



# California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions

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CALBHBC: A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING THE WORK OF LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.



CALBHBC NEWSLETTER

*Mental illness is a medical condition.  
Nobody should be homeless or incarcerated  
because of a medical condition.*

It is difficult to think about, but we know that the housing issue has even affected our own board and commission members. Local board/commission members throughout California have identified **housing** as a critical need for adults (including seniors) with severe mental illness. Addressing this need requires local solutions for supportive housing and regional solutions to provide appropriately staffed and maintained Residential Care Facilities (RCFs). Tapping into State and Federal resources along with collaboration between Mental/Behavioral Health Divisions, Local Leadership, and Housing entities (public and private) are key. *Check our [website](#) for links to programs to help communities address this need.*

Do you have a story about your own supportive housing/RCF needs, or those of a family member? We want to hear from you. At our Annual and Regional Meetings, we encourage participation in "Listening Sessions". The stories we hear will become part of the statewide conversation to address the critical need for supportive housing/facilities (among other issues.)

Board/commission members are encouraged to visit our [website](#) for access to reports, resources and news regarding the housing issue and more!



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## Upcoming Meetings/Trainings

Annual Meeting / Southern Region

June 15, 16, 17, Irvine

Superior Region

September, 9 2017, Chico

Central Region

October 20-21, 2017, Sacramento

Southern Region

January 19-20, 2018, San Diego

Bay Area Region

April 20-21, 2018, Redwood City

*MHB Training to be offered at all Saturday sessions along with a topic of interest.*

[Check our website for updates.](#)

## NEXT DATA NOTEBOOK

We have taken a **sneak-peek** at the upcoming Data Notebook, and the topic will be: **Behavioral Health in Older Adults**. Over the next few months, boards and commissions may wish to line up speakers, schedule site visits, and create ad hoc committees to understand and research issues affecting the behavioral health of older adults (such as housing/residential care facilities, care coordination, grief/loss support, in-home support services, outreach, and transportation.)

Want to know results of previous Data Notebooks? Check our [website](#) for links.

*The Data Notebook helps us address our board/commission's duty to review and comment on local outcome data to the CA Mental Health Planning Council.*

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**Resources** ([link to website](#))

[Brown Act \(Open Meeting Rules\) Summary Points & FAQ's](#)

[Reports \(Local & Statewide\)](#)

[Templates/Sample Docs \(Bylaws, Annual Reports, New Member Interview Questions, Site Visit Forms\)](#)

[Training \(Online Links, Materials, Dates\)](#)

[Websites for Local Boards/Commissions](#)

**News & Issues** ([link to website](#))

[Board & Commission News](#)

[Children's Issues](#)

[Co-Occurring with Mental Illness](#)

- [Dementia](#)
- [Developmental Disabilities](#)
- [Substance Use Disorder](#)
- [Traumatic Brain Injury \(TBI\)](#)

[Cultural Issues](#)

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[Youth Issues \(ages 16-25\)](#)

[Veterans](#)

[Whole Person Care](#)

**Duties of Boards & Commissions**

From California Welfare & Institution Code [5604.2\(a\)](#)  
The local mental health board shall do all of the following:

1. Review and evaluate the community's mental health needs, services, facilities, and special problems.
2. Review any county agreements entered into pursuant to [Section 5650](#).
3. Advise the governing body and the local mental health director as to any aspect of the local mental health program.
4. Review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process.
5. Submit an annual report to the governing body on the needs and performance of the county's mental health system.
6. Review and make recommendations on applicants for the appointment of a local director of mental health services. The board shall be included in the selection process prior to the vote of the governing body.
7. Review and comment on the county's performance outcome data and communicate its findings to the California Mental Health Planning Council.
8. Nothing in this part shall be construed to limit the ability of the governing body to transfer additional duties or authority to a mental health board.

(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that, as part of its duties pursuant to subdivision (a), the board shall assess the impact of the realignment of services from the state to the county, on services delivered to clients and on the local community.

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