



California Behavioral Health Planning Council

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Focus for 2026

Statewide Behavioral Health Integration (including all populations: children, adults, and older adults)

- Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
 - Educate the full Council on SUD and SUD Treatment
- Behavioral Health Services Act
 - Modifications of Regulations
 - Managed Care & Specialty Mental Health
 - Educate on reorganization and rebalancing of funding
- SAMHSA Strategic Priorities

Advocacy for Persons with Lived Experience and Stakeholder Engagement

- Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) County Integrated Plans
- Peer Certification (Senate Bill 803)
 - Wellness Community Coaches

Patients' Rights

- Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act Reform and the Impact on Patients' Rights
- Involuntary Treatment
- Senate Bill 43
- Adequate Patients' Rights Support in Communities and Jails
- Community Assistance, Recovery & Empowerment (CARE) Act

Justice-Involved Populations in the Behavioral Health System

- Lack of Resources
- Alternative Resources
 - Shifting Responsibility Back to Counties
- Potential Increase in Murphy Conservatorships
- Lack of Funding for Public Guardians and Conservators
- Dependents of the Court and Wards of the Court
- Efficacy of Prop 36