

5/3/22

Dear Community Members, Providers, and Partners.

During the month of May, Ventura County Behavioral Health will be hosting several Community Education and Support Webinars on the topic of Mental Health.

These are free, online events taking place over Zoom on:

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| Monday, May 16th, 5:30-7:00pm | <u>La Clave: The Key to Getting Help for Serious Mental Illness:</u> Serious mental illness can affect anyone, and getting help early is important. What are the signs? Learn how to recognize them, and how to help someone you care about. |
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| Tuesday, May 24th, 5:30-7:00pm | <u>Talking about Mental Health:</u> What is the difference between healthy stress and unhealthy anxiety? Between normal sadness and serious depression? Did you know that our emotional health affects our physical health too? |

Attached please find flyers in English and Spanish. Register now by scanning the QR code on flyer with your mobile device or click on the hyperlinks below to begin.

Please share with anyone in the community who could benefit from these webinars.

Thank you in advance for your partnership in achieving Mental Health awareness.

www.vcbh.org/key-webinar

www.vcbh.org/mh-webinar

www.vcbh.org/la-clave

www.vcbh.org/seminario-hsm

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Community
Education and
Support

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

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For suicide prevention resources, visit www.WellnessEveryDay.org

Funding is made through Ventura County Behavioral Health, Mental Health Services Act.



FOCUS ON CalAIM

A Monthly Digest of Information and Resources on California's Efforts to Transform the Medi-Cal Program

April 28, 2022

This month's digest provides an update on the first set of CalAIM budget hearings, along with some of the latest webinars and news articles that highlight the gaps in today's care and services systems that [CalAIM](#) aims to close.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) recently finalized a [guidance for sharing information \(PDF\)](#) about Medi-Cal Enrollees across sectors. Starting on page 24, the document provides helpful use cases that explain in simple terms what is permitted under certain scenarios related to CalAIM.

ICYMI: CHCF recently unveiled a new and improved [CalAIM resource center](#) to make it easier to find tools and information for this once-in-a-generation reform effort.

Highlights

Legislature Reviews CalAIM in Recent Budget Hearing

DHCS [provided an overview of CalAIM progress in a March hearing of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services](#), with members asking the Newsom administration how the legislature will be able to gauge if CalAIM is succeeding.

A Closer Look at CalAIM’s New Community Supports

Daniel Tsai of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and Jacey Cooper of DHCS [explain the thinking](#) behind the 14 wraparound services that CMS approved in the waiver that supports CalAIM.

Fentanyl Epidemic Reveals “a Deeply Disjointed System”

The *San Francisco Chronicle* published a [harrowing series this spring on the city’s fentanyl epidemic](#) — highlighting stories of people struggling to find help from a disconnected, oversubscribed system of health care, social services, and substance use treatment.

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DHCS provided an overview of CalAIM progress in an Assembly Budget Subcommittee hearing on March 28, with members asking DHCS staff about the Newsom administration’s [\\$4 billion funding request over the next two years \(PDF\)](#), the performance and outcome measurements built into CalAIM, and how the legislature will be able to gauge if these reforms are succeeding.

Assemblymember Joaquin Arambula (D-Fresno), chair of the committee, opened the hearing by calling CalAIM an “inspiring effort to end the status quo for much of the Medi-Cal program”— and applauding its ambitious goals for reducing fragmentation, inefficiencies, and inequities in health care delivery. Arambula also emphasized the role the legislature will play in overseeing the program: “While CalAIM seems to be the right approach overall, it is imperative that the legislature hold the administration accountable for ensuring that CalAIM does in fact live up to its promise.”

Jacey Cooper, DHCS chief deputy director of health care programs, shared a detailed update about CalAIM’s status, noting 25 counties are now offering CalAIM’s new [Enhanced Care Management \(PDF\)](#) benefit, and 25 managed care plans in 47 counties are offering more than 500 new [Community Supports \(PDF\)](#). Committee members asked Cooper why many of these new services remain optional and how the administration is tracking their

impact on outcomes. Cooper noted that this is just the first phase of a multi-year CalAIM implementation plan that allows plans to build networks over time — while supporting “change management at the local level.” She noted that managed care plans are following “very robust” reporting requirements and DHCS will be conducting a “comprehensive access assessment” as part of its federal waiver to ensure CalAIM is working as it should. Thus far, Cooper says DHCS has seen “very broad take-up ... across all managed care plans in all counties” who say “these are critical services they need to support their beneficiaries.

>> Watch the full [Assembly Budget Subcommittee hearing](#) on CalAIM. There is also [a hearing agenda \(PDF\)](#) with details on the administration’s funding requests and CalAIM implementation status.

A Closer Look at CalAIM’s New Community Supports

While states have received federal waivers for years to pilot programs that provide wraparound services to Medicaid enrollees, CalAIM is one of the nation’s first efforts to comprehensively embed integrated care in the managed care system.

Manatt Health hosted a webinar in April with the CMS's Daniel Tsai and DHCS’s Jacey Cooper to discuss some of the initial lessons learned from the CalAIM transition. Much of the conversation focuses on how the state designed its 14 new [Community Supports \(PDF\)](#), which allow plans to be reimbursed through Medi-Cal for providing a range of non-medical services from asthma remediation to housing supports as cost-effective alternatives to traditional medical services or settings.

Cooper made three key points about CalAIM that were especially important:

1. **Embedding whole person care in “core Medicaid:”** After relying for years on pilots to successfully connect patients to services outside the health care system, Cooper believes CalAIM is the next logical step for improving health outcomes, especially in a place like California, where 85% of Medi-Cal enrollees receive care through managed care plans. Whether programs seek to serve people experiencing homelessness, who have complex medical conditions, or who are aging in their homes, says Cooper, “we wanted to take all the pilots and learnings and embed them in the managed care system ... to make them part of ‘core Medicaid.’”
2. **Providing both immediate assistance and prevention:** Community supports are intended to address the enrollee’s immediate complex and unmet needs and

also to avoid hospitalization, institutionalization, and other higher cost services in the future. If a child in the Central Valley is suffering from asthma, says Cooper, CalAIM allows plans to take longer-term action, including installing an air purifier in the home, for example, or conducting mold remediation to address the source of the child's symptoms. These services will keep enrollees out of the emergency room, says Cooper: "It also allows us to get more upstream."

3. **Achieving better health outcomes overall:** As managed care plans have begun to offer new benefits and measure their cost effectiveness, Cooper emphasized once again that CalAIM's goal is improved health outcomes in the aggregate — not just at the individual patient level. "These investments will and should change [people's] health outcomes and their engagement with primary care," says Cooper, "But also the trajectory of someone's life, where they can have a stable environment ... to improve their well-being and live happier and healthier lives."

>> The full [Manatt Health webinar](#) with Daniel Tsai and Jacey Cooper is available online.

Fentanyl Epidemic Reveals "a Deeply Disjointed System"

A total of 1,300 people have died of drug overdoses in San Francisco since the beginning of 2020 — twice the number who died of COVID-19. A new *San Francisco Chronicle* series [shares stories from the front lines of the opioid epidemic](#) — including a profile of Anthony Alexander, a 42-year-old man addicted to fentanyl who has struggled to find help from a disconnected, oversubscribed system of health care, social services, and substance use treatment programs.

"We thought it was going to be the story of recovery and a guy overcoming these odds," Trisha Thadani, one of the reporters behind the series [shared in a recent interview on The CHCF Blog](#). Instead, she says: "It was ... a glimpse into how deeply disjointed the system is. There was no one to even sit down and talk to Anthony about what the options were. ... He is a perfect candidate for recovery who knows he wants to make a change in his life. He is ready for it but instead was met with all these barriers."

"I saw it as the stark realities of addiction colliding with a system in San Francisco that is full of cracks," says Thadani. "The crux of the problem is that the system is fragmented. With addiction, you really need to catch someone in that exact moment where their brain chemistry is aligning. They are feeling good that day. They decide they want to get help."

CalAIM, of course, is seeking to do just that, connecting the health care and social services systems so they can provide care to people like Anthony. In San Francisco, as in many other parts of the state, this new support can't come soon enough.

>> Check out the full [San Francisco Chronicle fentanyl series](#). You can also [read CHCF's interview](#) with reporter Trisha Thadani and photojournalist Stephen Lam.

Other CalAIM Articles and Resources We Recommend

- [How a Former Catholic Priest Is Navigating a Medi-Cal Health Plan Through Big Changes](#) (*California Healthline*)
- [A New Skid Row Facility Where Homeless Women Can Try 'to Get Whole and Heal'](#) (*LA Times*)
- [CalAIM Community Supports: Promoting Independent Living Among Older Adults and People with Disabilities](#) (CHCF)
- [Webinar: Opportunities for CalAIM to Support Community Living](#) (CHCF)
- [Can Produce Prescription Programs Turn the Tide on Diet-Related Disease?](#) (*Civil Eats*)
- [Santa Clara County expands detox beds to tackle drug crisis](#) (*San Jose Spotlight*)

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5/10/22



ADVANCING CLIENT AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT THROUGH SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

**Are you a Client/Consumer with personal
Lived Experience in the Criminal or
Juvenile Justice System?**

YES?!

(Ok! Go to the next question below)



**Are you interested in advocating for
better Behavioral Health outcomes and
services for individuals involved with the
Criminal Justice System?**

YES?!?

(Pssst, next question)

**Do you live in the Superior or Southern
Region of California?**

YES AGAIN?!?

THEN SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS!



ACCESS California wants YOU!

ACCESS is seeking individuals throughout California's Superior and Southern Regions, who identify as mental health Clients/Consumers and have Lived Experience with the Justice System to participate in our program as subject-matter experts. These ACCESS Ambassadors provide insight and guidance to our program on mental health policy matters, attend ACCESS-sponsored trainings and state-level events, and perform local-level outreach, engagement, networking, and advocacy in their home communities.

Ambassadors serve as regional representatives of the ACCESS program, expanding Behavioral Health advocacy across the state. By recruiting and training other stakeholders in their communities, Ambassadors help us establish and strengthen local advocacy networks, increase stakeholder participation in the community planning process, and ensure county Behavioral Health systems incorporate Client/Consumer voice and choice in local-level policy planning, programming decisions, and services delivery.

ACCESS Ambassadors are paid for performing specific training, outreach, engagement, and advocacy activities. This is a 12-month term that is voluntary.

**WE ARE SEEKING AMBASSADORS
FROM THE
SUPERIOR AND SOUTHERN
MHSA REGIONS!**

SUPERIOR REGION COUNTIES:

Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake,
Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta,
Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity

SOUTHERN REGION COUNTIES:

Imperial, Kern, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino,
San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara,
Tri-City (Pamona, Claremont, La Verne), and Ventura

APPLY NOW!!!

DEADLINE TO APPLY: FRIDAY - JUNE 3, 2022

FAQ: *"Why are you only recruiting in the Superior and Southern regions?"*

Answer: ACCESS is currently is at capacity in all other CA regions.

SAVE THE DATE!

ACCESS has already scheduled important activities for its 2022-2023 Ambassadors. All Ambassadors will be required to attend a mandatory training that is coming up quick! Please consider your availability to attend this training before applying:

VIRTUAL AMBASSADOR BOOT CAMP

(MANDATORY FOR SELECTED AMBASSADORS)

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022 - THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023

9:30 AM - 12:30 AM

Have questions or need help with the application?

*Email Tiffany Carter, Statewide Advocate Liaison
at access@calvoices.org*



**Advancing Client and Community Empowerment
through Sustainable Solutions**

ACCESS California's mission is to strengthen and expand local and statewide client/consumer stakeholder advocacy in California's Public Mental Health System through individual and community empowerment.

ACCESS California is a program of Cal Voices funded by the California Mental Health Services Act (Prop 63) and the Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health (CCJBH).

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From: CAL BHBC <cal@calbhbc.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 5, 2022 2:31 PM

To: bhabadmin <bhabadmin@ventura.org>

Subject: Regional Election - 2022-24 CALBHB/C - Please share with MH/BH Board/Commission Members



California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions

All current CA local mental/behavioral health board and commission members are invited to cast votes in the CALBHB/C Governing Board Election for their region. Due to the number of open positions and the number of candidates, this year's election is a *formality*.

Southern Ballot Link: <https://forms.gle/XJQFfVWKbcVsCz5S6>

www.calbhbc.org [Newsletter](#) [Resources](#)

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

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De: CAL BHBC <cal@calbhbc.com>

Enviado: Jueves, 5 de mayo de 2022 2:31 PM

Para: bhabadmin <bhabadmin@ventura.org>

Asunto: Elección Regional - 2022-24 CALBHB / C - Por favor comparta con mh / BH Miembros de la Junta / Comisión



California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions

Todos los miembros actuales de la junta local de salud mental / conductual de CA y la comisión están invitados a emitir votos en la elección de la Junta de Gobierno de CALBHB / C para su región. Debido a la cantidad de puestos vacantes y el número de candidatos, la elección de este año es una *formalidad*.

Enlace de la boleta electoral del sur: <https://forms.gle/XJQFfVWKbcVsCz5S6>

[Recursos del boletín](#) de www.calbhbc.org

CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions (CALBHB/C) apoya el trabajo de las 59 juntas y comisiones locales de salud mental y conductual de California.



California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions

CALBHB/C Newsletter, Spring 2022

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Local mental/behavioral health boards & commissions should:

“Submit an annual report to the governing body [usually the Board of Supervisors] on the **[needs and performance](#)** of the county’s mental health system.” WIC 5604.2 #5

Thank you for serving on or supporting your local board/commission!

[Template \(Word\) \(PDF\)](#)
[Annual Reports](#)

Website: www.calbhbc.org
Email: info@calbhbc.com

Please share your annual reports with CALBHB/C: info@calbhbc.com

Advocacy

Local Advocacy:

“The Rules”, “The Tools” & “Tips on addressing local leaders”:
www.calbhbc.org/advocacy

Statewide Advocacy:

CALBHB/C's Governing Board supports legislation and budget items in response to issues reported from CA's 59 local mental/behavioral health boards & commissions, providing written and in-person advocacy. Top issues are included in our [Annual Goals](#) document, item C.

Join with us by writing to your legislators after reviewing "**Understanding your Role**" (next page).

CALBHB/C Governing Board Legislative Positions

Support - [Sample Letters & Fact Sheets](#)

[AB 32](#) - Telehealth: Healthcare Access

[SB 316](#) - Access: Same Day Visits

[AB 552](#) - Integrated School-Based Behavioral Health Partnership

Support if Amended:

[AB 738](#) - Veterans on MH/BH Boards

Watching:

[AB-988](#) - Mental Health Crisis Hotline

[SB-970](#) - MHSAs Accountability & Planning

[SB 964](#) - BH Workforce Revitalization Act

Advocacy continues on the next page.

Advocacy Continued:
Understanding your Role

1. **As Individuals:**
Individuals can and should write to their state legislators! Legislators especially appreciate hearing from residents within their districts.

2. **As Advisory Bodies:**
Local mental/behavioral health boards/commissions are in an advisory role. In most counties, legislative advocacy is handled through the Board of Supervisors / Executive Office. Boards/commissions may wish to recommend specific legislation to their Governing Body (in most cases Board of Supervisors) and MH/BH Director (the BH Directors also advocate through their statewide association, County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA)).

For additions/updates, sample letters and fact sheets, see: calbhbc.org/legislative-advocacy

Grants/Funding

Access

[Federal BH Grant opportunity](#): 26 awards, up to \$500,000 to increase access to prevention, treatment and recovery services. Eligible applicants: public or private, non-profit or for-profit. Due 4/19 8:59 pm PT.

Children & Youth

[Project AWARE \(Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education\)](#) partnership to implement mental health related promotion, awareness, prevention, intervention and resilience activities to ensure that students have access and are connected to appropriate and effective behavioral health services. Due May 2, 2022

[Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Grant](#). Goal: Improve outcomes for children from birth to 12 years of age. SAMHSA. Application deadline May 17, 2022.

Crisis Care & Infrastructure

[Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program](#) funding to construct, acquire, and rehabilitate real estate assets to expand the behavioral health continuum of treatment and service resources. Part Two applications are due May 31, 2022.

[BH Mobile Crisis Response Services](#) Federal Medicaid matching funds for community-based mobile crisis response services. The federal match is 85% starting April 1 for up to three years. [CHCF Article](#)

[Improvement and Advancement Grants](#). Deadline May 17, 2022. \$156 million (\$1M each) to 156 grantees over four years. Goals: improve access to community-based behavioral health treatment and support, including 24/7 crisis services.

Grants/Funding continues on next page

Grants/Funding Continued:

Criminal Justice

[Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program](#), US Department of Justice, Due June 1, 2022

Housing/Homelessness

[CCE Capital Expansion Grants](#) are for acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation to preserve and expand adult and senior care facilities - Rolling Deadline

[Homekey](#) - Local entities can partner with the state to acquire and rehabilitate a variety of housing types, to include residential care facilities. Due: May 2nd at 11:59 p.m.

[Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention \(HHAP\) Grant Program](#) Round 3 Applications due by June 30, 2022.

SUD / Mental Health

[Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic – Planning, Development and Implementation Grants \(CCBHC-PDI\)](#) are available to clinics that are new to the CCBHC model (i.e., clinics that have not been certified as CCBHCs by their state and have not previously received a CCBHC Expansion Grant). Due May 17th.

[Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic – Improvement and Advancement Grants \(CCBHC-IA\)](#) are available to CCBHCs that have been certified by their states or received previous. Due May 17th.

Suicide Prevention

[Suicide Prevention Programming](#), CDC, Due June 6, 2022

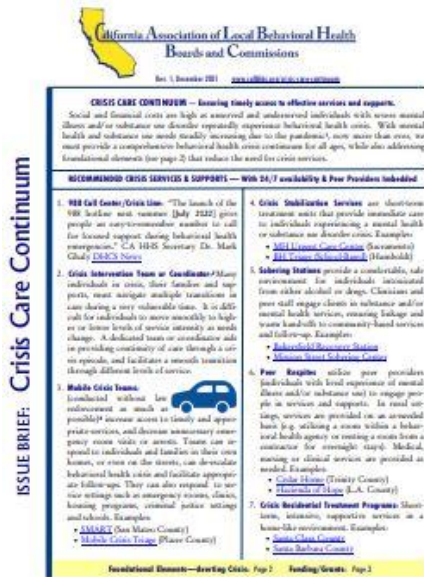
Workforce Grants/Funding

[Loan Repayments, Scholarships, & Grants](#), HCAI Funding Opportunities to open in late April, Early May, to include: Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program

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

[SAMHSA Grants for 2022](#)

CALBHB/C Issue Briefs



[Board & Care \(ARF or RCFE\)](#)

[Children & Youth:](#)

[Integrated School-Based BH
Transitional Age Youth \(TAY\)](#)

[Crisis Care Continuum](#)

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

Meetings (State/National)

CALBHB/C Events - [Please Register!](#)

Trainings:

[MH/BH Board/Comm.](#), 5/13, 11 am-12:30pm
[Chair Training](#), 5/13, 1 pm - 2pm

Meeting:

[Quarterly Meeting](#), 4/19, 9am-12pm

CA Behavioral Health Planning Council
(April Meetings are in Milpitas)

[Performance Outcomes](#): April 19, 2 pm - 5 pm

[Executive](#): April 20, 8:30 am -10:15 am

[Patients' Rights Committee](#): 4/20, 10:30 am

[Reducing Disparities](#): 4/20, 10:30 am

[Children & Youth](#): 4/20, 10:30 am - 12 pm

[Workforce and Education](#): 4/20, 1:30pm

[Legislation](#): 4/20, 1:30 pm - 5 pm

[Housing and Homelessness](#): 4/21, 8:30 am

[Systems and Medicaid](#): 4/21, 8:30 am

[General Session](#): 4/21 & 4/22 - [Livestream](#)

CA Health & Human Services

DHCS Listening Sessions (MH & SUD)

[Tribal Communities](#), 4/19, 10 am - 12 pm

[Community Listening Session](#), 4/21, 5-7 pm

[Youth Listening Session](#), 4/27, 5 - 7pm

[CalMHTA Peer Certification Stakeholder
Advisory Council](#), April 22, 1 - 4 pm

Mental Health America
[2022 Annual Conference](#) - In-person and
virtual, June 9-11

Mental Health America of CA
[Mental Health Matters Day](#), 5/25, 10am - 2pm
at the Capitol in Sacramento

Reports & Webinars - By Topic

Access

[CARE Courts, Conservatorships and Behavioral Health Heat Up: New Language Released](#), CSAC

[Innovations in Telehealth in Mental Health and Substance Use During COVID-19](#), CA Health Care Foundation Recorded Webinar

Children & Youth

[Youth Villages Intercept Program Model Webinar](#), an in-home services model with proven outcomes for children and families, April 21, 10 am

[Preventing and Healing from Child Abuse and Neglect](#), Mental Health America and the National Foundation to End Child Abuse and Neglect, April 21, 10 am PT

[Youth Listening Session](#), Youth are asked to comment regarding substance use and mental health issues to inform the development of a statewide plan April 27, 5 - 7 pm [Registration Required](#)

[Mental Health First Aid is helping teachers support their students](#), AP News Article

[The need for bold action to address our children's mental health](#), Cal Matters Guest Commentary by Karen Larsen, CEO of Steinberg Institute

[Hiding in Plain Sight: Youth Mental Illness](#) will premiere on PBS stations nationwide on June 27 and 28, 2022 at 6:00pm PT.

CaAIM

[No Wrong Door Webinar](#), April 28, 3 pm

[How California Can Build on CaAIM to Better Integrate Physical and Behavioral Health Care](#), CA Health Care Foundation

Consumer Satisfaction

[Mental Health Consumer Perception Survey Data Collection](#), CA DHCS Behavioral Health Information Notice

Crisis Care Continuum

[Contra Costa's new A3 crisis unit helps prioritize mental health call response](#)

[988 Website](#) is now live. This 988 website is designed to serve as a one-stop-shop for 988 resources from SAMHSA. This site also contains a 988 partner toolkit, providing key messages, FAQs and more information about what 988 is and how it works. With the transition to 988 coming July 16th, SAMHSA will be adding more tools and resources to the 988 website so please visit often for updates.

[Free Crisis Counseling](#) on state website is provided in 50 languages [calhopecconnect.org](#)

Culture/Race/Ethnicity

Latino Mental Health Equity, Ensuring Quality Behavioral Healthcare, Wellness and Recovery, [\\$50 Req](#), May 5, 8:45 am - 3 pm

Housing/Homelessness

Supportive Housing Models That Work

- [Methamphetamine and the Transition to Housing: Strategies to Support People to Thrive in Permanent Housing](#), April 20th, 12 pm - 1:30 pm PT
- [Serving Individuals with SMI, SED, SUD or Co-Occurring Disorders](#), 4/27 11:30 am PT
- [Overview of Supportive Housing and Recovery Housing Models](#) Recording
- [Housing Focused Engagement & Supporting Staff](#) Recording

LGBTQ

[Overlooked: Mental Health & Substance Use Among LGBTQ+ Communities](#), [The National Council](#) Recording

Peer Provider Programs

The National Council for Behavioral Wellness' [Toolkit](#) is for local and state health departments and community partners who are exploring opportunities to implement or enhance peer support services within their initiatives.

Establishing Peer Support Services for Overdose Response:

[Toolkit](#)

[Webinar, April 27, 12 pm PT](#)

Workforce

[Addressing Workforce Challenges through Integrated Care](#), National Council Recorded Webinar

Stigma

[Stand Against Stigma Challenge](#) - Activity to educate yourself, your organization and community. Opioid Response Network

Substance Use

[Methamphetamine and the Transition to Housing](#), April 20, 12 pm - 1:30 pm PT

Establishing Peer Support Services for Overdose Response: [Toolkit](#),

[Webinar, April 27, 12 pm PT](#)

[Opinion: She was paid to stay off drugs. Here's why this approach could help others](#), Washington Post

[CA DHCS Contingency Management Website](#)

[Opioid Response Network Webinar Series](#)

- Drugs, Stigma, and Health, 4/20
- Case Studies and Q&A: Drugs, Stigma, and Health, 4/27
- Fentanyl/Stimulant Overdose Crisis, 5/04
- Case Studies and Q&A: Fentanyl/Stimulant Overdose Crisis, 5/11

[ATLAS \(Addiction Treatment Locator, Assessment and Standards Platform\)](#) Website to launch in April. Informational webinar: [4/20, 11 am](#)

Resources for Boards/Commissions

[Best Practices Handbook](#)

[Brown Act Guide](#)

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- Mental Health Board
- MHPA Community Program Planning / Community Engagement
- Unconscious Bias

Evaluate Us!

CALBHB/C is here to provide resources, support, training, communication and coordinate advocacy for statewide issues as detailed in our [Annual Report](#). 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](#)

Contact Us!

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May 2, 2022

FROM: Elizabeth R. Stone, MA

Below is information on MHSOAC's Fiscal Transparency Dashboard – an important tool for anyone interested.

From: MHSOAC Communications <communications@mhsoac.ca.gov>

To: "mhsoac_listserv@listserv.state.ca.gov" <mhsoac_listserv@listserv.state.ca.gov>

Sent: Monday, May 2, 2022, 04:47:59 PM PDT

Subject: Fiscal Transparency Dashboard Relaunch



Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission

As part of our mission to provide transparency around the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), we are pleased to announce that the Fiscal Transparency Dashboard has been relaunched with a new data source and a new user interface. This important tool supports public engagement in the community planning process, helping the public better understand MHSA revenues in their county and statewide.

The dashboard allows users to explore and compare MHSA revenue, expenditure, and closing balance by components, county, and fiscal year. Users can also download the data for themselves. [Review the updated dashboard here.](#)

To unsubscribe from the MHSOAC_LISTSERV list, click the following link:
http://listserv.state.ca.gov/wa.exe?SUBED1=MHSOAC_LISTSERV&A=1



California Mental Health Services Authority

May 11, 2022

Click below for the most recent details on Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification from CaIMHSA.

[/https://www.capeercertification.org/](https://www.capeercertification.org/)

Quick Links

- [Instructions for Grandparenting Process](#)
- [Application for Grandparenting](#)
- [Guidelines, Standards and Procedures Manual 2022](#)

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From: CAL BHBC <cal@calbhbc.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2022 11:21 AM

Subject: Parents & Caregivers Advocacy Day May 17th (At the Capitol or Virtual)

Sharing Forward from United Parents:

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Parents/Caregivers have the opportunity to advocate for children's mental health rights with state representatives in Sacramento.

Elizabeth R. Stone will be presenting at this conference on Monday, June 13, 2022

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***Peer Statewide Conference
June 13 & 14, 2022***

Hello amazing Peers! Thank you on behalf of CAMHPRO for registering for The 2022 LEAD Conference. We hope you are as excited as we are! We are just about a month away from the conference and wanted to answer some frequently asked questions. Keep reading!



Can I attend virtually?

Yes, you can! To attend virtually, DO NOT register online. The online registration is only for those who will be attending in person. If you have accidentally registered on our website but plan to attend virtually, kindly email us ASAP to change your registration.

Virtual attendees will need to please email us at ksommerfeld329@gmail.com. This is the only way to get the virtual program and links.

If I need to cancel, how do I do that?

We have had tremendous response to our Conference this year. As a result, we are almost at capacity!!

If your circumstances change and you **can not** attend this year, ***please email ksommerfeld329@gmail.com to notify us of the cancellation as soon as possible.*** It is important that you give us this courtesy so that someone else may be able to take your spot. ***There will be a waiting list of very eager hopeful Peers ready to attend.***

How do I reserve a room?

You can call the Holiday Inn- Downtown Arena at (866) 238-4218 or [book online](#). There is a limited block of rooms at a discounted rate, so book today. Mention that you are attending the CAMHPRO conference to get a discounted rate. If you would like to have more economical accommodations, here is a list we have created.



Nearby Hotels

How much is parking?

This is a direct statement from the Holiday Inn about parking:

There will be a charge of \$20.00 for guest's overnight self-parking in adjacent city garage; and an hourly charge for members of your group who are not staying at the hotel of \$2.50 for each half hour for the first two hours, \$2.50 each additional half hour thereafter and a maximum charge of \$30.00 per day. Express self parking is available for \$30.00 per day. Parking arrangements and pricing subject to change at any time.

If you have any questions or need clarification about the parking please call the Holiday Inn. (Note: These parking fees do not apply to agency scholarship attendees.)

How can I get a scholarship to attend conference?

At this time, all scholarships have been spoken for. The conference itself is free; you must provide your own transportation and lodging.

How do I contact someone about Conference?

Please email **BOTH** (click on the names below):

[Natalie](#) - Conference Coordinator

[Katy](#) - Assistant Conference Coordinator

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See what's happening on our social sites:





2nd Annual



United Parents Presents: Parents and Caregivers for Wellness Advocacy Day at the Capitol

Parents/Caregivers have the opportunity to
advocate for children's mental health rights
with state representatives in Sacramento.

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022

**Sheraton Grand Hotel
1230 J St ~ Sacramento**

In-person 8am – 6pm

Light Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Provided

Virtual 9am – 12pm

Parents and Caregivers will:

Meet with Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva

Meet with Local Representatives

Advocate for **AB 552** (Click [here](#) for full description)

Network with Like-Minded Parents and Caregivers

Connect and Share Stories

To Register click [here](#) or go to
<https://bit.ly/UPAdvocates2022>

Spanish Interpretation Available Upon Request

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United Parents and our partners who form Parents and Caregivers for Wellness (PC4W) invite you to attend our second annual “United Parents Presents: Parents and Caregivers for Wellness Advocacy Day at the Capitol”. This year’s event will be held in-person and virtually.

The goal of “United Parents Presents: Parents and Caregivers for Wellness Advocacy Day at the Capitol” is to further parent and caregiver knowledge about policy issues regarding behavioral health care that affects children and youth. We will discuss Assembly Bill 552, learn about legislative advocacy, and

there will be an opportunity for parents and caregivers to educate their legislators about important children's issues in behavioral health care. After meeting with your legislative representative, you will gain a new perspective on the dynamics of the political system and how to engage with lawmakers. By the end of the day, you will feel confident in letting legislators know exactly how you feel about behavioral health care issues for children, and why it's important for them to do something about it.

"United Parents Presents: Parents and Caregivers for Wellness Advocacy Day at the Capitol" will leave you with a better sense of who in our state's leadership is truly supportive of children's behavioral health care issues! It is important to share your stories. Your stories are critical in pushing progressive policy forward. We hope you will feel connected to a bigger movement and inspired to continue to advocate for effective policies!

United Parents and Parents and Caregivers for Wellness value your time. If you decide to attend in person, United Parents will pay all your travel expenses including one night hotel stay for those traveling far. You will be served a light breakfast, lunch and dinner the day of the event. If childcare is an issue, please contact Steve at svarner@unitedparents.org.

If you prefer to attend virtually, you will be provided a link to engage in some of the day's activities from the convenience of your home.