

# Housing and Homelessness Committee

## Charter and Membership Roster 2025-2026

The California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC) is mandated by federal and state statutes to 1) advocate for children with serious emotional disturbance and their families and for adults and older adults with serious mental illness, 2) review and report on outcomes for the public mental health system, and 3) advise the Department of Health Care Services and the Legislature on policies and priorities the state should pursue in developing its mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) systems.

### VISION

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A behavioral health system that makes it possible for individuals to lead full and purposeful lives.

### MISSION

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To review, evaluate and advocate for an accessible and effective behavioral health system.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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**Wellness and Recovery:** Wellness and recovery may be achieved through multiple pathways that support an individual to live a fulfilled life and reach their full potential.

**Resiliency Across the lifespan:** Resilience emerges when individuals of all ages, gender, and cultural diversity are empowered and supported to cope with life events.

**Advocacy and Education:** Effective advocacy for policy change statewide starts with educating the public and decision makers on behavioral health issues.

**Consumer and Family Voice:** Family members and individuals of all ages, gender, and cultural diversity are included in all aspects of policy development and system delivery.

**Cultural Humility and Responsiveness:** Services must be delivered in a way that is responsive to the needs of California's diverse populations and respects all aspects of an individual's culture.

**Parity and System Accountability:** A quality public behavioral health system includes stakeholder input, parity and performance measures that improve services and outcomes.

### COMMITTEE OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE

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The purpose of the Housing and Homelessness Committee (HHC) is to engage with stakeholder organizations to influence policy and ensure access to housing and supportive services for individuals experiencing or at-risk of homelessness who are

served by the public behavioral health system. The Committee's work spans the full age spectrum, recognizing that housing needs vary significantly for children, transitional-age youth (TAY), adults, and older adults.

The Committee advocates for legislation, regulations, and funding that addresses California's housing crisis, with a focus on supporting individuals with behavioral health conditions. The Committee monitors and recommends improvements to housing services and statewide homelessness strategies. The Committee also highlights exemplary service programs to promote effective models across the state. In addition, the Committee supports the integration of cultural and linguistic competence in all programs, reviews fiscal impacts on service delivery, and addresses emerging issues to ensure inclusive, responsive, and sustainable housing solutions for diverse populations across the lifespan.

## MANDATES

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### CA Welfare and Institutions Code

- 5772.** The California Behavioral Health Planning Council shall have the powers and authority necessary to carry out the duties imposed upon it by this chapter, including, but not limited to, the following:
- (a) To advocate for effective, quality mental health and substance use programs.
  - (b) To review, assess, and make recommendations regarding all components of California's mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) systems, and to report as necessary to the Legislature, the State Department of Health Care Services, local boards, and local programs.
  - (c) To review program performance in delivering mental health services by annually reviewing performance outcome data as follows:
    - (1) To review and approve the performance outcome measures.
    - (2) To review the performance of mental health programs based on performance outcome data and other reports from the State Department of Health Care Services and other sources.
    - (3) To report findings and recommendations on programs' performance annually to the Legislature, the State Department of Health Care Services and the local boards.
    - (4) To identify successful programs for recommendation and for consideration of replication in other areas. As data and technology are available, identify programs experiencing difficulties.
  - (d) When appropriate, make a finding pursuant to Section 5655 that a county's performance is failing in a substantive manner. The State Department of Health Care Services shall investigate and review the findings, and report the action taken to the Legislature.
  - (e) To advise the Legislature, the State Department of Health Care Services, and county boards on mental health and substance use disorder issues and the policies and priorities that this state should be pursuing in developing its mental health and substance use disorder systems.
  - (f) To periodically review the state's data systems and paperwork requirements to ensure that they are reasonable and in compliance with state and federal law.

## GENERAL COMMITTEE OPERATIONS

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### MEETING TIMES

The Housing and Homelessness Committee (HHC) will meet in-person or virtually four times a year, rotating locations in conjunction with the Full Council meetings. At these meetings, the Committee meets on Thursday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Meetings by conference call may occur in the months between in-person meetings, on an as needed basis.

### HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MEMBER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Regular attendance of committee members is expected for the Committee to function effectively. If the Committee has difficulty achieving a quorum due to the continued absence of a committee member, the Chairperson will discuss with the member the reasons for his or her absence. If the problem persists, the Chairperson can request that the California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC) Officer Team remove the member from the committee.

The Chairperson and Chair-Elect will be nominated by Committee members and appointed by the CBHPC Officer Team. In the Chairperson's absence, the Chair-Elect will serve as the Chairperson. The Chairperson and Chair-Elect serve on the Executive Committee, which requires attendance and participation in those meetings in addition to committee meetings. Terms will begin with the January in-person meeting and end with the last meeting of the calendar year.

Members are expected to serve as advocates for the Committee's charge, and as such, could include, but are not limited to:

- Attend meetings and provide input.
- Review meeting materials prior to meetings to ensure effective meeting outcomes.
- Speak at relevant conferences and summits when requested by the Committee leadership.
- Develop products such as recommendations, white papers, opinion papers, and other documents.
- Distribute the Committee's white papers and opinion papers to their represented communities and organizations.
- Assist with identification of speakers for presentations.

## STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

Staff will capture committee members' decisions and activities in a document, briefly summarizing the discussion and outlining key outcomes during the meeting. The meeting summary will be distributed to members within one month following the meeting. Members will review and approve the previous meeting's summary at the following meeting.

Staff will prepare the meeting agendas and materials, including coordinating presenters, at the directions of the Chairperson and committee members. The meeting agenda and materials will be made available to members, in hard copy and/or electronically, at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

## GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF COLLABORATION

The following general operating principles are established to guide the Committee's deliberations:

- The Committee's purpose will be best achieved by relationships among the members characterized by mutual trust, responsiveness, flexibility, and open communication.
- It is the responsibility of all members to work toward the Council's vision.
- To that end, members will:
  - Commit to expending the time, energy and organizational resources necessary to carry out the Committee's Work Plan.
  - Be prepared to listen intently to the concerns of others and identify the interests represented.
  - Ask questions and seek clarification to ensure they fully understand others' interests, concerns, and comments.
  - Regard disagreements as problems to be solved rather than battles to be won.
  - Be prepared to "think outside the box" and develop creative solutions to address the many interests that will be raised throughout the Committee's deliberations.

Committee members will work to find common ground on issues and strive to seek consensus on all key issues. Every effort will be made to reach a consensus, and opposing views will be explained. In situations where there are strongly divergent views, members may choose to present multiple recommendations on the same topic. If the Committee is unable to reach consensus on key issues, decisions will be made by majority vote. Minority views will be included in the meeting summary.

## MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

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CHAIRPERSON: Barbara Mitchell    CHAIR-ELECT: Maria Sierra

Susie Baker  
John Black  
Jason Bradley  
Monica Caffey  
Dave Cortright

Erin Franco  
Janet Frank  
Lanita Mims-Beal  
Don Morrison  
Danielle Sena

Daphne Shaw  
Bill Stewart  
Arden Tucker  
Samantha Tosetti

## HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE STAFF

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