health Crisis Triage program, the Mental Health Student Services Act, the Early Psychosis Intervention Plus program, the allcove Youth Drop-In Center grants, and the mental health advocacy contracts. He has been licensed as a Marriage and Family Therapist since 1995 where he has served in both the private and public mental health system of care.</p>
Charity Plaxton-Hennings	Senior Director of Special Education, Association of California School Administrators	<p>Dr. Hennings holds a doctorate in clinical psychology, a Masters' in Psychology, a Master's Degree in Public Health, a B.A. in Speech and Psychology. She also completed a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Pediatric Neuropsychology and is a credentialed school psychologist. She currently serves as a Director of Special Education, but has previously held positions as University faculty member, organizational consultant and private practice psychologist. She regularly conducts professional development in</p>

		<p>areas such as psychological assessment, crisis intervention and disability related issues. She has held certifications as a Certified Trauma Specialist and in Critical Incident Stress Management.</p>
Maryjane Puffer	<p>Executive Director, The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health</p>	<p>Over the past 40 years, I have spent my career building a broad background in community and public health. I have expertise in program development, youth development and public health programs. My experience includes domestic and international program development. As an administrator, I have overseen a number of projects (e.g., staffing, research protections, budget), collaborated with researchers, focused on sustaining programs, and produced peer-reviewed publications to insure dissemination. I have worked as a clinical nurse in the hospitals, public health clinics and hospice care. As a community health program director, I have started grassroots programs in communities where health disparity is significant and successfully maintained the requisite partnerships to ensure that the population was healthier and connected to resources. My most recent past position was managing the Title X program in California, the largest grantee in the nation. In my current role, as Executive Director of The L.A. Trust, I coordinate, collaborate, and integrate programs and policies to advance the health and wellness of LAUSD students and monitor 17 Wellness Centers and their student advisory boards. I am focused on strategies to sustain peer to peer work and youth informed systems change.</p>
Caroline Savello	<p>Chief Commercial Officer, Color Health, Inc.</p>	<p>Caroline leads business and partnerships with Color Health, a last-mile public and population health care delivery company addressing essential healthcare, infectious disease, and behavioral health. She works with partners including Federal, State, and Local government agencies, payers, and self-insured employers and union fund to</p>

		<p>expand access to essential and preventive healthcare services. Prior to Color, Caroline has worked in Federal policy at Bloomberg and with organizations including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to understand and address the root causes of challenges to basic healthcare access.</p>
Adrienne Shilton	<p>Director of Public Policy and Strategy, California Alliance of Child and Family Services</p>	<p>Adrienne is the Director of Public Policy and Strategy with the California Alliance of Child and Family Services, overseeing the work of the Policy Team. She is a recognized expert in mental health policy who has devoted her career to improving the well-being of people living with mental illness and substance use conditions. Adrienne became involved in mental health policy as a key staff person in the campaign to pass the 2004 Mental Health Services Act. Prior to her position with the CA Alliance, she has worked in a variety of roles to carry out the vision for services laid out in the law, including as the director of government affairs for the Steinberg Institute. Adrienne has also worked for the nonprofit California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions, working on training and technical assistance for county behavioral health programs across the State. She has been a champion for culturally relevant program design, incorporating peer support as a crucial piece of recovery, and using evaluation and outcomes-based reporting to drive strategy. Adrienne has served as an adviser on several statewide efforts, including a task force examining mental health issues in California's LGBTQ community. She has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Knox College, and a master's degree in public policy and administration from California State University, Sacramento.</p>
Truc Tang	<p>Health Plan Partnerships Manager, Hazel Health</p>	<p>Truc Tang has over 15 years of managed care experience with over 7 years in Medi-Cal managed care. She is the Health Plan Partnerships Manager for Hazel Health, a national provider of</p>

		<p>school-based, telehealth mental health services for children, where she focuses on health plan contracting. Prior to this, Truc served as the statewide Health Equity Director for Anthem Medi-Cal programs. She has extensive experience in program development, provider contract development, rate analysis and outcomes evaluation having led implementations such as Anthem's doula pilot program, the Diabetes Prevention Program, and other Quality initiatives.</p>
Cheryl Ward	<p>Health Program Specialist II, Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission</p>	<p>I have worked for the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (Commission) for three years, and prior to that I worked for the Department of Health Care Services for nine years. At the Commission I lead the team implementing the Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) grants. Currently, 57 county partnerships have been awarded MHSSA grants, utilizing MHSSA funds to increase access to mental health and wellness services in schools, including hiring mental health clinicians, launching Wellness Centers, investing in staff training, and launching multi-tiered systems of support for students. In my role as a Health Program Specialist II with the Commission, I provide guidance to grantees regarding their MHSSA programs, including grant requirements, reporting requirements, and data evaluation. I facilitate a learning collaboration among the MHSSA grantees, to promote partnership development between the Behavioral Health Departments and the Departments of Education, and to promote the exchange of information and ideas between the grantees, including their successes as well as barriers to success. I received my Bachelor's degree with honors in Business Administration from California State University, Sacramento.</p>
Loretta Whitson	<p>Executive Director,</p>	<p>Dr. Loretta Whitson is the Executive Director for the California Association of</p>

	California Association of School Counselors	<p>School Counselors (CASC), the largest nonprofit state association representing school counselors in the nation. CASC guides schools towards linking school counseling to their overall mission and vision, as well as leading school counselors in engaging in high caliber, research-based practices. In 2000, Whitson led the effort to establish CASC as the nationally chartered school counseling association for California. Dr. Whitson, well regarded within the profession of school counseling, provides policy recommendations and advises state and local decision-makers on educational issues that include school-based mental health services and college and career preparation. She earned her Ed.D. in 2014 in Organizational Leadership from the University of La Verne. Prior to receiving her doctorate, Whitson spent 25 years as a school district administrator and school counselor in the Monrovia Unified School District. Dr. Whitson's work in Monrovia was instrumental in the interconnections between school- and community-based mental health services. She designed and administered a number of mental health and physical health programs, creating child serving systems that included after-school programs, community-based health clinics, and child nutrition programs. She also served as a Commissioner on the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing and was an Assistant Professor and Chair of the Educational Counseling Program at the University of La Verne.</p>
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