



California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions

CALBHB/C Newsletter, Winter 2021

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CALBHB/C Meeting/Training

Virtual & In-person (San Diego)

January 18, 2022, 9 am - 1:30 pm

[Agenda & Registration](#)

There is no fee to register.

Grants/Funding

Children & Youth

[Mental Health Student Services Act](#) funding to incentivize partnerships between behavioral health departments and education agencies. Due January 14, 4 pm.

Crisis Care, Infrastructure Criminal Justice

[Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program & Community Care Expansion Program](#), Application Deadline January 4, 2022, 4 pm.

[Behavioral Health Justice Intervention Services](#) for public or private non profits, community based organizations, tribal, state or local government, including law enforcement, fire departments, community behavioral health agencies. Due 4 pm on 12/22. Informational Webinar is 12/8, 12 pm

[SAMHSA Forecasted Grants for 2022](#)

Workforce

[NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program](#) awards up to \$100,000 for three years of service for providers addressing the opioid epidemic in rural communities.

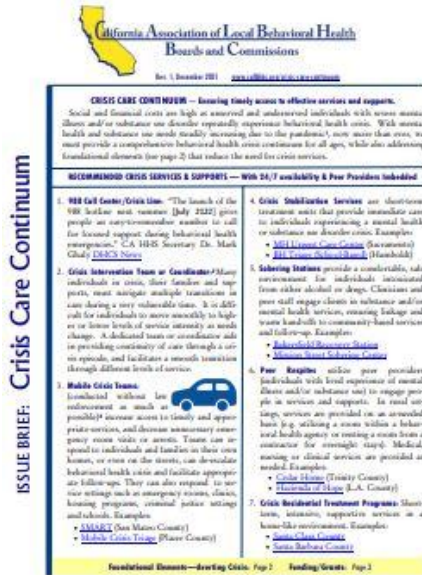
[NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program](#) up to \$75,000 in exchange for a three-year commitment to health care professionals who provide substance use disorder treatment services. Due December 16, 4:30 PM PT.

[NHSC Loan Repayment Program](#) up to \$50,000 in exchange for a two-year commitment to provide mental/behavioral health care in high-need, underserved areas.

[Primary Care Psychiatry \(PCP\) Fellowship](#) for primary care providers who wish to receive advanced training in primary care psychiatry.

[National Rural Recruitment and Retention Network](#) (3RNet) Recruit and retain health professionals in rural and underserved areas

CALBHB/C Issue Briefs



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Full listing of issues (30+) at: www.calbhbc.org/newsissues Questions: cal@calbhbc.com

Events

Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission (MHSOAC)
Client-Family Leadership Committee [12/9](#)
Full Commission Meetings: [1/27](#), [3/24](#)

CA Assoc. of Local Behavioral Health Boards/Commissions (CALBHB/C)
San Diego & By Zoom
Tuesday, January 18
9am - 1:30 pm
[Agenda & Registration](#)

This meeting/training occurs just prior to the CA Behavioral Health Planning Council's January meeting at the same location in San Diego - their schedule is in the next column. (Virtual connections for all meetings are also available. Zoom connection links vary by meeting.)

CA Behavioral Health Planning Council
San Diego & Virtual (Public Meetings)
[Performance Outcomes](#): January 18, 2 - 5 pm
[Executive](#): Jan. 19, 8:30 am to 10:15 am
[Patients' Rights Committee](#): Jan. 19, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
[Reducing Disparities](#): January 19, 10:30 am to 12 pm
[Children & Youth](#), January 19, 10:30 am to 12
[Workforce and Education](#): January 19, 1:30 to 5:00 pm
[Legislation](#): January 19, 1:30 pm to 5 pm
[Housing and Homelessness](#): January 20, 8:30 to 12:00 pm
[Systems and Medicaid](#): January 20, 8:30 am to 12:00 pm
[General Session](#), January 20, 21

Reports & Webinars - By Topic

Board & Care

[No Time to Waste: An Imminent Housing Crisis for People with Serious Mental Illness Living in Adult Residential Facilities](#), Heart Forward, CORO Southern CA, October 2021

Children & Youth

[How to Recognize Suicide Warning Signs amid the National Children's Mental Health Emergency](#), People Magazine Article

[Partnerships Between School-based Health Centers and Community Health Clinics](#)

Learn about successful school partnerships that include prevention, early intervention and treatment for mental health and substance use. The National Council

[Youth Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment \(YSBIRT\)](#) is an evidence-based practice to prevent and reduce risky substance use among adolescents ages 12 to 18. ysbirt.org

[Framing the Conversation Around Youth Substance Use Prevention](#), the National Council for Mental Wellbeing has published an [interactive message guide](#) for providers, educators and adults

[Webinar on COVID-19 and Children's Mental Health](#), Recording, CA Little Hoover Commission

Criminal Justice

[Incorporating Behavioral Health Responses to Reduce Intimate Partner Violence](#) Issue Brief, CA State Association of Counties

[Criminal Justice and Mental Health Lived Experience Survey](#), Access CA, MHSOAC and Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health Survey

Culture, Race, Ethnicity

[Guidance for the Systematic Infusion of Culture and Diversity into Suicide Prevention Efforts](#)

Joyce Chu, Ph.D., a licensed Clinical Psychologist and Professor of Psychology at Palo Alto University (PAU), will address the gaps in existing approaches to suicide prevention in ethnic minorities by providing a foundational understanding of how suicide differs across cultural groups, and covering advances in culturally responsive approaches to suicide prevention and management. December 14, 10 am

LGBTQ+

[Overlooked: Mental Health and Substance Use Among LGBTQ+ Communities](#) - Current state of mental health and substance use in the LGBTQ+ community – and how to better support treatment needs

[Lanterman-Petris-Short \(LPS\) Act Lanterman-Petris-Short \(LPS\) Act Joint Hearing](#)

The Assembly Health and Judiciary Committees are scheduled to hold a joint hearing focused on the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) Wednesday, December 15, 9 am – 5 pm

[Toll of One Man's Mental Illness: 17 criminal cases, six competency hearings, one failed conservatorship](#)

Los Angeles Times
November 28, 2021

Maternal Mental Health

[Perinatal Mental Health](#), Healthaffairs.org
Recording

Peer Provider Certification

[CalMHSA Advisory Council Meetings](#) (Dec 10, Jan 14, 28, Feb 11, 25, Mar 11, 25, Apr 8, 22). [webinar links and agendas](#) are found at the bottom of CalMHSA's webpage).

[SB 803 Implementation Requirements](#) and [Roles and Responsibilities of DHCS, Counties and Certifying Entities](#), CA Department of Health Care Services

Race, Ethnicity, Culture

[Health Disparities by Race & Ethnicity in CA](#), Aurrera Health Group

[Community Health Worker/Promotor de salud Services](#) (Medi-Cal State Plan Amendment), CA Health Care Foundation

Rural/Remote

[Improving Behavioral Health Services for Individuals with SMI in Rural and Remote Communities](#), SMI Adviser

Substance Use

[Drug overdose deaths top 100,000 annually for the first time, driven by fentanyl, CDC data show](#), CNN, 11/17/2021

"Synthetic opioids, primarily fentanyl, caused 64% of all drug overdose deaths in the year ending April 2021, up 49% from the year before" "methamphetamine and other psychostimulants also increased significantly, up 48%..."

[The Challenges of Polysubstance Use:](#)

Treatment and Management of Alcohol and Opioid Use Disorder Comorbidity, Providers Clinical Support System, sponsored by the National Council for Mental Wellbeing

[Federal Bill to Legalize Cannabis](#) - The [States Reform Act](#) includes provisions such as expungements for people with non-violent cannabis convictions and an excise tax on cannabis sales.

Whole Person Care

[How Fragmented Care Harms People with Both Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorder](#), CA Health Care Foundation

[New Medi-Cal services \(due to CalAIM\):](#)

Enhanced Care Management (ECM), a benefit starting in January that will provide a high-touch care coordinator to all Medi-Cal managed care enrollees with complex needs — giving enrollees a single point of contact who understands their goals, develops a plan in partnership with them and their providers, and actively connects them with the clinical and nonclinical services and resources that help them meet those goals. Also launching in January are several other new programs, including **Community Supports** (previously called "In Lieu of Services"). Under the Community Supports benefit, managed care plans will be reimbursed by Medi-Cal when they provide new nonclinical services to address enrollees' social determinants of health. [CalAIM Explained: Overview of New Programs and Key Changes](#)

[Integrated Behavioral Health/Primary Care Services](#)

- The California Quality Collaborative (CQC), a program of the Purchaser Business Group on Health, has developed a curriculum to help clinics integrate behavioral health into primary care. Evidence shows that behavioral health integration improves patient outcomes and quality of life and may also reduce health care costs. This tool, created with support from CHCF, will help organizations launch or expand behavioral health screening, treatment, and referrals for patients with mild-to-moderate-severity depression, substance use disorders, and other conditions.

Resources for Boards/Commissions

[Best Practices Handbook](#)

[Brown Act Guide](#)

[Public Emergency Allowances](#)

[Conduct](#)

[Cultural Relevance](#)

[Hybrid Meetings](#)

[Member Orientation](#)

[Mental Health Services Act](#)

- Role of MHB/C
- Fiscal
- [Community Program Planning](#)

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[Performance Outcome Data](#)

[Templates/Sample Docs](#)

- Annual Reports
- Bylaws
- Member Orientation
- Recommendations
- Recruitment
- Site Visits
- *And More!*

[Welfare & Institutions Code](#)

Bylaw Requirements

- Duties
- Expenses
- Membership Criteria
- MHSA Community Planning

[Training: Modules](#)

- Duties
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- Mental Health Services Act

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- Chair Training
- Performance Data & Fiscal Info
- Mental Health Board
- MHSA Community Program Planning
- Unconscious Bias

Evaluate Us!

CALBHB/C is here to provide resources, support, training, communication and coordinate advocacy for statewide issues. We invite you to evaluate us by taking a few minutes to complete: [Evaluate CALBHB/C](#).

Report to Us!

Let us know your top issues and/or resource needs: [Report to CALBHB/C](#)

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The CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions (CALBHB/C) supports the work of CA's 59 local mental and behavioral health boards & commissions.



California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions

CALBHB/C Hybrid Meeting/Training Invitation
Virtual (Zoom) & In-Person* (San Diego)
January 18, 2022, 9 am - 1:30 pm

[Registration Link](#)

We invite you to join us for our quarterly meeting/training! There is no fee to register.

Presentations & Updates, 9 am - 11 am

- CA Behavioral Health Planning Council
- Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission
- NAMI CA - Peer Certification Update (Implementation of SB 803)
- African Communities Public Health Coalition (ACPHC) (ACPHC is an MHSOAC Stakeholder Advocacy Organization)

CALBHB/C Training & Issue-Based Information, 11 am - 1:30 pm

- How to Be an Effective Board/Commission (Duties & Tools)
- Ensuring Meaningful MHSA Community Program Planning
- Issue-Based Presentation and Discussion

CALBHB/C teleconferences are open to members of CA's 59 local mental and behavioral health boards and commissions, and local agency staff. There is no fee to register.

* For those planning to attend in-person, CALBHB/C will pay for parking, food and beverages for all registered attendees. CALBHB/C covers lodging and travel expenses for one member** per local mental/behavioral health board/commission in the region, but more are welcome!

** An additional member can be reimbursed in the case of boards/commissions with CALBHB/C Governing Board Members. [Expense Reimbursement Policy](#).

[Registration Link](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Baseball Legend Vin Scully Uses Poetry to End Veteran Homelessness

Heartwarming story of a community coming together around one “Little Old Lady” told through verse

Camarillo, CA December 13 – **The Grinch** ain’t got *nothin’* on baseball’s most beloved voice, and this Christmas is going to be red, white... and Dodger Blue for veterans. Baseball’s longest-serving announcer (and Navy veteran) **Vin Scully** has recorded a heartwarming new poem, telling the inspirational story of Ventura County’s favorite “little old lady”.

A widow of two American veterans, Rose Burgess had been living with her caretaker daughter, who died suddenly. Within days of being homeless on the street, and nowhere else to go, this legally blind “Greatest Generation” grandmother went to the Camarillo police station. Over a dozen social service agencies had refused to help her with housing. What transpired at that moment has generated nothing less than a tidal wave of support across all political, age, and gender lines... filling Ventura County’s veterans, civilians, and public officials alike with pride.

His voice still instantly recognizable at 94, Scully had already narrated a series of radio PSA’s for **Gold Coast Veterans Foundation** this year. His voice can be heard introducing the organization’s new Veterans’ Village housing program, and on several radio PSA’s reminding listeners about the national tragedy of veteran homelessness. In early November, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors heard a personalized greeting from Scully, introducing the team of partners, volunteers, and supporters that came together to prevent Rose from becoming homeless.

But the story was just getting started. By late November, the events leading to Rose’s slide into homelessness, and the story of how a tragedy was averted at the last minute, had already begun to inspire everyone within earshot. After the story was aired on NPR/KCLU radio, and a feature article ran in the Ventura County Star newspaper, unsolicited contributions started rolling in. Previous donors quickly returned after being absent, and there was an immediate increase in calls about all of GCVF’s programs. The story had resonated, across all ages and demographics, with veterans and civilians alike.

By the first week in December, a poem in the classic style of “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” had surfaced, telling the story of Rose’s rescue in rhyme. It immediately struck a familiar note for GCVF’s Executive Director Bob Harris. Harris’ late mother Helen had founded RP International, a charity whose research found a cure for a leading cause of blindness. One of RPI’s long-time celebrity supporters - Scully - had recorded several poems for their holiday campaigns over the years. “It was a lightning bolt moment,” says Harris; “this heartwarming poem had just been written, and I remembered how meaningful Vin’s poetry readings had been for my mom’s organization.” With a chuckle, Harris notes how everything lined up as if by magic; “I called Vin that day, and took the poem to his home on the very next day. The moment he read it, he said to get the equipment and record it right then.”

But the importance of the mission, and the lives that will be saved by Scully’s embracing a couple of pages’ worth of rhyme, have far greater implications than just this year’s Christmas season. “By recording this beautiful poem...” says Harris, “Vin has given a voice to our mission of ending homelessness for American veterans and their families... you can’t hear him read this and not be filled with hope”. The poem can be found at www.gcvf.org/rose

About Gold Coast Veterans Foundation – The leading non-profit serving veterans in Ventura County, GCVF provides *everything* to prevent and eliminate suffering, homelessness, and poor health/life outcomes for American veterans. GCVF remained open as an ‘essential service’, providing critical services and/or rescuing nearly 100 veterans from homelessness during Covid-19. All services are free of charge. <http://www.gcvf.org> (805) 482-6550

From: Walker, Scott
Sent: Monday, December 13, 2021 1:11 PM
To: bhabadmin
Subject: Vin Scully Holiday Poem going National!
Attachments: Vin Scully Rose Poem Recording Press Release Dec 13 2021.pdf

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From: Bob Harris <bob.harris@gcvf.org>
Sent: Sunday, December 12, 2021 4:45 PM
To: Walker, Scott <Scott.Walker@ventura.org>
Subject: Fwd: Vin Scully Holiday Poem going National!

Hello Scott,

I would like to share something extraordinary with you, a poem just recorded this week by Vin Scully.

It shares the story of 94-year-old Rose Burgess, the legally blind widow of 2 veterans and it does so in a very novel way, a Poem fashioned after the "Grinch" holiday classic.

LINK to Vin's Poem and Animation
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On November the 9th, on the eve of Veterans Day, GCVF hosted an event in the VCCF Community Room to bring attention to the powerful new partnerships that were responsible for removing 90% of all homeless veterans from the streets during the Pandemic.

The County Supervisors stopped their Board meeting and broadcast our gathering of partners throughout the entire community. Vin Scully made this 4 minute presentation on our behalf.

By Christmas, we will have rescued 100 veterans. Rose and her three small dogs are just one of those 100.

At a time of year when veteran suicide is at its highest, we've put our "Voice of Veterans Village" on point, with a message of hope for every veteran and veteran family member.

Thank you, Scott.

Bob

PS Please consider sharing the link to Vin Scully's Poem and our holiday message of hope!