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From: bhabadmin
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 11:43 AM
Subject: FW: Invitation: September 16th Meeting and/or Training (CALBHB/C) - Please Share!
Attachments: invitation__june_16_2023_calbhb_c_meeting_training.pdf; SPAN-invitation__june_16_2023_calbhb_c_meeting_training.pdf

Approved for distribution to all BHAB Members by Janis Gardner, Chair – Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

Good morning,

I hope all is well.

Please see the message below from the California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions for an upcoming meeting/training.

You may also view the information on the flyer attached above.

TRANSLATION:

Aprobado para su distribución a todos los miembros de BHAB por Janis Gardner, Presidenta de la Junta Asesora de Salud del Comportamiento.

Buenos días,

Espero que todo este bien.

Consulte el mensaje a continuación de la Asociación de Juntas y Comisiones Locales de Salud del Comportamiento de California para una próxima reunión/capacitación.

También puede ver la información en el folleto adjunto arriba.

Gracias.

Thank you,

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From: CAL BHBC <cal@calbhbc.com>

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CALBHB/C Quarterly Meeting *and/or* Training

Hybrid: Zoom / In-Person (Chico*)

Saturday, September 16, 2023

We invite you to register! Registration is open to all local mental/behavioral health board/commission members and staff. There is no fee to register.

Please Register at: www.calbhbc.org/registration

Meeting - September 16, 9:30 am* - 12 pm

Updates/presentations from statewide organizations, including:

- CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards/Commissions (CALBHB/C)
- CA Behavioral Health Planning Council
- Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission
- Peer Provider Certification Update
- Issue-Based Discussion

Training - September 16, 1 pm - 3:30 pm

- How to Be an Effective MH/BH Board/Commission (Rules, Duties and Tools)
- Community Engagement: Ensuring Community and Provider Involvement throughout local planning processes

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* In-Person Registrants:

Coffee & Pastries will be available at 9 am.

Deli lunch buffet will be available at 12 pm.

Expenses: CALBHB/C will pay travel-related expenses for one** MH/BH board/commission member per county in the Superior Region** (**but more are welcome to register and attend.)

Hotel room-block deadline is August 30th (CALBHB/C will pay the hotel directly for individuals on our room list.)

Registration deadline: *In-person* attendees are asked to register by Friday, September 7th, 2023.

Location information is provided through registration confirmations to attendees.

***The Superior Region includes: Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity.)*

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

www.calbhbc.org email: info@calbhbc.com [facebook/CALBHBC](https://www.facebook.com/CALBHBC)

TRANSLATION:

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Reunión trimestral *y/o* capacitación de CALBHB/C

Híbrido: Zoom / en persona (Chico*)

sábado, 16 de septiembre de 2023

¡Te invitamos a registrarte! La inscripción está abierta a todos los locales de salud mental / conductual Miembros y personal de la junta/comisión. No hay tarifa para registrarse.

Por favor regístrese en: www.calbhbc.org/registration

Reunión - 16 de septiembre, 9:30 am* - 12 pm

Actualizaciones/presentaciones de organizaciones estatales, incluyendo:

- Asociación de Juntas/Comisiones Locales de Salud del Comportamiento de CA (CALBHB/C)
- Consejo de Planificación de Salud del Comportamiento de CA
- Comisión de Supervisión y Responsabilidad de los Servicios de Salud Mental
- Actualización de la certificación de proveedores del mismo nivel
- Debate basado en temas

Entrenamiento - 16 de septiembre, 1 pm - 3:30 pm

- Cómo ser una junta / comisión efectiva de MH / BH (reglas, deberes y herramientas)
- Participación de la comunidad : garantizar la participación de la comunidad y los proveedores a lo largo de los procesos de planificación local

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* Inscritos en persona:

Coffee & Pastries estará disponible a las 9 am.

El almuerzo buffet de delicatessen estará disponible a las 12 pm.

Gastos: CALBHB / C pagará los gastos relacionados con el viaje por uno** Miembro de la junta / comisión de MH / BH por condado en la Región Superior ** (**Pero más son bienvenidos a registrarse y asistir).

La fecha límite para bloquear la habitación del hotel es el 30 de agosto (CALBHB / C pagará al hotel directamente por las personas en nuestra lista de habitaciones).

Fecha límite de inscripción: Se solicita a los asistentes en persona que se registren antes del viernes 7 de septiembre de 2023.

La información de ubicación se proporciona a través de confirmaciones de registro a los asistentes.

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www.calbhbc.org correo electrónico: info@calbhbc.com [facebook/CALBHBC](https://facebook.com/CALBHBC)



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CALBHB/C is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization

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From: bhabadmin
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 2:43 PM
Subject: FW: INFORMATION ON UPCOMING COMMUNITY MINI GRANT PROJECTS / INFORMACIÓN SOBRE PRÓXIMOS PROYECTOS DE MINI SUBVENCIONES PARA LA COMUNIDAD

Attachments: ENG & SPAN-DE COLORES.July-Sept.pdf; ECSEL Safe Space.pdf; SPAN-ECSEL Safe Space.pdf; NO LIMITS.Aug-Nov.PDF; SPAN-NO LIMITS.Aug-Nov.pdf; NYELAND_PGM_ENGL.PDF; SPAN-NYELAND_PGM.pdf; NYELAND_YOGA_ENGL.PDF; SPAN-NYELAND_YOGA.docx.pdf

Approved for distribution to all BHAB Members by Janis Gardner, Chair at the request of Dr. John Schipper – Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

Good afternoon,

Please see the attachments above for information on upcoming events, programs, and classes.

TRANSLATION:

Aprobado para su distribución a todos los miembros de BHAB por Janis Gardner, Presidenta de la Junta Asesora de Salud del Comportamiento solicitado por el Dr. John Schipper.

Buenas tardes,

Consulte los archivos adjuntos anteriores para obtener información sobre los próximos eventos, programas y clases.

Gracias.

Thank you,

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From: MHSA <MHSA@ventura.org>

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Subject: INFORMATION ON UPCOMING COMMUNITY MINI GRANT PROJECTS / INFORMACIÓN SOBRE PRÓXIMOS PROYECTOS DE MINI SUBVENCIONES PARA LA COMUNIDAD

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON UPCOMING COMMUNITY MINI GRANT PROJECTS

Recently, VCBH's MHSA Program awarded funds for Community Mini Grants. Attached please find some project flyers, which represent a sampling of community pilot projects designed to promote mental wellness. Persons wanting more information about a project are encouraged to directly contact the grantee.

ASUNTO: INFORMACIÓN SOBRE PRÓXIMOS PROYECTOS DE MINI SUBVENCIONES PARA LA COMUNIDAD

Recientemente, el Programa de la MHSA de VCBH otorgó fondos para las mini subvenciones para la comunidad. Adjuntamos algunos folletos de proyectos que representan una muestra de proyectos piloto comunitarios diseñados para promover el bienestar mental. Se anima a las personas que deseen obtener más información sobre un proyecto a ponerse en contacto directamente con el beneficiario.

DE COLORES MULTICULTURAL FOLK ARTS

FREE SUMMER ART CLASSES FOR SENIORS AND YOUTH!

An Intergenerational Art Workshop



July 12 - September 6

10am-12pm

Wednesdays



Santa Paula Senior Center



SENIORS! We encourage you to bring a young family member or friend between the ages of 8 to 19 years old to a series of 10 art classes.

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

For registration contact
De Colores
(805) 525 - 8961





ECSEL SAFE SPACE PILOT PROJECT



ABOUT US

Childhood Matters is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization in Ventura County that works with the emotional and mental health of children and youth.

THE ECSEL PROGRAM

The Early Childhood Social-Emotional Learning (ECSEL) initiative is one of Childhood Matters programs that works to provide social-emotional hands-on materials for children and youth.. This area is specifically designed and built to provide prevention and early intervention tools for children's mental and emotional health.

BENEFITS OF ECSEL SPACES

Safe spaces are equipped with hands on materials to allow for children and youth to have access to tools that help them manage their emotions, self-regulate and learn how to build essential coping skills. It will also provide them with competencies to develop resilience and effectively manage their behavior and relationships with others.

HOW TO USE ECSEL SPACES

When children and youth are feeling overwhelmed, upset, or are in need of a quiet space:

- Invite them to use the safe spaces.
- Encourage them to use the tools provided in the safe space to help them cope with their big feelings.
- Parents can offer support and gentle guidance when necessary.

LOCATIONS

Ventura County District Attorney's Office - Crime Victims' Assistance Unit

Ventura County Government Center - Hall of Justice
800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009
Victim/Witness Waiting Areas – Rooms 311 & 315

AMENITIES

Hands-on tools and materials inspired by play therapy, bibliotherapy, mindfulness and sensory integration will be available for children and youth to use.

RESOURCES

Informational brochures and books on relevant topics such as building resilience in children, promoting coping strategies, and nurturing social-emotional skills will be easily accessible and will serve as quick references for parents.

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

- 818-644-2235
- www.childhoodmatter.org
- contact@childhoodmatter.org



FIELDTRIPS

LEARNING ABOUT COMMUNITY CAREERS FOR DEAF YOUTH & FAMILIES

SAVE THE DATES

9am to 1pm

Saturday: 8/26 Saturday: 10/28
Saturday: 9/2 Saturday: 11/4
Saturday: 9/23 Saturday: 11/11
Saturday: 10/7 Saturday: 11/18

FIELDTRIPS THROUGHOUT VENTURA COUNTY INCLUDES:

- Audiology Hearing Center
- Proctor & Gamble
- Ventura County Credit Union
- Naturipe Berry Growers
- Oxnard Police Dept.
- Ventura County Fire Dept.
- Dignity Health
- Sam's Club

PROGRAM BENEFITS: (ages 5-21)

These interactive and comprehensive weekly community events support No Limits new Town Square at Oxnard Educational Center, teaching deaf children and families the fundamentals of business operations, career exploration, meeting community leaders, including the Mayor of Oxnard, all in a fun hands-on, interactive learning environment.

- New Vocabulary
- Language Development
- Learning about the ins-and-outs of different careers and more!
- Comprehension of Life Concepts
- Literacy Development
- Math and Making Budgets

WE WILL ALSO VISIT OXNARD'S CITY HALL AND MEET THE MAYOR OF OXNARD



DON'T MISS OUT AND SIGN UP TODAY!

Please sign up by August 14th. All Family Members welcomed to join and learn.

To register or for more information, contact
Jeannette Robles at: dreambig@nolimitsfordeafchildren.org



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



The program is intended to build female individual empowerment, self-determination; and create a sense of belonging and well-being for Latinas.

DO YOU FEEL THAT STRESS, ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION ARE TAKING OVER YOUR LIFE?

FREE



EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

A variety of workshops such as Financial literacy workshop will reduce stress, anxiety and build financial wellness, confidence, and security for women.



YOGA/MEDITATION CLASSES

Creates mental clarity and calmness; increases body awareness; relieves chronic stress patterns; relaxes the mind; centers attention; and sharpens concentration.



MINI-EVENTS

Events such as family art nights, mini-events, and weekly serenade sessions by the Nyeland Acres Youth Mariachi.

REGISTER

NOW TO BE PART OF THIS PROGRAM



805-844-0861



NyelandPromise@gmail.com

www.NyelandPromise.com

YOGA/MEDITATION CLASSES



The second Thursday of the month at 6:30PM
@ the Nyeland Acres Community Center

Funding provided by Ventura County Behavioral Health, Mental Health Services Act

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From: bhabadmin
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 2:56 PM
Subject: HCA Community Survey Link and Information from EvalCorp
Attachments: ENG&SPAN-VC HCA Community Health Survey Flyer.pdf

Approved for distribution to all BHAB Members by Janis Gardner, Chair – Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

Dear BHAB Members and interested parties,

Per BHAB members request, please find below information from EvalCorp.

- A link to the HCA Community Health Survey (Spanish/English) that can be shared via email or text message: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7285783/VCHCA-NA-Community-Member-Survey>
 - We are also attaching a small, square Community Health Survey “ad” that is sized for social media platforms or email, and can be shared along with the above link, if you wish.
- The Spanish/English Community Health Survey flyer is also attached for sharing, with a QR Code that will lead users to the survey.

Please note there is a language toggle button in the survey and instructions for changing the language are included at the top of the surveys.

We hope these items will be useful and that you will let me know if you or your colleagues have any questions

We appreciate the BHAB’s support of the survey effort!



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TRANSLATION:

Aprobado para su distribución a todos los miembros de BHAB por Janis Gardner, Presidenta de la Junta Asesora de Salud del Comportamiento.

Estimados miembros de BHAB y partes interesadas,

Según la solicitud de los miembros de BHAB, a continuación, encontrará información de EvalCorp.

- Un enlace a la Encuesta de Salud Comunitaria de HCA (español/inglés) que se puede compartir por correo electrónico o mensaje de texto: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7285783/VCHCA-NA-Community-Member-Survey>
 - También adjuntamos un pequeño y cuadrado "anuncio" de la Encuesta de Salud Comunitaria que tiene el tamaño de las plataformas de redes sociales o correo electrónico, y se puede compartir junto con el enlace anterior, si lo desea.
- El folleto de la Encuesta de Salud Comunitaria en español / inglés también se adjunta para compartir, con un código QR que llevará a los usuarios a la encuesta.

Tenga en cuenta que hay un botón de alternancia de idioma en la encuesta y las instrucciones para cambiar el idioma se incluyen en la parte superior de las encuestas.

Esperamos que estos artículos sean útiles y que me haga saber si usted o sus colegas tienen alguna pregunta.

¡Agradecemos el apoyo de la BHAB al esfuerzo de la encuesta!



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¡EL CONDADO DE VENTURA QUIERE ESCUCHAR TU OPINIÓN!

Completa esta encuesta de 2 minutos para compartir tus opiniones sobre las necesidades de salud mental en el Condado de Ventura.

VENTURA COUNTY WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Take this 2-minute survey to share your thoughts on behavioral health needs in Ventura County.



VENTURA COUNTY
HEALTH CARE AGENCY

ENCUESTA DE SALUD COMUNITARIA

Por favor, tóme **dos minutos** para responder una encuesta y compartir sus opiniones sobre **las necesidades de salud conductual en el Condado de Ventura**. Sus comentarios son muy importantes para nosotros y nos ayudarán a asegurar que los servicios puedan satisfacer mejor las necesidades de salud mental y uso de sustancias en todo el condado.

Por favor, escanea el código QR para realizar la encuesta.



Please scan the QR code to take the survey.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SURVEY

Please take a **2 minute survey** to share your thoughts on **behavioral health needs in Ventura County**. Your feedback is very important to us and will help ensure that services can better meet the mental health and substance use needs throughout the county.

DeLeon, Jakeline

From: bhabadmin
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2023 8:54 AM
Subject: Facing Down Fentanyl Town Hall
Attachments: ENG&SPAN - COAST-FallForum2023-Flyer_FNL.pdf

Approved for distribution to all BHAB Members by Janis Gardner, Chair – Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

Good morning,

I hope all is well.

Please see the attached flyer for information on the Ventura County Facing Down Fentanyl Town Hall.

TRANSLATION:

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Buenos dias,

Espero que todo este bien.

Consulte el folleto adjunto para obtener información sobre el Ayuntamiento de Facing Down Fentanyl del Condado de Ventura.

Gracias.

Thank you,

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Facing Down Fentanyl

A VENTURA COUNTY TOWN HALL

Wednesday, September 27 • 6:00 – 7:30PM

Ventura County Office of Education • 5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo, CA

FREE EVENT • DINNER PROVIDED

County leaders will discuss the ongoing opioid crisis in our community, and what you need to know about fentanyl to protect the health and safety of your family.

Brought to you by Ventura County's Behavioral Health Department, in cooperation with Superintendent of Schools Dr. Cesar Morales, attendees at this Town Hall event will hear from panelists:

- District Attorney Erik Nasarenko
- Medical Examiner Dr. Christopher Young
- Public Health Officer Dr. Robert Levin
- Sheriff Jim Fryhoff
- Behavioral Health Division Chief Raena West

181 Fentanyl Overdose Deaths
in Ventura County in 2022



Fentanyl can be found in fake pills and any street drug.

Light dinner and refreshments.

Spanish interpretation available.

Email ahead for ASL interpretation services:
Sheila.Murphy@ventura.org.

REGISTER NOW

<https://fentanylforum.eventbrite.com>



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From: bhabadmin
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2023 9:09 AM
Subject: Tri-Counties Regional Center Listening Session
Attachments: TCRC Listening Sessions Accesible Final.pdf; TCRC Listening Sessions Oxnard Spanish Accesible.pdf

Approved for distribution to all BHAB Members by Janis Gardner, Chair – Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

Good morning,

Happy Friday!

Please see the flyer attached above for a Tri-Counties Regional Center “Bridging the Gap” listening session.

TRANSLATION:

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Buenos dias,

¡Feliz Viernes!

Consulte el folleto adjunto arriba para ver una sesión de escucha del Centro Regional de los Tres Condados “Bridging the Gap”.

Gracias.

Thank you,

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BRIDGING THE GAP

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Join us for an in-person listening session for People with I/DD their families, and allies to discuss:

Intellectual and Developmental Disability with Co-Occurring Behavioral Health Needs

Tuesday, August 29, 2023, 3:00 to 4:30 PM

Tri-Counties Regional Center

2401 E. Gonzales, #100 Oxnard, CA 93936

Hosted by State Council on Developmental Disability, Rainbow Connection, Tri-Counties Regional Center, and Ally Comprehensive Services

- We want to hear about your experiences within the systems to help us understand the needs of the community.
- Individuals and families are encouraged to share experiences, ask questions, and offer recommendations about services and supports for I/DD - BH.
- The information gained from this listening session will be used to create a series of future behavioral health trainings to inform individuals and families on best practices and system navigation.

If you require accessible alternative formats of materials and/or auxiliary aids/services to participate, contact David Grady (david.grady@scdd.ca.gov) at least five business days prior to the event.

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/rs8nueJR6eat2gjR6>



From: [bhabadmin](#)
Subject: FW: The latest news from the County of Ventura
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 10:13:54 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Approved for distribution to all BHAB Members by Janis Gardner, Chair – Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

Good morning,

I hope all is well and I hope you had a great weekend.

Please see the message below for upcoming events and news from the County of Ventura.

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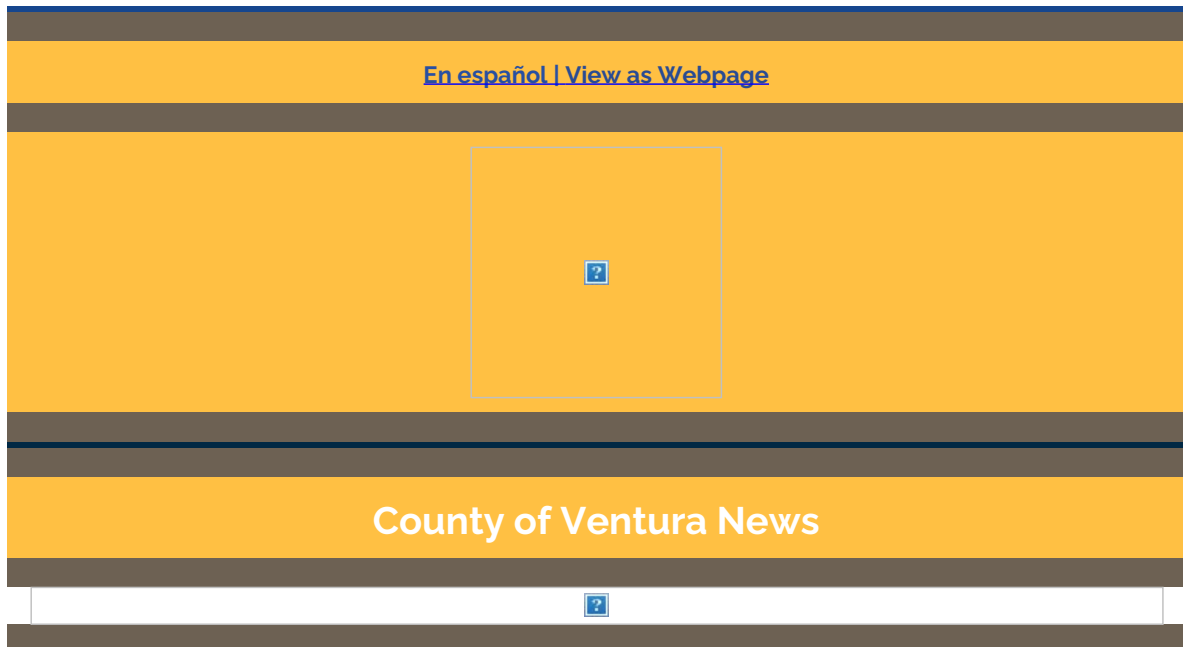
Consulte el mensaje a continuación para conocer los próximos eventos y las novedades del condado de Ventura.

Gracias.

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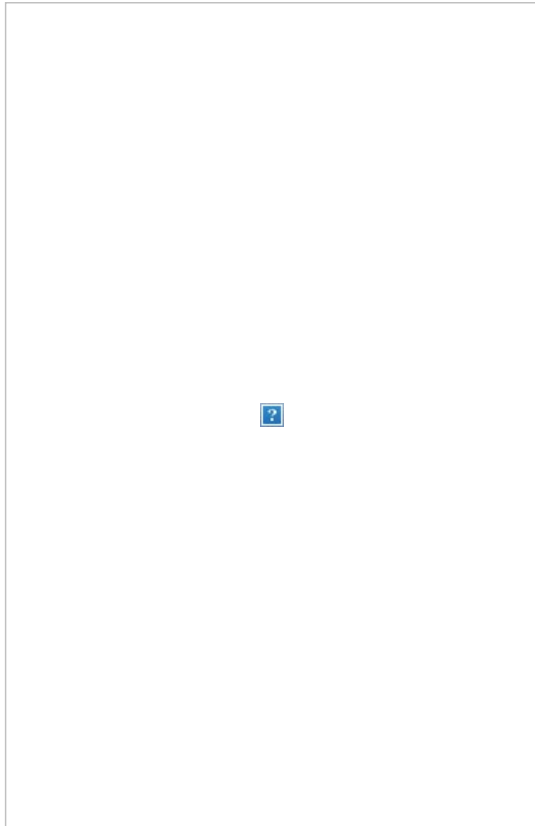
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County of Ventura News

Thank you for staying up-to-date on news at the County of Ventura! Want to sign up for our

newsletter?

Community members who are not already subscribed may sign up to receive our newsletter in [English here](#) and in [Spanish here](#).



Ventura County Animal Services is Clearing the Shelters

Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) is thrilled to announce their participation in Clear The Shelters. The nationwide pet adoption event is organized by NBC Universal.

This one-day pet adoption event will be held on **Saturday, August 26th, 2023, from 11:00am-5:00 pm** at both the Camarillo and Simi Valley Animal Shelters. Shelter Director, Jackie Rose, says "the goal of Clear The Shelters is to find a loving home for every available animal in our care!"

To assist residents with the initial cost associated with adopting a shelter animal, VCAS will be waiving all pet adoption fees, though a small pet license fee may apply.

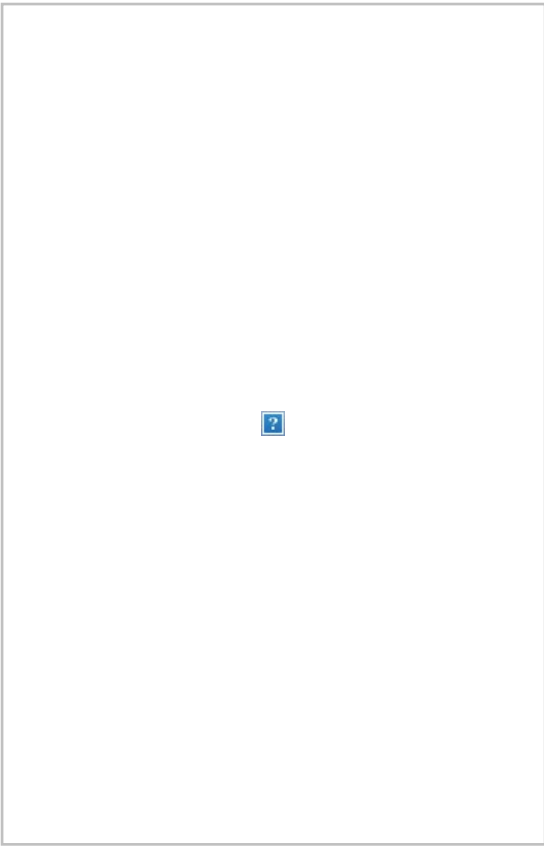
Adoption gifts provided by Hill's Science Diet, VCA Animal Hospital, and Assemblymember Steve Bennett. Eventgoers are encouraged to preview shelter animals online at www.vcas.us/pets to see who they may be interested in adopting.

Shelter officials estimate there will be over 300 animals to choose from at this event, including dogs, puppies, cats, kittens, rabbits and other furry friends. "With the shelter running at 110% capacity, Clear The Shelters could not have come at a better time," said Marketing Manager, Randy Friedman.

VCAS wishes to remind everyone that promotions do not guarantee the adoption of a shelter pet and that all interested parties must participate in the full adoption process to ensure the best possible matches are made.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

150 Days of Celebration



Mark your calendars!

The County of Ventura and the Museum of Ventura County will be holding a series of family-friendly pop-up celebrations across the county in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Ventura County. Join our team at the Pop-Up Celebration Ragtime Revival for some family-friendly fun **Saturday, September 16th!**

Pop-up celebrations will be held at larger festival events and will feature community organizations that will provide opportunities for adults and children to interact and learn more about the rich history and traditions of Ventura County. These community partners will provide opportunities for residents to participate in arts and crafts activities, enjoy performances, and learn more about Ventura County's heritage both past and present.

A full calendar of events can be found at www.venturacounty150.com

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Remembering Carmen Ramirez: One Year Later

Remembering Ventura County Supervisor Carmen Ramirez: One Year Later

Friends, family and first responders gathered on Saturday, August 12th to mark the one year anniversary of the untimely death of Carmen Ramirez. People took time to remember the Ventura County Supervisor at Heritage Square in Oxnard.

Ramirez's husband Roy Prince thanked those who attended the event for their ongoing support before asking the crowd to hold a moment of silence for his belated wife.

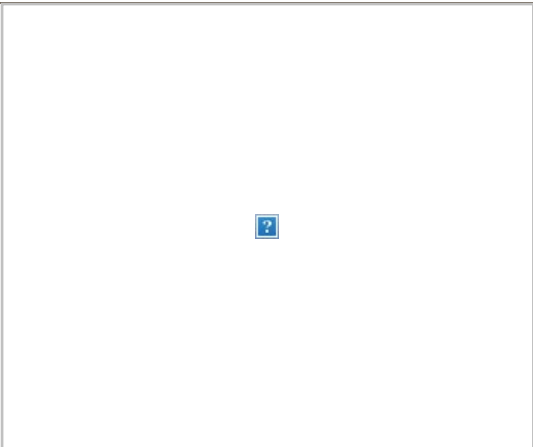
Ramirez is remembered for fighting for social justice. She became the first Latina Ventura County Supervisor after serving a decade on the Oxnard City Council.

Recently, a new Family Justice Center was named after Ramirez. A mural has been painted with her image near Oxnard City Hall and *The Carmen Ramirez Legacy Scholarship Fund for Public Service* through the [Ventura County Community Foundation](#) has been set up to inspire others to carry on her work.

Numerous tributes in her honor continue throughout the county including a garden at the Ventura County Government center scheduled to be completed this fall.

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**Ventura County Clerk-Recorder &
Registrar of Voters is looking for Election
Workers**



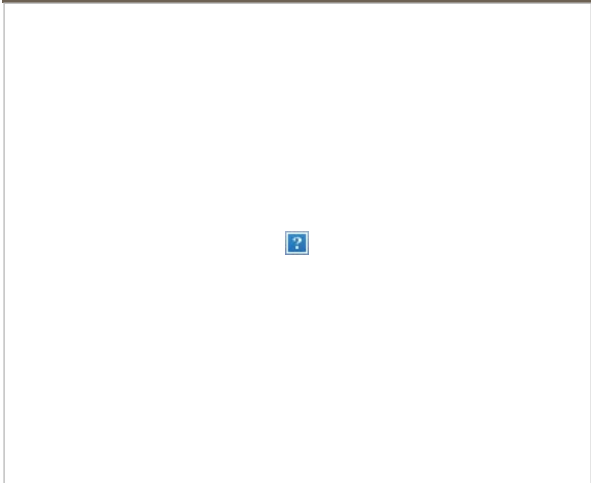
The Ventura County Clerk-Recorder & Registrar of Voters is seeking qualified candidates for job opportunities they will post in September.

Do you want to give back and get paid at the same time? We are on the lookout for potential Election workers. Job listings will be posted in September.

If you have worked an election before or speak another language – reach out to us! Send us an email with your contact information to ElectionWorker@ventura.org. We will contact you with more information on what the job entails.

Our Election Workers contribute a valuable community service to our electoral process. We look forward to having you join our team! Go to VenturaVote.org to find out more.

[LEARN MORE](#)



5.1 Magnitude Earthquake Hits Ojai While Tropical Storm Hilary Hits the Ventura County Coast

The quake struck at 2:45 pm Sunday, August 20th and was centered roughly four miles southeast of Ojai while county residents hunkered down bracing for Tropical Storm Hilary. The National Weather Service issued tropical storm and flash flood warnings for parts of Ventura County.

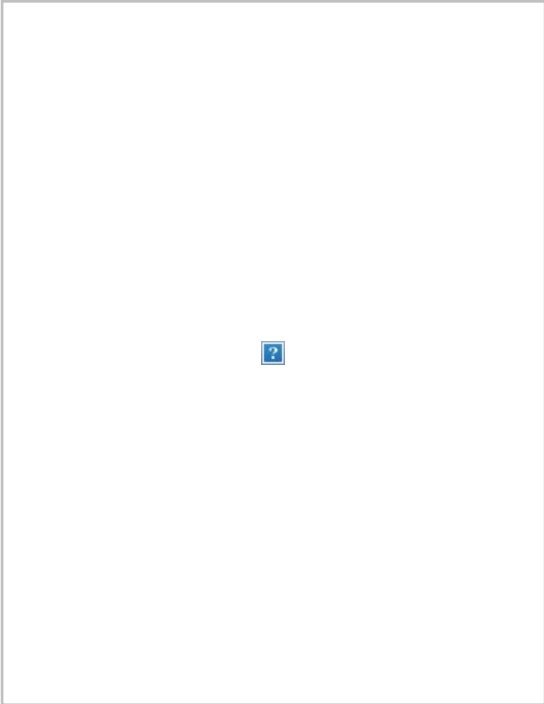
Santa Paula recorded the most rainfall with 4.25" over the weekend. The majority of other locations across Ventura County received 1" to 3.5" of rain.

Fortunately no reports of injuries or major damage to structures were made.

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[MORE INFORMATION](#)



Ocean Water Quality Monitoring Report

Ocean water quality results for samples collected this week indicate ocean water quality at the following Ventura County beach sampling location failed to meet State standards for bacteria:

- Rincon Beach (River Mouth)
- Faria County Park Beach
- Solimar Beach
- Emma Wood State Beach
- Surfer's Point at Seaside
- Promenade Park Beach (Figueroa Street)
- San Buenaventura State Beach (Sanjon Road)
- Surfers' Knoll
- Channel Islands Harbor – Hobie Beach
- Channel Islands Harbor – Kiddie Beach
- Silverstrand Beach – Sawtelle Avenue
- Ormond Beach Industrial Drain

Warning signs are currently posted and contact with ocean water should be avoided for a minimum of 50 yards on either side of each posted sign. Warning signs will remain posted until ocean water quality meets State standards.

Any items that may have come in contact with ocean water should be avoided. If contact occurs, wash thoroughly with soap and water. Any shellfish on or from Ventura County beaches may have also been exposed to this contamination and should not be eaten.

Ocean Water Quality Monitoring Program staff will continue with weekly bacteriological sampling of Ventura County beaches. Results for specific beaches are also available on the Environmental Health Division hotline (recorded information), 805/662-6555, and on the Ocean Water Program Web page at:

www.vcrma.org/ocean-water-quality-monitoring-program

You can also view any current beach advisories and learn about the state ocean water quality standards on the VC Safe Beaches app, available for Android and Apple devices.

[READ MORE](#)

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT - Ventura County Fire Department

The Ventura County Fire Department's Single Resource Canine Unit was deployed to Maui August 12th. Eric Darling, a retired VCFD firefighter and Canine Search Specialist assists the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) during crisis.

Darling and his canine, Mazie, are searching through destroyed neighborhoods in Lahaina for the remains of those who perished. This is the third major campaign fire for Darling who has provided support during the Paradise and North Complex Fires. "It's challenging, but we want to ensure that everybody comes home who tragically passed," said Darling. Mazie, a six and a half year old, black Labrador Retriever has undergone extensive training in human remains detection in order to track down those lost in the rubble.

42 canine teams are on deployment to assist the FEMA Task Force. Darling is thankful to the Urban Search and Rescue for lending their support. "We just want to bring closure to the families who have lost loved ones," said Darling.

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Noticias del Condado de Ventura



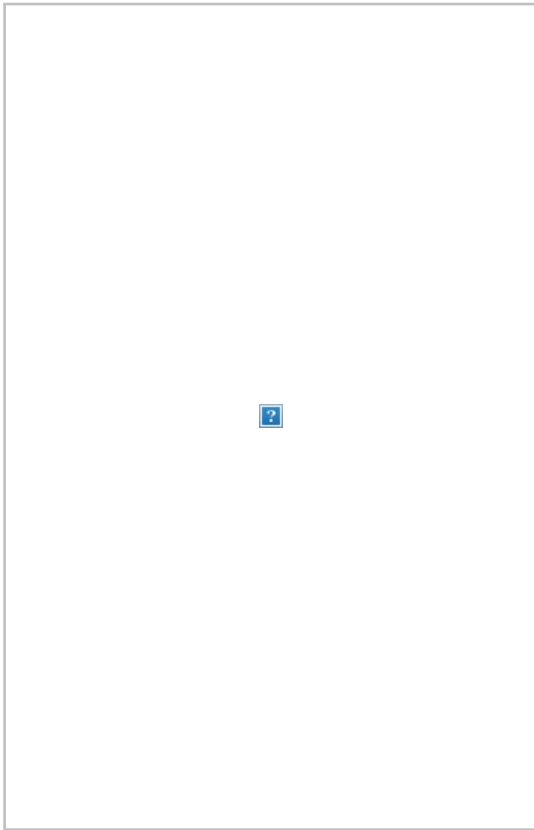
¡Gracias por mantenerse al día sobre las noticias en el Condado de Ventura! ¿Quieres suscribirte a nuestro boletín?

Los miembros de la comunidad que aún no estén suscritos pueden suscribirse para recibir nuestro boletín en [Español aquí](#) y en [Español aquí](#).

Servicios para Animales del Condado de Ventura está limpiando los refugios

Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) se complace en anunciar su participación en Clear The Shelters, el evento nacional de adopción de mascotas organizado por NBC Universal.

Este evento de adopción de mascotas de un día se llevará a cabo el **Sábado, 26 de agosto de 2023, de 11:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.** en los refugios de



animales de Camarillo y Simi Valley. La directora del refugio, Jackie Rose, dice que "el objetivo de Clear The Shelters es encontrar un hogar amoroso para cada animal disponible bajo nuestro cuidado".

Para ayudar a los residentes con el costo inicial asociado con la adopción de un animal de refugio, VCAS renunciará a todas las tarifas de adopción de mascotas, aunque se puede aplicar una pequeña tarifa de licencia de mascota.

Regalos de adopción proporcionados por Hill's Science Diet, VCA Animal Hospital y el asambleísta Steve Bennett. Se anima a los asistentes al evento a obtener una vista previa de los animales del refugio en línea en www.vcas.us/pets para ver a quién les puede interesar adoptar.

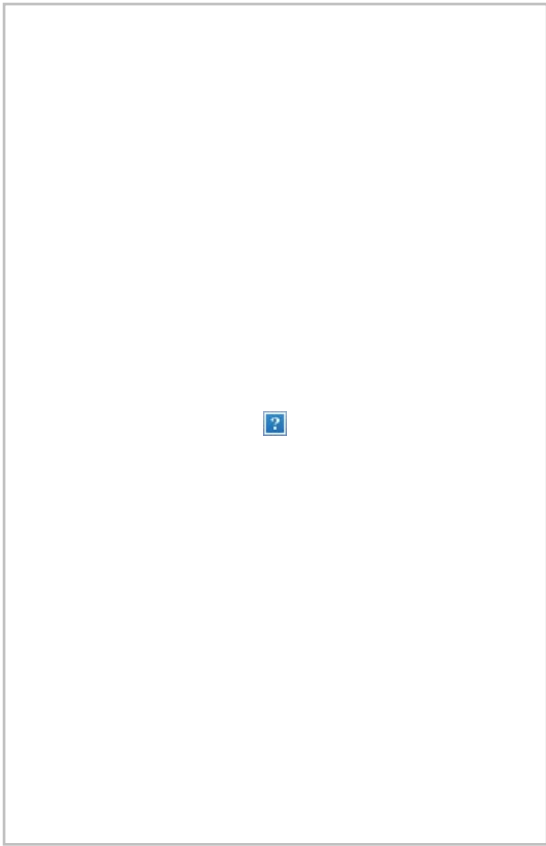
Los funcionarios del refugio estiman que habrá más de 300 animales para elegir en este evento, incluidos perros, cachorros, gatos, gatitos, conejos y otros amigos peludos. "Con el refugio funcionando al 110% de su capacidad, Clear The Shelters no podría haber llegado en un mejor momento", dijo el gerente de marketing, Randy Friedman.

VCAS desea recordar a todos que las promociones no garantizan la adopción de una mascota de refugio y que todas las partes interesadas deben participar en el proceso completo de adopción para garantizar que se realicen las mejores coincidencias posibles.

MÁS INFORMACIÓN

150 días de celebración

¡Marque sus calendarios!



El Condado de Ventura y el Museo del Condado de Ventura llevarán a cabo una serie de celebraciones emergentes para toda la familia en todo el condado en celebración de la 150ª Aniversario del Condado de Ventura. Únase a nuestro equipo en el Pop-Up Celebration Ragtime Revival para divertirse en familia **¡Sábado 16 de septiembre!**

Las celebraciones emergentes se llevarán a cabo en eventos de festivales más grandes y contarán con organizaciones comunitarias que brindarán oportunidades para que adultos y niños interactúen y aprendan más sobre la rica historia y tradiciones del Condado de Ventura. Estos socios comunitarios brindarán oportunidades para que los residentes participen en actividades artísticas y artesanales, disfruten de actuaciones y aprendan más sobre el patrimonio del Condado de Ventura, tanto en el pasado como en el presente.

Un calendario completo de eventos se puede encontrar en www.venturacounty150.com

[APRENDE MÁS](#)



Remembering Carmen Ramirez: One Year Later

Recordando a la Supervisora del Condado de Ventura, Carmen Ramírez: Un año después

Amigos, familiares y socorristas se reunieron el sábado 12 de agosto para conmemorar el primer aniversario de la muerte prematura de Carmen Ramírez. La gente se tomó el tiempo para recordar al Supervisor del Condado de Ventura en Heritage Square en Oxnard.

El esposo de Ramírez, Roy Prince, agradeció a los asistentes al evento por su apoyo continuo antes de pedirle a la multitud que guardara un momento de silencio por su tardía esposa.

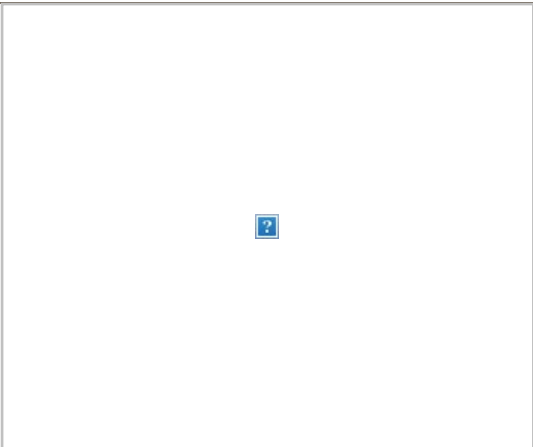
Ramírez es recordado por luchar por la justicia social. Se convirtió en la primera Supervisora Latina del Condado de Ventura después de servir una década en el Concejo Municipal de Oxnard.

Recientemente, un nuevo Centro de Justicia Familiar lleva el nombre de Ramírez. Un mural ha sido pintado con su imagen cerca del Ayuntamiento de Oxnard y *El Fondo de Becas Carmen Ramírez Legacy para el Servicio Público* a través de la [Fundación Comunitaria del Condado de Ventura](#) ha sido creada para inspirar a otros a continuar su trabajo.

Numerosos tributos en su honor continúan en todo el condado, incluido un jardín en el centro del gobierno del condado de Ventura programado para completarse este otoño.

APRENDE MÁS

**El Secretario-Registrador y Registrador de
Votantes del Condado de Ventura está**



buscando trabajadores electorales

El Secretario-Registrador y Registrador de Votantes del Condado de Ventura está buscando candidatos calificados para las oportunidades de trabajo que publicarán en septiembre.

¿Quieres retribuir y que te paguen al mismo tiempo? Estamos en la búsqueda de posibles trabajadores electorales. Los listados de trabajo se publicarán en septiembre.

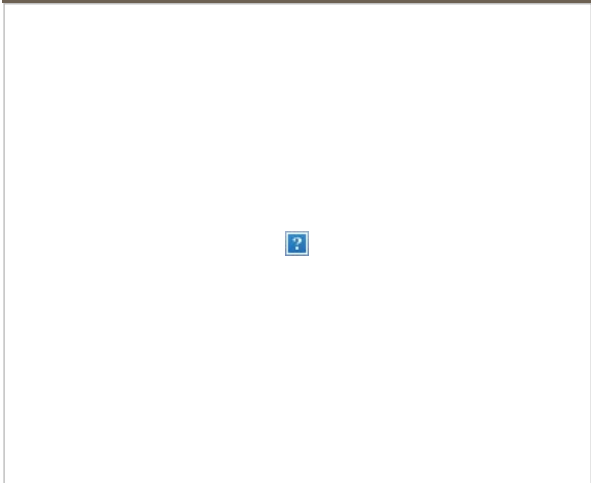
Si ha trabajado en una elección antes o habla otro idioma, ¡comuníquese con nosotros!

Envíenos un correo electrónico con su información de contacto a ElectionWorker@ventura.org. Nos pondremos en contacto contigo con más información sobre lo que implica el trabajo.

Nuestros trabajadores electorales contribuyen con un valioso servicio comunitario a nuestro proceso electoral.

¡Esperamos que te unas a nuestro equipo!
Ir Para VenturaVote.org to Más información.

APRENDE MÁS



Terremoto de magnitud 5.1 golpea Ojai mientras la tormenta tropical Hilary golpea la costa del condado de Ventura

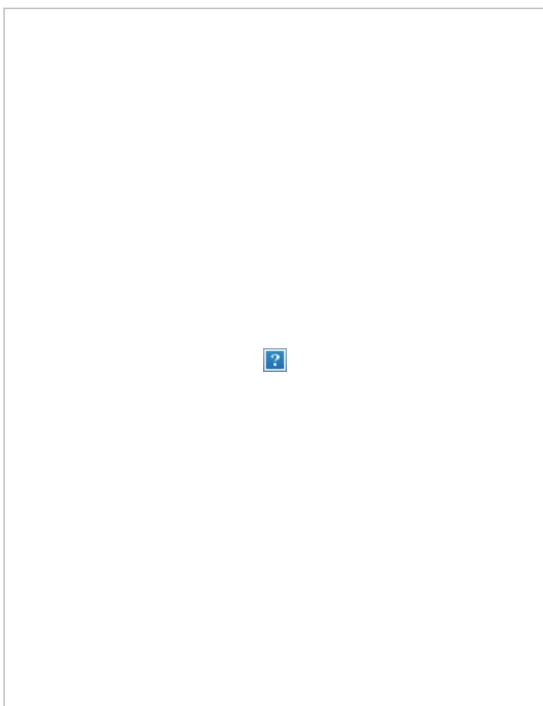
El terremoto ocurrió a las 2:45 pm del domingo 20 de agosto y se centró aproximadamente a cuatro millas al sureste de Ojai mientras los residentes del condado se preparaban para la tormenta tropical Hilary. El Servicio Meteorológico Nacional emitió advertencias de tormenta tropical e inundaciones repentinas para partes del condado de Ventura.

Santa Paula registró la mayor cantidad de lluvia con 4.25 "durante el fin de semana. La mayoría de los otros lugares en todo el condado de Ventura recibieron de 1 "a 3.5" de lluvia.

Afortunadamente, no se hicieron informes de lesiones o daños importantes a las estructuras.

Regístrese para recibir alertas de VC [aquí](#).

MÁS INFORMACIÓN



Informe de Monitoreo de la Calidad del Agua Oceánica

Los resultados de la calidad del agua del océano para las muestras recolectadas esta semana indican que la calidad del agua del océano en el siguiente lugar de muestreo de la playa del Condado de Ventura no cumplió con los estándares estatales para las bacterias:

- Playa Rincón (Desembocadura del Río)
- Playa del Parque del Condado de Faria
- Playa Solimar
- Playa Estatal Emma Wood
- Surfer's Point en Seaside
- Playa Promenade Park (Calle Figueroa)
- Playa Estatal San Buenaventura (Sanjon Road)
- Surfers' Knoll
- Puerto de las Islas del Canal – Playa Hobie
- Puerto de las Islas del Canal – Playa para niños
- Playa Silverstrand – Avenida Sawtelle
- Desagüe industrial Ormond Beach

Actualmente se colocan señales de advertencia y se debe evitar el contacto con el agua del océano durante un mínimo de 50 yardas a cada lado de cada señal publicada. Las señales de advertencia permanecerán publicadas hasta que la calidad del agua del océano cumpla con los estándares estatales.

Se debe evitar cualquier artículo que pueda haber estado en contacto con el agua del océano. Si se produce contacto, lávese bien con agua y jabón. Cualquier marisco en o desde las playas del Condado de Ventura también puede haber estado expuesto a esta contaminación y no debe comerse.

El personal del Programa de Monitoreo de la Calidad del Agua del Océano continuará con el muestreo bacteriológico semanal de las playas del Condado de Ventura. Los resultados para playas específicas también están disponibles en la línea directa de la División de Salud Ambiental

(información registrada), 805/662-6555, y en la página web del Programa de Agua Oceánica en: www.vcrma.org/ocean-water-quality-monitoring-program

También puede ver cualquier aviso actual de playa y conocer los estándares estatales de calidad del agua del océano en la aplicación VC Safe Beaches, disponible para dispositivos Android y Apple.

LEER MÁS

AGENCIA DESTACADA - Departamento de Bomberos del Condado de Ventura

La Unidad Canina de Recurso Único del Departamento de Bomberos del Condado de Ventura fue desplegada en Maui el 12 de agosto. Eric Darling, un bombero retirado de VCFD y especialista en búsqueda canina ayuda a la Agencia Federal para el Manejo de Emergencias (FEMA) durante la crisis.

Darling y su canina, Mazie, están buscando en los vecindarios destruidos de Lahaina los restos de los que perecieron. Este es el tercer gran incendio de campaña para Darling, quien ha brindado apoyo durante los incendios Paradise y North Complex. "Es un desafío, pero queremos asegurarnos de que todos regresen a casa que hayan fallecido trágicamente", dijo Darling. Mazie, un Labrador Retriever negro de seis años y medio, ha recibido un amplio entrenamiento en la detección de restos humanos para rastrear a los perdidos entre los escombros.

42 equipos caninos están desplegados para ayudar a la Fuerza de Tarea de FEMA. Darling agradece a Urban Search and Rescue por prestar su apoyo. "Solo queremos llevar un cierre a las familias que han perdido a sus seres queridos", dijo Darling.

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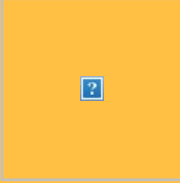
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Approved for distribution to all BHAB Members by Janis Gardner, Chair – Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

Good morning,

Happy Friday!

Please see the updated information below from the California Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions.

TRANSLATION:

Aprobado para su distribución a todos los miembros de BHAB por Janis Gardner, Presidenta de la Junta Asesora de Salud del Comportamiento.

Buenos días,

¡Feliz viernes!

Consulte la información actualizada a continuación de las Juntas y Comisiones Locales de Salud del Comportamiento de California.

Gracias.

Thank you,

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SB 326 (and a related ballot initiative) proposes substantial amendments to the Mental Health Services Act.

Sharing forward updates/information:

[CA State Association of Counties Update Article](#) August 25, 2023

[Impacts to Local Mental/Behavioral Health Board/Commissions - SB 326 Proposed WIC Amendments \(WIC 5604, 5604.1, 5604.2\)](#) August 15, 2023:

1. **Youth Requirement:** 5604. (2)(B)(i) Fifty percent of the board membership shall be consumers, or the parents, spouses, siblings, or adult children of consumers, who are receiving or have received *behavioral* health services. *One of these members shall be an individual who is 25 years of age or younger.* (ii) At least 20 percent of the total membership shall be consumers, and at least 20 percent shall be families of consumers.
2. "Mental" is changed to "Behavioral", and advising regarding "substance use disorder" is added within the duties.

[September 5th, 2 - 4 pm MHSOAC Meeting Update:](#) The Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) will hear an update on The Governor's Modernization Proposal (Senate Bill 326 (Eggman)), and will consider taking a position on SB 326.

[Additional Analyses & Articles](#) are at: www.calbhbc.org/bhsa

TRANSLATION:

SB 326 (y una iniciativa de votación relacionada) propone enmiendas sustanciales a la Ley de Servicios de Salud Mental.

Compartir actualizaciones/información hacia adelante:

[Artículo de actualización de la Asociación de Condados del Estado de California](#) 25 de agosto de 2023

[Impactos a la Junta / Comisiones Locales de Salud Mental / Conductual - SB 326 Enmiendas propuestas de WIC \(WIC 5604, 5604.1, 5604.2\)](#) 15 de agosto de 2023:

1. **Requisito para jóvenes:** 5604. (2) (B) (i) El cincuenta por ciento de los miembros de la junta serán consumidores, o los padres, cónyuges, hermanos o hijos adultos de los consumidores, que reciben o han recibido servicios de salud conductual. Uno de estos miembros será una persona que tenga 25 años de edad o menos. (ii) *Al menos el 20 por ciento de la membresía total serán consumidores,* y al menos el 20 por ciento serán familias de consumidores.
2. "Mental" se cambia a "Conductual", y se agrega asesoramiento sobre "trastorno por uso de sustancias" dentro de los deberes.

[5 de septiembre, 2 - 4 pm Actualización de la reunión de MHSOAC:](#) La Comisión de Supervisión y Responsabilidad de los Servicios de Salud Mental (MHSOAC) escuchará una actualización sobre la Propuesta de Modernización del Gobernador (Proyecto de Ley del Senado 326 (Eggman)), y considerará tomar una posición sobre SB 326.

[Los análisis y artículos adicionales](#) están en: www.calbhbc.org/bhsa

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From: bhabadmin
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Subject: FW: Opportunity to "Make Your Voice Heard" Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission

Approved for distribution to all BHAB Members by Janis Gardner, Chair – Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

Good morning,

Please see the message below from the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission for an opportunity to make your voice heard and share your thoughts.

TRANSLATION:

Aprobado para su distribución a todos los miembros de BHAB por Janis Gardner, Presidenta de la Junta Asesora de Salud del Comportamiento.

Buenos días,

Consulte el mensaje a continuación de la Comisión de Responsabilidad y Supervisión de Servicios de Salud Mental para tener la oportunidad de hacer oír su voz y compartir sus pensamientos.

Gracias.

Thank you,

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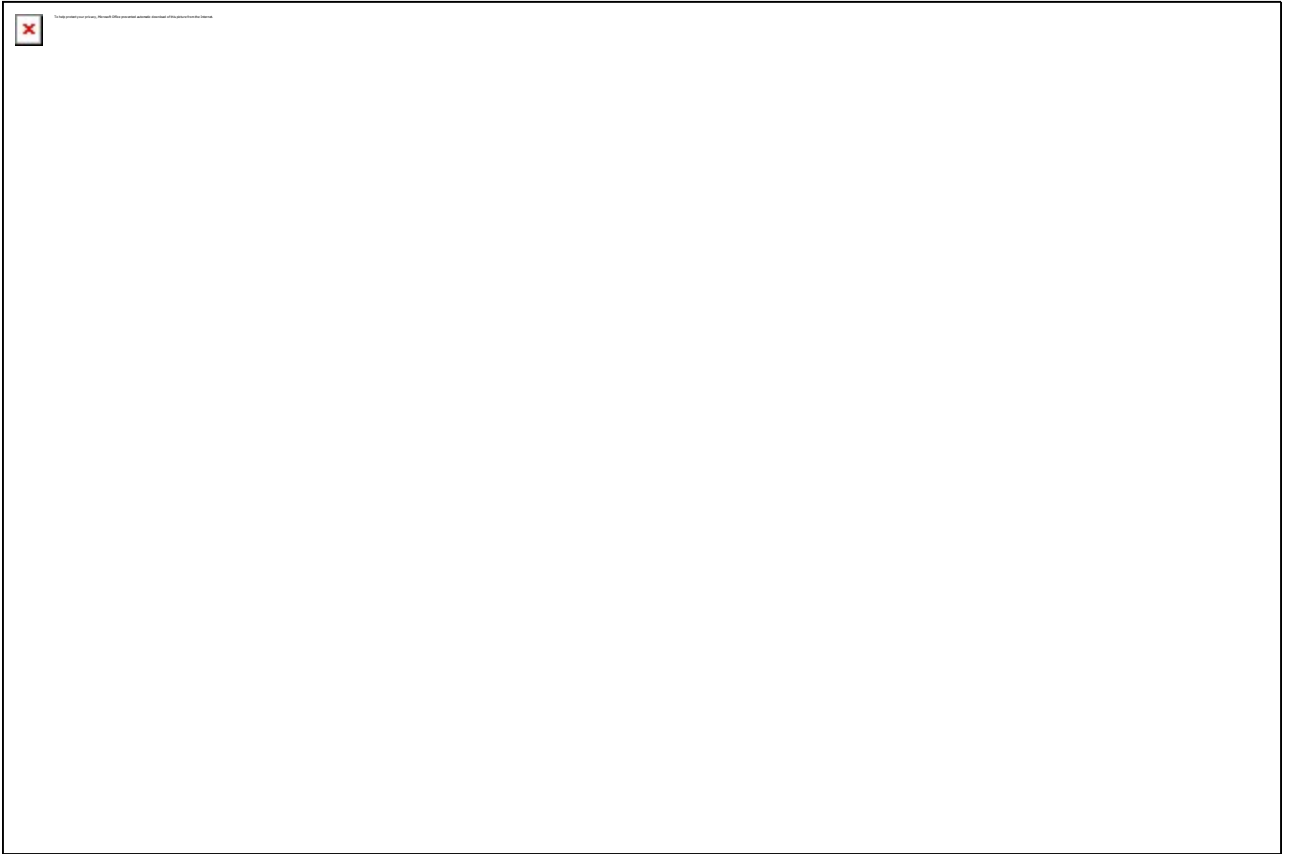
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The Commission Needs Your Help!

The Commission carries out the work of implementing the MHSR by creating four-year strategic plans to guide our work. The goal of all our strategic planning is ultimately to reduce the adverse outcomes of mental illness and promote the mental wellbeing of all Californians.

As we near the end of our current 2020-2023 Strategic Plan, it is time to develop our next plan, which will begin in January 2024.

Please consider providing us with your thoughts and ideas to help shape our strategic planning process for the next four years by answering a few simple questions available now on our website at:

<https://mhsoac.ca.gov/strategic-plan/make-your-voice-heard/>

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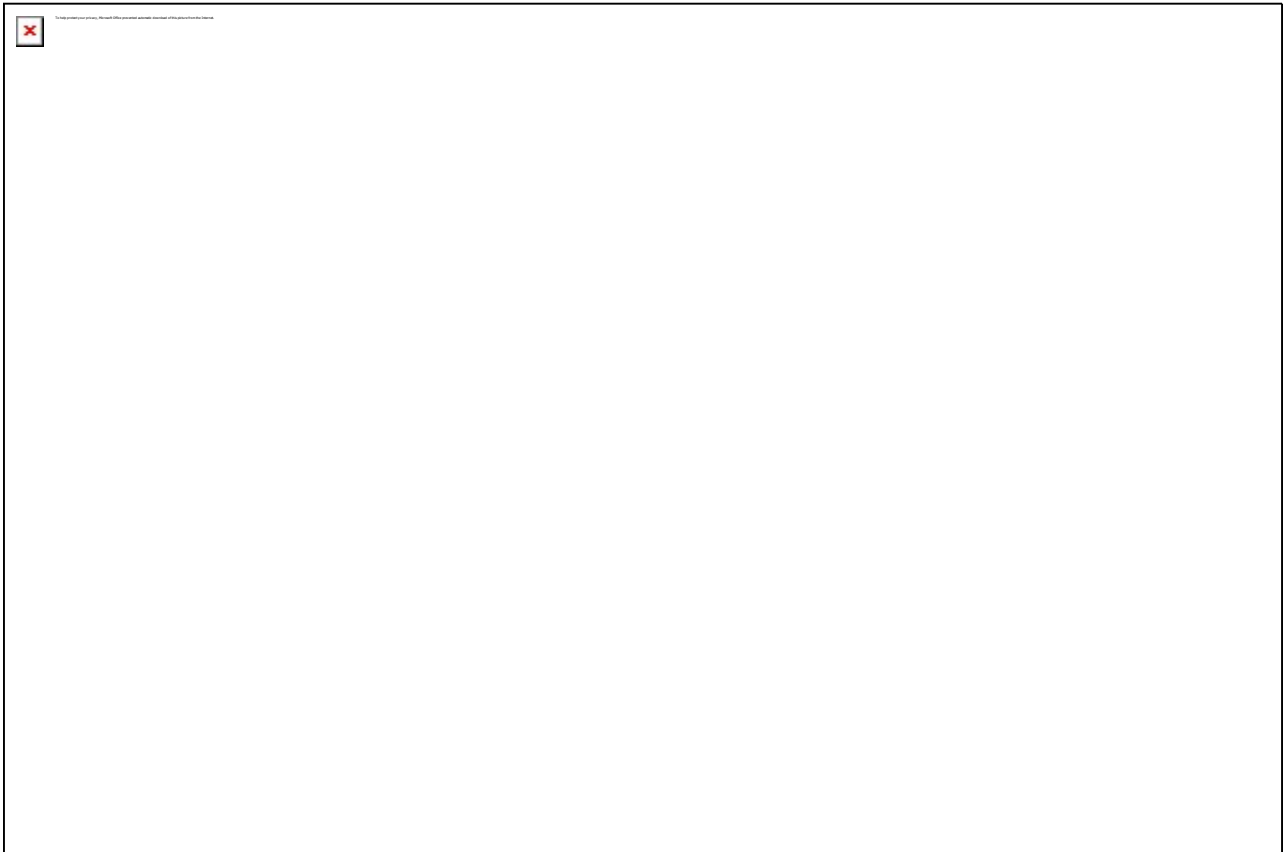
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TRANSLATION:

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Asunto: Haz que tu voz sea escuchada



¡La Comisión necesita su ayuda!

La Comisión lleva a cabo el trabajo de aplicación de la MHSa mediante la creación de planes estratégicos cuatrienales para guiar nuestro trabajo. El objetivo de toda nuestra

planificación estratégica es, en última instancia, reducir los resultados adversos de las enfermedades mentales y promover el bienestar mental de todos los californianos.

A medida que nos acercamos al final de nuestro actual Plan Estratégico 2020-2023, es hora de desarrollar nuestro próximo plan, que comenzará en enero de 2024.

Considere proporcionarnos sus pensamientos e ideas para ayudar a dar forma a nuestro proceso de planificación estratégica para los próximos cuatro años respondiendo algunas preguntas simples disponibles ahora en nuestro sitio web en:

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Approved for distribution to all BHAB Members by Janis Gardner, Chair – Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

Good afternoon,

I hope all is well.

Please see the message below regarding the 2023 Data Notebook as well as the attachments above.

TRANSLATION:

Aprobado para su distribución a todos los miembros de BHAB por Janis Gardner, Presidenta de la Junta Asesora de Salud del Comportamiento.

Buenas tardes,

Espero que todo este bien.

Consulte el mensaje a continuación sobre el Cuaderno de Datos de 2023, así como los archivos adjuntos anteriores.

Gracias.

Thank you,

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Sent on behalf of Justin Boese, Council Staff:

Dear Local Behavioral Health Board/Commission Chairs, Behavioral Health Directors, and staff,

On behalf of the California Behavioral Health Planning Council, I am pleased to transmit the 2023 Data Notebook survey for your completion. This Data Notebook focuses on the issue of "Stakeholder Engagement in the Public Behavioral Health System" which we hope you will find important and timely. This year, as in past years, the survey will be collected via an online survey through SurveyMonkey.

Attached to this email you will find a letter from Deborah Starkey, our chairperson, as well as the 2023 Data Notebook Survey Document. This document includes background information on the topics for this year's Data Notebook, as well as the survey questions. We have included both a PDF and Microsoft Word version of the document for your convenience.

Please note that the Data Notebook document is for informational and preparation purposes only; please use it to review the survey questions and prepare your responses. Once you have gathered the required information, use the SurveyMonkey link (included in the letter and the Data Notebook document) to submit your survey responses. We ask that you please submit your responses by **November 30, 2023**.

We greatly appreciate your participation with the Data Notebook project.

Best regards,



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Enviado en nombre de Justin Boese, personal del Consejo:

Estimados presidentes locales de la Junta / Comisión de Salud del Comportamiento, directores de salud conductual y personal,

En nombre del Consejo de Planificación de Salud Conductual de California, me complace transmitir la encuesta Data Notebook 2023 para su finalización. Este cuaderno de datos se centra en el tema de la "Participación de las partes interesadas en el sistema público de salud conductual", que esperamos que encuentre importante y oportuno. Este año, como en años anteriores, la encuesta se recopilará a través de una encuesta en línea a través de SurveyMonkey.

Adjunto a este correo electrónico encontrará una carta de Deborah Starkey, nuestra presidenta, así como el Documento de la encuesta del cuaderno de datos 2023. Este documento incluye información de antecedentes sobre los temas del Cuaderno de datos de este año, así como las preguntas de la encuesta. Hemos incluido una versión PDF y Microsoft Word del documento para su conveniencia.

Tenga en cuenta que el documento del Cuaderno de datos es *solo para fines informativos y de preparación.*; Utilícelo para revisar las preguntas de la encuesta y preparar sus respuestas. Una vez que hayas recopilado la información requerida, usa el enlace de SurveyMonkey (incluido en la carta y en el documento Cuaderno de datos) para enviar las respuestas de tu encuesta. Le pedimos que envíe sus respuestas a través de **30 de noviembre de 2023.**

Agradecemos enormemente su participación en el proyecto Data Notebook.

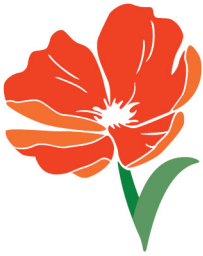
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Date: August 24, 2023

RE: 2023 Data Notebook

Dear Director of Behavioral Health Department, and
Chairperson of Behavioral Health Board/Commission,

This letter transmits the 2023 Data Notebook for local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions to use in reporting to the California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC). Most local boards will need to partner with their behavioral health departments for information to answer the questions in the Data Notebook. This survey will fulfill the legal mandate (W.I.C. 5604.2) for the local boards/commissions to report each year to the CBHPC. We request that that you send your answers to us by **November 30, 2023**, using the enclosed 'SurveyMonkey' reporting questionnaire at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DP8XG65>

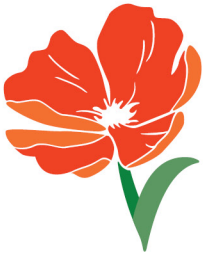
This year, in Part I, the Data Notebook 2023 addresses the standard yearly questions. Part II focuses on the topic of "Stakeholder Engagement in the Public Behavioral Health System."

Since 2020, we have asked each county group to submit their responses through an online survey at the link given above, instead of in a paper report as was done prior to 2020. Attached to this letter, you will receive the 2023 Data Notebook containing a report with statewide data, background information on this year's topic, and the survey questions. We have included a PDF and a Microsoft Word version of this document for your convenience.

Please note: the format of the survey questions in the Data Notebook document have been modified so that they can be displayed in the document. They may be presented differently on the SurveyMonkey website, but the text of the questions is the same.

To successfully complete the SurveyMonkey online survey:

- Use the Data Notebook document as your reference for gathering and planning your survey responses.
- Designate **one (1)** person fill out the online survey for your county to avoid duplicate responses.
- When the designated person accesses the online survey with the link, they can potentially submit a partially complete response and



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come back to it to finish it later. However, they must use the same computer each time to do so.

We greatly appreciate your participation in this project. If we can help with any questions, please contact DataNotebook@CBHPC.dhcs.ca.gov. If you have any questions or issues with the SurveyMonkey online survey specifically, please contact Justin Boese at Justin.Boese@cbhpc.dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Prepared by California Behavioral Health Planning Council, in collaboration with:
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The California Behavioral Health Planning Council (Council) is under federal and state mandate to advocate on behalf of adults with severe mental illness and children with severe emotional disturbance and their families. The Council is also statutorily required to advise the Legislature on behavioral health issues, policies, and priorities in California. The Council advocates for an accountable system of seamless, responsive services that are strength-based, consumer and family member driven, recovery oriented, culturally, and linguistically responsive and cost effective. Council recommendations promote cross-system collaboration to address the issues of access and effective treatment for the recovery, resilience, and wellness of Californians living with severe mental illness.

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NOTICE:

This document contains a textual **preview** of the California Behavioral Health Planning Council 2023 Data Notebook survey, as well as supplemental information and resources. It is meant as a **reference document only**. Some of the survey items appear differently on the live survey due to the difference in formatting.

DO NOT RETURN THIS DOCUMENT.

Please use it for preparation purposes only.

To complete your 2023 Data Notebook, please use the following link and fill out the survey online:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DP8XG65>

Please note, if you are working from a PDF, scanned image or photocopy, you will need to Copy/Paste or type the above address into your browser bar.

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CBHPC 2023 Data Notebook: Introduction

What is the Data Notebook? Purpose and Goals

The Data Notebook is a structured format to review information and report on aspects of each county's behavioral health services. A different part of the public behavioral health system is addressed each year, because the overall system is very large and complex. This system includes both mental health and substance use treatment services designed for individuals across the lifespan.

Local behavioral health boards/commissions are required to review performance outcomes data for their county and to report their findings to the California Behavioral Health Planning Council (Planning Council). To provide structure for the report and to make the reporting easier, each year a Data Notebook is created for local behavioral health boards to complete and submit to the Planning Council. Discussion questions seek input from local boards and their departments. These responses are analyzed by Planning Council staff to create annual reports to inform policy makers and the public.

The Data Notebook structure and questions are designed to meet important goals:

- To help local boards meet their legal mandates¹ to review and comment on their county's performance outcome data, and to communicate their findings to the Planning Council;
- To serve as an educational resource on behavioral health data;
- To obtain opinion and thoughts of local board members on specific topics;
- To identify unmet needs and make recommendations.

In 2019, we developed a section (Part I) with standard questions that are addressed each year to help us detect any trends in critical areas affecting our most vulnerable populations. These include foster youth, homeless individuals, and those with serious mental illness (SMI) who need housing in adult residential facilities (ARFs) and some other settings. These questions assist in the identification of unmet needs or gaps in services that may occur due to changes in population, resources, or public policy.

What's New This Year?

The topic selected for the 2023 Data Notebook is stakeholder engagement. The Planning Council has long supported upholding the principles of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and encourages consumer and family member participation in the

¹ W.I.C. 5604.2, regarding mandated reporting roles of MH Boards and Commissions in California.

stakeholder process for behavioral health services through the Community Program Planning (CPP) process, as well as other stakeholder engagement activities.

How the Data Notebook Project Helps You

Understanding data empowers individuals and groups in their advocacy. The Planning Council encourages all members of local behavioral health boards/commissions to participate in developing the responses for the Data Notebook. This is an opportunity for local boards and their county behavioral health departments to work together to identify important issues in their community. This work informs county and state leadership about local behavioral health (BH) programs, needs, and services. Some local boards use their Data Notebook in their annual report to the County Board of Supervisors.

In addition, the Planning Council will provide our annual ‘Overview Report’, which is a compilation of information from all of the local behavioral health boards/commissions who completed their Data Notebooks. These reports feature prominently on the website² of the California Association of Local Mental Health Boards and Commissions. The Planning Council uses this information in their advocacy to the legislature, and to provide input to the state mental health block grant application to SAMHSA³.

Example of Statewide Data for Specialty Mental Health and Access Rates

Tables 1-A and 1-B on the next two pages shows typical data and demographics for California recipients of Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) for fiscal year (FY) 2021-2022. These are the most recent data available at the time this document was prepared. SMHS are intended for adults with serious mental illness (SMI) and for children with serious emotional disorders (SED). The category of ‘certified eligibles’ means those persons (also called beneficiaries) who are eligible and approved to receive Medi-Cal benefits for health care.

These metrics are from datasets developed in accordance with California Welfare and Institutions code § 14707.7 (added as part of Assembly Bill 470 on 10/7/17). Due to recent changes in how AB 470 data is presented by DHCS in the Behavioral Health Demographic Dashboard⁴, demographic metrics presented are not exact, as the dashboard rounds them to the nearest .1 thousand (k) or million (M).

² See the annual Overview Reports on the Data Notebook posted at the California Association of Local Mental Health Boards and Commissions, <https://www.CALBHBC.org>.

³ SAMHSA: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services in the U.S. federal government. For reports, see www.SAMHSA.gov.

⁴ AB 470 Mental Health Services Demographics Dashboards, published by California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) at: <https://behavioralhealth-data.dhcs.ca.gov/>

Table 1-A. California Children and Youth: Access Rates for Specialty Mental Health Services,⁵ Fiscal Year 2021-22.

	Specialty Mental Health Services		
	FY 21-22		
	Number of Clients with MH Visits	Certified Eligibles	Rate
Children 0-2	6.8k	740.9k	0.9%
Children 3-5	15.9k	802.6k	2.0%
Children 6-11	68.5k	1.7m	4.0%
Children 12-17	119.2k	1.8m	6.7%
Youth 18-20	35.1k	79.1k	4.4%
Alaskan Native or American Indian	1k	12.3k	5.5%
Asian or Pacific Islander	7.4k	359.6k	2.0%
Black	23.7k	378.7k	6.3%
Hispanic	146.3k	3.3M	4.4%
Other	12.8k	445.5k	2.9%
Unknown	128.k	548.5k	2.5%
White	40.6k	750.3k	5.4%
Female	130.1k	2.8M	4.6%
Male	114.4k	3M	3.9%
Totals and Average Rates	244.5k	5.8M	4.3%

Notes: The first column presents the demographic groups of interest. Next there are three columns. The first column of numbers shows the number of clients who received one or more services, described as Specialty Mental Health Visits. The second column of numbers is labeled ‘Certified Eligibles’, which is the number of clients who were deemed eligible and approved to received health care paid by Medi-Cal. The third column of numbers represents the service penetration rates. These penetration rates are taken as one measure of Access. They are calculated by dividing the total number

⁵ In contrast, non-specialty Mental Health Services (i.e., Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS), etc), services generally designed for people with mild-to-moderate mental health needs.

of Clients with MH visits by the total number of Medi-Cal Eligibles, multiply by 100 to express the result as a percentage; this is taken as the “Access Rate.”

Table 1-B. California Adults and Older Adults, Access Rates for Specialty Mental Health Services, Fiscal Year 2021-22.⁶

	Specialty Mental Health Services		
	FY 21-22		
	Number of Clients with MH Visits	Certified Eligibles	Rate
Adults 21-32	102.2k	2.8M	3.6%
Adults 33-44	88.2k	2.3M	3.9%
Adults 45-56	71.5k	1.7M	4.1%
Adults 57-68	6.5k	1.6M	4.1%
Adults 69+	14.6k	1.1M	1.30%
Alaskan Native or American Indian	2.1k	38.8k	5.5%
Asian or Pacific Islander	19.4k	1.1M	1.8%
Black	50.3k	706.3k	7.1%
Hispanic	103.9k	4.1M	2.5%
Other	36.9k	977.8k	3.8%
Unknown	29.8k	684.6k	4.4%
White	99.1k	1.9M	5.1%
Female	177.3k	5.3M	3.3%
Male	164.2k	4.2M	3.9%
Totals and Access Rates	341.5k	9.5M	3.6%

Notes: The data for Adults and Older Adults were calculated similarly to the data for Children and Youth in Figure 1-A. For example, out of all Adult 9.5M Medi-Cal eligibles, a total of 341.5k individuals, i.e. 3.6% received Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS).

⁶ For comparison, the population of the state of California was **39,029,342** on April 1, 2020, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/CA>. Of those residents, 24.3% of Californians were adults (age 21 and above) receiving Medi-Cal benefits. Also, 14.9% of Californians were children or youth <20 who received Medi-Cal benefits. These numbers show that 39.2% of all Californians of all age groups received Medi-Cal in FY 2021-22.

CBHPC 2023 Data Notebook – Part I:

Standard Yearly Data and Questions for Counties and Local Boards

In recent years, changes in data availability permit local boards and other stakeholders to consult some Medi-Cal data online that is provided by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). These data include populations that receive Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment. Standard data are analyzed each year to evaluate the quality of county programs and those reports can be found at www.CalEQRO.com. Additionally, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) data are found in the ‘MHSA Transparency Tool’ presented on the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) website.⁷

The Planning Council would like to examine some county-level data that are not readily available online and for which there is no other public source. Please answer these questions using information for fiscal year (FY) 2021-2022 or the most recent fiscal year for which you have data. Not all counties will have readily available data for some of the questions asked below. In that case, please enter N/A for ‘data not available.’ We acknowledge and appreciate the necessary time and effort provided by local boards and their behavioral health departments to collect and discuss these data.

Adult Residential Care

There is little public data available about who is residing in licensed facilities listed on the website of the Community Care Licensing Division⁸ at the CA Department of Social Services. This lack of data makes it difficult to know how many of the licensed Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs) operate with services to meet the needs of adults with chronic and/or serious mental illness (SMI), compared to other adults who have physical or developmental disabilities. In 2020, legislation was signed that requires collection of data from licensed operators about how many residents have SMI and whether these facilities have services to support client recovery or transition to other housing. The response rate from facility operators does not provide an accurate picture for our work.

The Planning Council wants to understand what types of data are currently available at the county level regarding ARFs and Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMDs)⁹ available to serve individuals with SMI, and how many of these individuals (for whom the county has financial responsibility) are served in facilities such as ARFs or IMDs. ‘Bed day’ is

⁷ www.mhsoac.ca.gov, see MHSA Transparency Tool, under ‘Data and Reports’

⁸ Link to Licensed Care directory at California Department of Social Services.
<https://www.cclid.dss.ca.gov/carefacilitysearch/>

⁹ Institution for Mental Diseases (IMD) List: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Pages/IMD-List.aspx>

defined as an occupancy or treatment slot for one person for one day. One major difference is that IMDs offer mental health treatment services in a psychiatric hospital or certain types of skilled nursing home facilities. In contrast, a non-psychiatric facility such as an ARF is a residential facility that may provide social support services like case management but not psychiatric treatment.

The following is a text summary of the survey questions for Part I of the 2022 Data Notebook. Please note that the questions are presented here in a different format than the finalized SurveyMonkey online survey. Refer to the PDF preview of the SurveyMonkey survey to see a more accurate presentation of the items.

Questions:

- 1) Please identify your County / Local Board or Commission.**
- 2) For how many individuals did your county behavioral health department pay some or all of the costs to reside in a licensed Adult Residential Care Facility (ARF), during the last fiscal year? (Text response)**
- 3) What is the total number of ARF bed-days paid for these individuals, during the last fiscal year? (Text response)**
- 4) Unmet needs: how many individuals served by your county behavioral health department need this type of housing but currently are not living in an ARF? (Text response)**
- 5) Does your county have any 'Institutions for Mental Disease' (IMD)?**
 - a. No
 - b. Yes. If Yes, how many IMDs? (Text response)
- 6) For how many individual clients did your county behavioral health department pay the costs for an IMD stay (either in or out of your county), during the last fiscal year?**
In-county: (Text response) Out-of-county: (Text response)
- 7) What is the total number of IMD bed-days paid for these individuals by your county behavioral health department during the same time period? (Text response)**

Homelessness: Programs and Services in California Counties

The Planning Council has a long history of advocacy for individuals with SMI who are homeless, or who are at-risk of becoming homeless. California's recent natural disasters and public health emergency have exacerbated the affordable housing crisis and homelessness. Federal funding was provided to states that could be used for temporary housing for individuals living on the streets as a method to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Additional policy changes were made to mitigate the rate of evictions for persons who became unemployed as a result of the public health crisis.

Studies indicate that only one in three individuals who are homeless also have serious mental illness and/or a substance use disorder. The Planning Council does not endorse the idea that homelessness is caused by mental illness, nor that the public BH system is responsible to fix homelessness, financially or otherwise. However, we do know that recovery happens best when an individual has a safe, stable place to live.

The issue of homelessness is very complex and involves multiple systems and layers of interaction. Therefore, the Council will continue to track and report on the programs and supports offered by counties to assist homeless individuals who have SMI and/or SUD. Causes and contributory factors are complex, and thus our solutions will need to address numerous multidimensional and multi-systemic challenges.

Every year, the states, counties, and many cities perform a "Point-in-Time" count¹⁰ of the homeless individuals in their counties, usually on a specific date in January. Such data are key to state and federal policy and funding decisions. The pandemic disrupted both the methods and the regular schedule for the count in 2021, during which there was no data collected for California's unsheltered population due to Covid-19 protocols. Those preliminary data were taken down subsequently for further review before re-posting. Therefore, the "percent increase" column for this table compares the 2022 totals with the totals for 2020, for which there was complete data.

¹⁰ Link to data for yearly Point-in-Time Count:
https://files.hudexchange.info/reports/published/CoC_PopSub_NatTerrDC_2022.pdf

Table 3: State of California Estimates of Homeless Individuals Point in Time¹¹ Count 2022

Summary of Homeless individuals	SHELTERED	UNSHELTERED	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Increase</u> <u>over 2022</u>
Persons in households without children	34,545	110,888	145,433	7.7%
Persons in households with children	21,253	4,285	25,538	-0.9%
Unaccompanied homeless youth	2,828	6,762	9,590	-21.2%
Veterans	3,003	7,392	10,395	-8.8%
Chronically homeless individuals	15,773	45,132	60,905	17.6%
<u>Total (2020)</u> Homeless Persons in CA	56,030	115,491	171,521	6.2%
<u>Total (2020)</u> Homeless Persons, USA	348,630	233,832	582,462	.3%

¹¹ PIT Count = yearly January Point-in-Time Count of Homeless Individuals, conducted according to the guidance of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (www.HUD.gov). Sheltered persons include those who were in homeless shelters and various types of transitional or emergency housing.

Questions, continued:

- 8) **During fiscal year 2021-2022, what new programs were implemented, or existing programs were expanded, in your county to serve persons who are both homeless and have severe mental illness? (Mark all that apply.)**
- a. Emergency Shelter
 - b. Temporary Housing
 - c. Transitional Housing
 - d. Housing/Motel Vouchers
 - e. Supportive Housing
 - f. Safe Parking Lots
 - g. Rapid Re-Housing
 - h. Adult Residential Care Patch/Subsidy
 - i. Other (*Please specify*)

Child Welfare Services: Foster Children in Certain Types of Congregate Care

In California, about 60,000 children under the age of 18 are in foster care. They were removed from their homes because county child welfare departments, in conjunction with juvenile dependency courts, determined that these children could not live safely with their caregiver(s). Most children are placed with a family who receive foster children, but a small number of the children need a higher level of care and are placed in a setting with more sophisticated services.

California is striving to move away from facilities formerly known as long-term group homes, and prefers to place all youth in family settings, if possible. Regulations have revised the treatment facilities for children whose needs cannot be met safely in a family setting. The new facility type is called a Short-Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP). STRTPs are designed to provide short-term placement that includes intensive behavioral health services.

All of California's counties are working toward closing long-term group homes and are establishing licensed STRTPs. This transition will take time and it is important for your board to talk with your county director about what is happening in your county for children in foster care who are not yet able to be placed in a family setting, or who are in a family setting and experience a crisis that requires short-term intensive treatment.

Some counties do not yet have STRTPs and may place children/youth in another county or even out-of-state. Recent legislation (AB 1299) directs that the Medi-Cal eligibility of the child be transferred to the receiving county. This means, the county receiving the child now becomes financially responsible for his/her Medi-Cal costs.

Examples of the foster care CDSS data for Q4, 2020, in CA:

- Total foster youth and children: 53,180
- Total placed in an STRTP: 2,444 (or 4.6% of foster youth)
- Total STRTP placed out-of-county: 1174 (or 2.2% of foster youth)
- Total STRTP placed out-of-state: 66 (or 0.12 % of foster youth)

Questions (continued):

9) Do you think your county is doing enough to serve the foster children and youth in group care?

- a. Yes
- b. No. If No, what is your recommendation? Please list or describe briefly.
(*Text response*)

10) Has your county received any children needing “group home” level of care from another county?

- a. No
- b. Yes. If Yes, how many? (*Text response*)

11) Has your county placed any children needing “group home” level of care into another county?

- a. No
- b. Yes. If Yes, how many? (*Text response*)

CBHPC 2023 Data Notebook – Part II:

Stakeholder Engagement in the Public Mental Health System

Context and Background

The topic selected for the 2023 Data Notebook is “stakeholder engagement.” Stakeholder engagement refers to the active involvement of individuals or groups with a vested interest in the mental health system. These stakeholders include consumers of mental health services, their families, mental health professionals, government agencies, community organizations, advocacy groups, and policymakers. Engaging these stakeholders fosters a participatory approach, giving voice to diverse perspectives and enabling collective decision-making. Stakeholder engagement is integral to the implementation of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) in California. By involving a wide range of voices, the MHSA can develop and deliver programs and services that are responsive to community needs, ultimately improving mental health outcomes and well-being in California.

Stakeholder engagement offers numerous benefits in the context of mental health. Firstly, it enhances service delivery by allowing the mental health system to address the specific needs and preferences of individuals with mental health conditions. Through collaborative decision-making, services can be designed to be more accessible, culturally sensitive, and person-centered, ultimately leading to improved outcomes for those seeking support.

Secondly, stakeholder engagement empowers the community by providing opportunities for active participation and involvement in the development of mental health policies and programs. By valuing the perspectives of diverse stakeholders, the system becomes more responsive to the concerns, priorities, and aspirations of the community it serves. This active involvement fosters a sense of ownership and empowerment among community members, enabling them to contribute to shaping the mental health services available to them.

Thirdly, it plays a crucial role in ensuring accountability within the mental health system. By involving stakeholders, a system of checks and balances is created, promoting transparency and holding the system accountable for its actions and outcomes. This involvement helps to guarantee that resources are allocated effectively and efficiently, maximizing their impact and addressing any potential issues or discrepancies that may arise.

Overall, stakeholder engagement in mental health has far-reaching benefits. It leads to improved service delivery that is tailored to individual needs, empowers the community

by involving them in decision-making processes, and ensures accountability and transparency within the mental health system. By actively engaging stakeholders, mental health organizations can create a more inclusive and effective system that ultimately improves the well-being of individuals experiencing mental health conditions.

Challenges and Barriers

The effective engagement of stakeholders in the California public mental health system faces several barriers and challenges. One of the primary challenges is ensuring diverse representation among stakeholders. Overcoming language barriers, cultural differences, and limited outreach resources is crucial to capture a wide range of perspectives. Inadequate funding and staffing also pose significant challenges, hindering the capacity to hold regular meetings, conduct outreach efforts, and provide necessary support to stakeholders.

Some other potential barriers include:

- Stigma and discrimination surrounding mental health create additional obstacles to stakeholder engagement. Addressing stigma requires targeted educational campaigns, anti-stigma initiatives, and the creation of safe spaces that foster open dialogue and inclusivity.
- Power imbalances among stakeholders can also impede effective engagement. Achieving equitable representation and providing mechanisms to address power differentials are essential to foster an inclusive and democratic stakeholder engagement process.
- The complexity and fragmentation of the California public mental health system further present challenges. Effective communication strategies, standardized protocols, and clear channels of collaboration are necessary to engage stakeholders from different sectors and align their efforts.
- Limited accessibility poses another barrier to meaningful stakeholder engagement. Proactive measures such as providing accommodations, utilizing virtual platforms for remote participation, and ensuring inclusive physical spaces are essential to address accessibility barriers.
- Stakeholder engagement processes can be time-consuming and may lead to engagement fatigue over time. Balancing the need for sustained engagement with stakeholders' limited time and competing priorities requires clear goals, efficient processes, and recognition of stakeholders' contributions to maintain their interest and involvement.

Overcoming these barriers and challenges necessitates a comprehensive approach. By addressing these challenges, the California public mental health system can cultivate inclusive, responsive, and impactful mental health policies and programs.

Key Stakeholders

In the public mental health system, various stakeholders play vital roles in shaping policies, programs, and services. The California Code of Regulations provides the following definition of “stakeholders” within the public mental health system:

Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 9, § 3200.270 - Stakeholders

"Stakeholders" means individuals or entities with an interest in mental health services in the State of California, including but not limited to: individuals with serious mental illness and/or serious emotional disturbance and/or their families; providers of mental health and/or related services such as physical health care and/or social services; educators and/or representatives of education; representatives of law enforcement; and any other organization that represents the interests of individuals with serious mental illness/ and/or serious emotional disturbance and/or their families.

Additionally, California Welfare and Institutions Code provides a list of stakeholders for the Community Program Planning (CPP) Process:

California Code, Welfare and Institutions Code - WIC § 5848 (a)

Each three-year program and expenditure plan and update shall be developed with local stakeholders, including adults and seniors with severe mental illness, families of children, adults, and seniors with severe mental illness, providers of services, law enforcement agencies, education, social services agencies, veterans, representatives from veterans' organizations, providers of alcohol and drug services, health care organizations, and other important interests. Counties shall demonstrate a partnership with constituents and stakeholders throughout the process that includes meaningful stakeholder involvement on mental health policy, program planning, and implementation, monitoring, quality improvement, evaluation, and budget allocations.

Using these sources, we can identify key stakeholder groups for engagement. Here is a more detailed list of these key stakeholders:

Adults and Seniors with severe mental illness (SMI): This group represents individuals who are directly impacted by mental health conditions. Their perspectives and experiences are essential in understanding the unique challenges they face and in

developing services that meet their specific needs. Engaging adults and seniors with SMI ensures their voices are heard and helps tailor interventions to improve their overall well-being and recovery.

Families of children, adults, and seniors with SMI: Family members are crucial stakeholders as they provide support, care, and advocacy for their loved ones with mental illness. Their insights offer a valuable perspective on the challenges faced by individuals with SMI and the impact on the family unit. Involving families in decision-making processes helps ensure that services are holistic, family-centered, and responsive to the needs of both the individual and their support network.

Providers of Mental Health and/or Related Services: Mental health professionals, including psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors, and social workers, are instrumental in delivering quality care and support. Their expertise and frontline experience provide valuable input on service gaps, best practices, and areas for improvement within the mental health system. Engaging with mental health providers ensures that policies and programs are evidence-based, align with professional standards, and promote quality outcomes.

Law Enforcement Agencies: Law enforcement agencies often come into contact with individuals experiencing mental health crises. Their involvement in stakeholder engagement facilitates collaboration between mental health services and law enforcement, aiming to improve crisis intervention and diversion programs. This partnership can enhance community safety, reduce unnecessary arrests and incarcerations, and facilitate appropriate referrals to mental health services.

Educators and/or Representatives of Education: Educators play a significant role in identifying and supporting students with mental health needs. Their involvement as stakeholders contributes to the development of early intervention strategies, mental health promotion programs, and the implementation of appropriate supports within educational settings. Collaborating with educators helps create a nurturing environment that supports the academic, social, and emotional well-being of students.

Social Services Agencies: Social services agencies, such as those involved in housing, employment, and welfare, intersect with the mental health system. Their participation in stakeholder engagement ensures coordination and integration of services, addressing the complex needs of individuals with mental health conditions holistically. Collaboration with social services agencies supports efforts to provide stable housing, employment opportunities, and social support networks to promote recovery and community integration.

Veterans: Veterans, particularly those who have served in combat or experienced traumatic events, often face mental health challenges such as post-traumatic stress

disorder (PTSD) and depression. Engaging veterans as stakeholders enables the mental health system to address their unique needs and develop specialized programs tailored to their experiences. This collaboration ensures that mental health services for veterans are comprehensive, accessible, and culturally sensitive.

Representatives from Veterans Organizations: Representatives from veterans' organizations, such as advocacy groups or support networks, provide a platform for veterans' voices and perspectives to be heard. Their involvement in stakeholder engagement fosters collaboration and helps shape policies, programs, and services that meet the specific needs of veterans.

Providers of Alcohol and Drug Services: Substance use disorders frequently co-occur with mental health conditions, requiring integrated care approaches. Engaging providers of alcohol and drug services as stakeholders promotes collaboration between mental health and addiction treatment providers. This collaboration ensures a comprehensive approach to addressing the complex needs of individuals with co-occurring disorders, facilitating recovery and reducing barriers to treatment.

Health Care Organizations: Health care organizations, including hospitals, clinics, and primary care providers, are essential stakeholders in the mental health system. Collaboration with these organizations helps integrate mental health care into primary care settings, reduce stigma, and improve access to services. Involving health care organizations enhances the coordination of care and strengthens the overall continuum of mental health support.

Other important Interests: The mental health system involves numerous other stakeholders, such as policymakers, researchers, community leaders, advocacy groups, and philanthropic organizations. Each brings unique perspectives, expertise, and resources to the table. Their involvement in stakeholder engagement ensures that policies and programs are informed by evidence, responsive to community needs, and adequately resourced.

By engaging and involving these diverse stakeholders, the public mental health system can benefit from a comprehensive range of insights, expertise, and perspectives. This collaborative approach leads to more effective, inclusive, and person-centered mental health services that better serve the needs of individuals, families, and communities.

Best Practices for Stakeholder Engagement

There are many resources available regarding promising and best practices for stakeholder engagement. Some commonly identified guiding principles and best practices are:

1. **Inclusive Approach:** Ensure that the stakeholder engagement process is inclusive and representative of diverse perspectives. Include individuals with lived experience, family members, behavioral health service providers, advocacy groups, community organizations, and policymakers. Embrace diversity and strive for equity in representation.
2. **Early and Ongoing Engagement:** Engage stakeholders early in the decision-making process and maintain ongoing communication throughout the planning, implementation, and evaluation stages. Provide opportunities for input, collaboration, and feedback at various stages to ensure meaningful participation.
3. **Purposeful Communication:** Foster open and transparent communication with stakeholders. Provide clear information about goals, processes, and timelines. Use plain language and avoid jargon to ensure that all stakeholders can easily understand and contribute to the conversation. Likewise, practice active listening when stakeholders are speaking. Rather than assuming what they mean, ask follow-up questions to ensure that their input is understood.
4. **Collaboration and Co-creation:** Foster a collaborative environment that encourages stakeholders to actively participate in decision-making. Co-create solutions by involving stakeholders in the design and implementation of programs, policies, and services. Value their expertise and insights.
5. **Training and Education:** Provide stakeholders with relevant training and education to enhance their understanding of behavioral health issues, policies, and practices. Equip them with the knowledge necessary to contribute effectively and make informed decisions.
6. **Flexibility and Adaptability:** Recognize that stakeholders may have different levels of expertise, resources, and availability. Provide flexibility in engagement methods to accommodate diverse needs, such as offering virtual options, providing written materials, and conducting surveys or focus groups.
7. **Data-Informed Decision Making:** Use data and evidence to inform discussions and decision-making processes. Share relevant data with stakeholders to foster informed dialogue and facilitate collaborative problem-solving.
8. **Empowerment and Shared Leadership:** Empower stakeholders to actively contribute and take ownership of the process. Promote shared leadership by involving stakeholders in the development of agendas, facilitating meetings, and encouraging their participation in decision-making.
9. **Recognition and Appreciation:** Recognize and appreciate the contributions of stakeholders. Acknowledge their time, effort, and expertise. Provide opportunities for public recognition, such as featuring success stories or highlighting stakeholder involvement in reports and presentations.

10. **Evaluation and Continuous Improvement:** Regularly evaluate the effectiveness of stakeholder engagement efforts and seek feedback from participants. Use this feedback to refine engagement strategies and improve future processes.

These are just some of the many suggested best practices and guiding principles for quality stakeholder engagement. By incorporating these and other best practices, behavioral health systems can effectively engage stakeholders, leverage their expertise, and create more responsive, person-centered, and equitable services and policies.

MHSA Community Program Planning Process

One of the major ways that the MHSA includes stakeholder engagement is the MHSA Community Program Planning (CPP) Process. This state-mandated participatory process is a collaborative approach used in California to develop and refine mental health programs funded by the MHSA. Counties use the CPP process in the development of Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plans and updates. Counties work alongside stakeholders to analyze current community mental health needs, issues resulting from any lack of community services, and current system capacity, as well as evaluate priorities and strategies to meet the needs of the community.

California Codes and Regulations dictate that the MHSA CPP process should be:

- Based in community collaboration (CCR, 9 CA §3320 and 3200.060).
- Culturally competent (CCR, 9 CA §3320 and 3200.100).
- Client and family driven (CCR, 9 CA §3320, 3200.050 and 3200.120).
- Wellness, recovery and resilience-focused (CA WIC § 5813.5(d)).
- Focused on providing an integrated service experience for clients and their families (CCR, 9 CA §3320 and 3200.190).

MHSA CPP Processes must include the following regarding stakeholder participants:

- **Stakeholders** (as previously defined/discussed based on WIC, § 5848a).
- **Underserved populations.** Representatives from unserved and/or underserved populations and family members of unserved/underserved populations (CCR, 9 CA § 3300).
- **Diversity.** Participants that “reflect the diversity of the demographics of the County, including but not limited to, geographic location, age, gender, and race/ethnicity” (CCR, 9 CA § 3300).

Additionally, the CPP process should, at a minimum include the following things:

- Staffing for positions and/or units to facilitate the CPP process.

- Training for stakeholders and county staff.
- Outreach to consumers with SMI and their family members to ensure the opportunity to participate.
- A local review process that includes a 30-day public comment period prior to submitting the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plans or Annual Updates.

The MHSA currently allows counties to use **up to 5% of their total Community Services and Support (CSS) funds** to facilitate a robust planning process. This includes using funding to accommodate stakeholder participation in the CPP process. All counties are required to use the CPP process and document the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plans and Annual Updates. This includes descriptions of the methods used to collect stakeholder input, documentation that a public hearing was held, summary and analysis and a description of changes made based on community input.

The local MH/BH boards and commissions have the following responsibilities in this process:

- Review and approve the procedures used to ensure stakeholder involvement in all stages of the planning process.
- Review the adopted plan or update and make recommendations.
- Conduct MHSA public hearings at the close of the 30-day public comment periods.

Overall, the MHSA Community Program Planning Process fosters a participatory and community-driven approach to mental health program development. By engaging stakeholders and leveraging their expertise and insights, the CPP Process aims to create programs that are responsive, culturally sensitive, and tailored to the unique needs of the community. This collaborative effort ultimately leads to the implementation of effective and impactful mental health services in California communities.

While the MHSA CPP process is an important (and legally required) example of stakeholder engagement, the principles and practices of stakeholder engagement can be applied to many different programs and processes. This includes but is not limited to mental/behavioral health board/commission meetings, EQRO focus groups, and SAMHSA funded programs.

Resources

The following resources all pertain to stakeholder engagement in mental health, including the CPP process. We encourage counties to utilize these resources to learn more about responsive and effective engagement practices.

- [CALBHBC: MHSA CPP One-Pager](#)
- [CALBHBC: Community Engagement PowerPoint](#)
- [MHSAAC: CPP Processes - Report of Other Public Community Planning Processes](#)
- [MHSAAC: Promising CPP Practices](#)
- [SAMHSA: Community Engagement – An Essential Component of an Effective and Equitable Substance Use Prevention Program](#)

Part II: Data Notebook Questions

Please respond by means of the Survey Monkey link provided with this Data Notebook.

12. For each of the following categories, please choose the option from the dropdown menu that best describes how often your county organizes stakeholder engagement meetings or events.

- **Dropdown menu options:**
 - Less than once a year
 - Annually (once a year)
 - Every 6 months
 - Quarterly (four times a year)
 - Monthly
 - More than once a month
- **Categories:**
 - MHSA Community Planning Process (CPP)
 - MHSA 3-year plan updates
 - EQRO focus groups
 - SAMHSA-funded programs
 - Mental/Behavioral Health Board/Commission Meetings
 - County Behavioral Health co-sponsoring/partnering with other departments or agencies
 - Other (please specify):

13. Estimate the number of people who participated in your stakeholder processes in fiscal year 2021/2022. (Numerical response)

14. Approximately what percentage of stakeholder engagement events or efforts in your county were in-person only, virtual only, a combination of both in-person and virtual, or written communications (please answer with a whole number for each, such that the total of the four amounts to 100)

- In-person only:
- Virtual only:
- Combination of both in-person and virtual:
- Written communications (such as online surveys or email questionnaires):

15. Which of the following languages did your county use to conduct stakeholder meetings or outreach during fiscal year 2021/2022, with or without the use of interpreters? (Check all that apply)

- Arabic
- Armenian
- Cambodian
- Chinese
- English
- Farsi
- Hindi
- Hmong
- Japanese
- Korean
- Laotian
- Mien
- Punjabi
- Russian
- Spanish
- Tagalog
- Thai
- American Sign Language (ASL)
- Other languages (please specify)

This list of languages reflects the threshold and concentration languages for all counties as of July 2021 from the following DHCS document: [Threshold and Concentration Languages \(ca.gov\)](#)

16. Which of the following stakeholder groups have you collected and implemented input from within the last year? (Check all that apply)

- Adults with severe mental illness (SMI)
- Older adults / Seniors with SMI
- Families of children, adults and seniors with SMI
- Individuals with developmental disabilities and/or their representatives
- Providers of mental health and/or related services
- Representatives of managed care plans
- Law enforcement agencies

- Educators and/or representatives of education
- Social services agencies
- Veterans
- Representative from veterans' organizations
- Providers of alcohol and drug services
- Health care organizations
- Hearing impaired individuals
- LGBTQ+ individuals
- Youth
- Other important interests (please specify)
- Specific racial/Ethnic groups (please specify)

17. Please describe how stakeholder input is communicated to the behavioral health director, the mental/behavioral health board/commission, and any other agencies or groups for informing policy. (Text response)

18. Please describe how your county implements collected stakeholder input to actively inform policy and programs. Include how the county decides what ideas to implement or actions to take. (Text response)

19. Does your county have a Community Program Planning (CPP) plan in place?

- Yes (If yes, describe how you directly involve stakeholders in the development and implementation of this plan)
- No

20. Is your county supporting the CPP process in any of the following ways? (Please select all that apply)

- a) Reimbursement of travel costs for stakeholders participating in in-person meetings or events.
- b) Providing refreshments or food for stakeholder participants
- c) Dedicated staff assistance to facilitate stakeholder meetings and events.
- d) Providing information and training for stakeholders on MHSAs programs, regulations, and procedures.
- e) Holding meetings in physically/geographically accessible locations around the county.
- f) Utilizing language interpreting services.
- g) Holding meetings at times convenient to community stakeholders' schedules.
- h) Providing technical assistance for stakeholders participating in webinars or teleconferences.
- i) Other (please specify)
- j) None of the above

21. Does your county provide training for staff on cultural awareness, community outreach, and stakeholder engagement? If yes, how? If no, why not?

- Yes (with comment)
- No (with comment)

22. Which of the following barriers does your county face regarding achieving meaningful and impactful engagement of stakeholders (specifically, mental health consumers and family members)? (Check all that apply)

- a. General difficulty with reaching stakeholders.
- b. Difficulty conducting community outreach to racial/ethnic communities or other specific communities of interest.
- c. Difficulty reaching stakeholders with disabilities.
- d. Lack of funding or resources for stakeholder engagement efforts.
- e. Shortage of properly trained staff to support and facilitate stakeholder engagement.
- f. Difficulty adapting to virtual meetings/communications.
- g. Difficulty providing accommodations to stakeholders.
- h. Difficulty incorporating stakeholder input in the early stages of programming.
- i. Lack of “buy-in” from decision makers when it comes to implementing stakeholder input.
- j. Other (please specify)

23. Are your behavioral health board/commission members involved in your county’s stakeholder engagement and/or CPP processes? If yes, describe how.

- a. Yes (with text comment)
- b. No

Note: California WIC 5892 allocates Mental Health Services Funds for county mental health programs to pay for the expenses of mental health board members to perform their duties, and to pay for the costs of consumers, family members, and other stakeholders to participate in the planning process. This includes 5% of total CSS funds to support a robust CPP process with community stakeholders.

24. Has the COVID-19 pandemic increased or decreased the level of stakeholder engagement and input in your county?

- a. Increased
- b. Decreased
- c. No change

25. Is there a fear or perception in your county that spending time, money, or other resources on stakeholder engagement conflicts with the need to provide direct services? (Yes/No)

- 26. What is one change or improvement regarding stakeholder engagement that your county would like to make within the next fiscal year? (Written response)**
- 27. Do you have any other thoughts or comments regarding stakeholder engagement in your county or statewide? (Written response)**

Post-Survey Questionnaire

Completion of your Data Notebook helps fulfill the board's requirements for reporting to the California Behavioral Health Planning Council. Questions below ask about operations of mental health boards, and behavioral health boards or commissions, etc.

- 28. What process was used to complete this Data Notebook? (Please select all that apply)**
- a. MH board reviewed WIC 5604.2 regarding the reporting roles of mental health boards and commissions.
 - b. MH board completed majority of the Data Notebook.
 - c. Data Notebook placed on agenda and discussed at board meeting.
 - d. MH board work group or temporary ad hoc committee worked on it.
 - e. MH board partnered with county staff or director.
 - f. MH board submitted a copy of the Data Notebook to the County Board of Supervisors or other designated body as part of their reporting function.
 - g. Other (please specify)
- 29. Does your board have designated staff to support your activities?**
- a. Yes (if yes, please provide their job classification)
 - b. No
- 30. Please provide contact information for this staff member or board liaison.**
- 31. Please provide contact information for your board's presiding officer (chair, etc.)**
- 32. Do you have any feedback or recommendations to improve the Data Notebook for next year?**

From: [bbabadin](#)
Subject: FW: Virtual and In-Person Event: California Memorial Project 21st Annual Remembrance Ceremony 2023
Date: Friday, September 8, 2023 10:01:43 AM
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Approved for distribution to all BHAB Members by Janis Gardner, Chair at the request of Elizabeth Stone – Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

Good morning,

Happy Friday!

Please see the message below from Disability Rights California for an upcoming event.

TRANSLATION:

Aprabado para su distribución a todos los miembros de BHAB por Janis Gardner, Presidente de la Junta Asesora de Salud del Comportamiento solicitado por Elizabeth Stone.

Buenos días,

¡Feliz Viernes!

Consulte el mensaje a continuación de Disability Rights California para conocer un próximo evento.

Gracias.

Thank you,

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Come join Disability Rights California's Peer Self-Advocacy (PSA) program as we celebrate our 21st annual California Memorial Project Remembrance Day ceremony on Monday, September 18, 2023! The purpose of our Remembrance Ceremonies is to honor and commemorate our peers with mental health and developmental disabilities who lived and died at California state institutions without recognition or respect.

When:
September 18, 2023
1:00PM

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21ª Ceremonia Conmemorativa Anual del Proyecto Conmemorativo de California 2023

¡Únase al programa Peer Self-Advocacy (PSA) de Disability Rights California mientras celebramos nuestra 21ª ceremonia anual del Día del Recuerdo del Proyecto Conmemorativo de California el lunes 18 de septiembre de 2023. El propósito de nuestras Ceremonias de Recuerdo es honrar y conmemorar a nuestros compañeros con discapacidades de salud mental y desarrollo que vivieron y murieron en instituciones estatales de California sin reconocimiento ni respeto.

Cuando:

septiembre 18, 2023
1:00PM

Averigüe dónde asistir a una de nuestras ceremonias del Día del Recuerdo

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Approved for distribution to all BHAB Members by Janis Gardner, Chair – Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

Good afternoon,

I hope all is well.

Please see below updates for proposed changes to the Mental Health Services Act, (MHSA) should ballot initiative SB 326 be enacted and California voters approve.

Thank you,

Janis Gardner
Behavioral Health Advisory Board-Chair

TRANSLATION:

Aprobado para su distribución a todos los miembros de BHAB por Janis Gardner, Presidenta de la Junta Asesora de Salud del Comportamiento.

Buenas tardes,

Espero que todo este bien.

Consulte a continuación las actualizaciones de los cambios propuestos a la Ley de Servicios de Salud Mental (MHSA) en caso de que se promulgue la iniciativa electoral SB 326 y los votantes de California la aprueben.

Gracias,

Janis Gardner
Presidente de la Junta Asesora de Salud Conductual

Best,

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UPDATES: SB 326 (and a related ballot initiative) proposes substantial amendments to the Mental Health Services Act

[MHSOAC SB 326 Support Letter](#), September 7, 2023

[Updated Impacts to Local Mental/Behavioral Health Board / Commissions](#), September 5, 2023

Amendments (to become operative January 1, 2025 if SB 326 is enacted and CA voters approve the related ballot initiative):

1. **1) Youth Membership Requirement:** 5604. (2)(B)(i) Fifty percent of the board membership shall be consumers, or the parents, spouses, siblings, or adult children of consumers, who are receiving or have received *behavioral* health services. *One of these members shall be an individual who is 25 years of age or younger.* (ii) At least 20 percent of the total membership shall be consumers, and at least 20 percent shall be families of consumers.
2. **2) Local Education Agency Membership Requirement:** 5604. (2)(D)
 1. (i) At least one member of the board shall be an employee of a local education agency.
 2. (ii) To comply with clause (i), a county shall notify its county office of education about vacancies on the board.
3. **3) "Mental"** is changed to **"Behavioral"**, and advising regarding "substance use disorder" is added within the duties.

[Additional Analyses & Articles](#) are at: www.calbhbc.org/bhsa

TRANSLATION:

ACTUALIZACIONES: SB 326 (y una iniciativa de votación relacionada) propone enmiendas sustanciales a la Ley de Servicios de Salud Mental

[Carta de apoyo MHSOAC SB 326](#), 7 de septiembre de 2023

[Impactos actualizados en la Junta / Comisiones Locales de Salud Mental / Conductual](#), septiembre 5, 2023

Enmiendas (entrarán en vigencia el 1 de enero de 2025 si se promulga la SB 326 y los votantes de CA aprueban la iniciativa electoral relacionada):

1. **1) Requisito de membresía juvenil:** 5604. (2)(B)(i) El cincuenta por ciento de los miembros de la junta serán consumidores, o los padres, cónyuges, hermanos o hijos adultos de los consumidores, que reciben o han recibido servicios de salud *conductual*. *Uno de estos miembros será una persona que tenga 25 años de edad o menos.* (ii) Al menos el 20 por ciento de la membresía total serán consumidores, y al menos el 20 por ciento serán familias de consumidores.
2. **2) Requisito de membresía de la Agencia de Educación Local:** 5604. (2)(D)

1. (i) Al menos un miembro de la junta debe ser un empleado de una agencia de educación local.
2. (ii) Para cumplir con la cláusula (i), un condado notificará a su oficina de educación del condado sobre vacantes en la junta.
3. **3) "Mental"** se cambia a "**Conductual**", y el asesoramiento sobre el "trastorno por uso de sustancias" se agrega dentro de los deberes.

[Los análisis y artículos adicionales](http://www.calbhbc.org/bhsa) están en: www.calbhbc.org/bhsa

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From: bhabadmin
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 11:35 AM
Subject: FW: CA Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP) Regional Stakeholder Meetings, 9 am - 5 pm

Approved for distribution to all BHAB Members by Janis Gardner, Chair – Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

Good morning,

Please see the message below from the CA Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions regarding upcoming stakeholder meetings.

TRANSLATION:

Aprobado para su distribución a todos los miembros de BHAB por Janis Gardner, Presidenta de la Junta Asesora de Salud del Comportamiento.

Buenos días,

Consulte el mensaje a continuación de las juntas y comisiones locales de salud conductual de CA sobre las próximas reuniones de partes interesadas.

Gracias.

Thank you,
Jaky

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Sharing forward:

[Invitation to register](#) for the CRDP Phase III Planning and Design Stakeholder Regional Meetings.

CA Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP) Regional Stakeholder Meetings, 9 am - 5 pm

Chico - 9/19
Oakland - 9/27
Fresno - 10/3
Riverside - 10/12
Los Angeles - 10/24

Stakeholder Regional Meeting Agendas include:

1. Presentation on the final statewide evaluation report and the evaluation findings for Phase II by the Statewide Evaluator, Psychology of Applied Research Center at Loyola Marymount University (PARC-LMU).
2. CRDP Phase III Planning and Design.

Exact location and links to registration are on the [CRDP webpage](#).

TRANSLATION:

Compartir hacia adelante:

[Invitación para inscribirse](#) en las reuniones regionales de partes interesadas de planificación y diseño de la Fase III del CRDP.

Reuniones regionales de partes interesadas del Proyecto de Reducción de Disparidades de CA (CRDP), 9 am - 5 pm

Chico - 9/19
Oakland - 9/27
Fresno - 10/3
Riverside - 10/12
Los Ángeles - 24/10

Las agendas de las reuniones regionales de las partes interesadas incluyen:

1. Presentación sobre el informe final de evaluación estatal y los resultados de la evaluación para la Fase II por parte del Evaluador Estatal, Centro de Psicología de Investigación Aplicada de la Universidad Loyola Marymount (PARC-LMU).
2. CRDP Fase III Planificación y Diseño.

La ubicación exacta y los enlaces al registro se encuentran en la [página web de CRDP](#).