



**California
Behavioral Health
Planning Council**

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Council Member Representation in External Groups

Name of Group	Purpose/Description	Participants	Meeting Frequency	Council Representative	Date Appointed
Community Assistance, Recovery & Empowerment (CARE) Act Working Group	Provide coordination and ongoing engagement with, and support collaboration among, relevant state and local partners and other stakeholders throughout the phases of county implementation to support the successful implementation of the CARE Act.	DHCS, CalHHS, Legal Aid Association of California, California Department of Housing & Community Development, California Department of Veterans Affairs, Disability Rights	Quarterly (during the implementation, shall end by December 31, 2026)	Jenny Bayardo, Executive Officer	February 2023
CARE Ad-hoc Group: Training, Technical Assistance and Communications	Working group began in early 2023 as a mechanism to receive feedback from partners to support successful implementation and help key constituents understand policy and program progress who can then disseminate accurate information.	Representation from families, cities and counties, behavioral health providers, judges, legal counsel, peer organizations, disability rights and racial equity stakeholders, and housing and homelessness providers.	Quarterly (during the implementation, shall end by December 31, 2026)	Mike Phillips	October 2023

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CARE Ad-hoc Group: Data Collection, Reporting & Evaluation Ad Hoc Group	Working group began in early 2023 as a mechanism to receive feedback from partners to support successful implementation and help key constituents understand policy and program progress who can then disseminate accurate information.	Representation from families, cities and counties, behavioral health providers, judges, legal counsel, peer organizations, disability rights and racial equity stakeholders, and housing and homelessness providers.	Quarterly (during the implementation, shall end by December 31, 2026)	Susan Wilson	October 2023
CARE Ad-hoc Group: Services and Supports	Working group began in early 2023 as a mechanism to receive feedback from partners to support successful implementation and help key constituents understand policy and program progress who can then disseminate accurate information.	Representation from families, cities and counties, behavioral health providers, judges, legal counsel, peer organizations, disability rights and racial equity stakeholders, and housing and homelessness providers.	Quarterly (during the implementation, shall end by December 31, 2026)	Uma Zykovsky	October 2023

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Black Health Equity Advisory Group (BHEAG)	Strategic partner of CDPH by recommending departmental policy, practice, and program changes that will lead to increased opportunities for Black Californians to live their healthiest lives. Additionally, the BHEAG will serve as a bridge between CDPH and the community, including private citizens, service providers, and other community-based organizations who are working to advance Black health equity in California.	Persons who are of Black or African American descent, California residents, and currently employed by or affiliated with an organization.	As Needed	Monica Caffey	February 2024
Assembly Bill (AB) 2242 Stakeholder Workgroup	Development of a model care coordination plan (MCCP) to comply with the requirements of Assembly Bill 2242, Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 5, Chapter 4, Section 5402.5.	DHCS and stakeholders	As Needed	Daphne Shaw	February 2023

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988-Crisis Policy Advisory Group - Workgroup #1 Comprehensive Assessment of Behavioral Health Crisis Services	CalHHS shall convene a state 988 advisory group for purposes of advising the California Health and Human Services Agency on the set of recommendations to support the five-year implementation plan. AB 118 extended the implementation plan deadline to December 31, 2024.	Broad range of external stakeholders	As Needed	Uma Zykovsky	October 2023
988-Crisis Policy Advisory Group - Workgroup #1	CalHHS shall convene a state 988 advisory group for purposes of advising the California Health and Human Services Agency on the set of recommendations to support the five-year implementation plan. AB 118 extended the implementation plan deadline to December 31, 2024.	Broad range of external stakeholders	As Needed	Uma Zykovsky	October 2023

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Behavioral Health Task Force	Addresses the urgent mental and substance use disorder needs across California. Advises on the Administration's efforts to advance statewide behavioral health services, prevention, and early intervention to stabilize conditions before they become severe.	Broad range of stakeholders, including people living with behavioral health conditions, family members, advocates, providers, health plans, counties, and state leaders	Quarterly	Jenny Bayardo, Executive Officer	September 2023
California Coalition for Behavioral Health (CCBH)	The California Coalition for Mental Health (CCMH) provides a single unified voice for mental health organizations with a statewide advocacy presence.	Family and consumer organizations, nonprofit service providers, professional associations, hospitals, and others -- having a statewide advocacy presence -- who seek to improve the delivery of mental health care in California.	Quarterly	Daphne Shaw	N/A

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The Quality and Equity Advisory Committee	The Quality and Equity Advisory Committee (QEAC) supports the development of a quality and equity strategy and advises the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) on a comprehensive vision for improving population behavioral health statewide. The quality and equity strategy will extend across multiple statewide behavioral health programs and initiatives.	Broad range of external stakeholders	As Needed	Noel O'Neill	N/A
Student Mental Health Policy Workgroup	The Student Mental Health Policy Workgroup assesses the current mental health needs of California students and gathers evidence to support its policy recommendations to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the California Legislature.	Broad range of stakeholders including teachers, school counselors, school social workers, school psychologists, school nurses, and school administrators, and state and county mental health professionals	Quarterly	Monica Caffey	N/A

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Compliance Advisory Committee (CAC)	The goals of the Compliance Advisory Committee (CAC) is to address Changes Impacting Behavioral Health, Seek Feedback and Improvement Opportunities, Facilitate Open Dialogue and Fostering Collaboration	Invited stakeholders	Annually	Deborah Starkey Don Morrision	N/A
Pacific West Hub Advisory Board	The goal of the Advisory Board is to serve Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Ceneter for Mental Health Services (CMHS) grantees and other mental health organizations through implementation support by generating resources, and delivering targeted and intensive technical assistance (TA) around dissemination, implementation, and sustainment.	Invited stakeholders	Bi-Annually	Jenny Bayardo, Executive Officer	N/A