



**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
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

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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 Zykofsky	October 2023
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
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 Zykofsky	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 Mental Health (CCMH)	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 County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California (CBHDA)	Advocate for behavioral health before the legislature and state agencies to better serve each of California's 58 counties and two cities, defend adequate state and federal funding for member counties so that they can provide crucial behavioral health services, while supporting workforce development investments to address a significant shortage of public behavioral health professionals in California, and lobby for important legislative change.	Behavioral health directors from each of California's 58 counties, as well as two cities (Berkeley and Tri-City).	As Needed	Tony Vartan	March 2019
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	Broad range of external stakeholders	As Needed	Walter Shwe	N/A