

Systems and Medicaid Committee Charter

The California Behavioral Health Planning Council is mandated by federal and state statutes to advocate for children with serious emotional disturbance and their families and for adults and older adults with serious mental illness (SMI); to review and report on outcomes for the public mental health system; and to advise the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the Legislature on policies and priorities the state should pursue in developing its mental health and substance use disorder systems.

Council Mission Statement: To review, evaluate and advocate for an accessible and effective behavioral health system.

Council Vision: A behavioral health system that makes it possible for individuals to lead full and purposeful lives.

COMMITTEE OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE

The initial focus of the Systems and Medicaid Committee (SMC) is on the upcoming expiration of California's Medicaid Infrastructure, as the 1115 and 1915(b) Waivers expire in December 2021 and the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Initiative pushes forward a framework for the Waivers with the goal to identify and manage risk through whole person care approaches to care, address social determinants of health, reduce complexity and increase flexibility in the Medi-Cal system, and improve quality outcomes and drive delivery system transformation through value-based initiatives and payment reform.

The SMC will leverage the Council's role in the state to engage in activities that include exploring options for the future system, engaging with various behavioral health stakeholders, and aligning with some of the stakeholders to influence policy development for California's future Medicaid System. This includes the commitment to stay aware of opportunities to influence policy development and engaging in advocacy for state-level behavioral health leadership. The major focus is on access and continuity of care for the SMI and SED populations, addressing all levels of care from acute care to recovery of vocation and functionality. The SMC will incorporate racial and social equity in all aspects of committee's work so all community members can realize their full potential regardless of their race, ethnicity, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability or social status.

The committee will attend to the integration and places of intersection of treatment for the behavioral disorders and other systems including:

- Physical Health Care
- Child Welfare
- Juvenile Justice
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- Developmental Disabilities
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Employment
- Aging

MANDATES

CA Welfare and Institutions Code Sections:

- 5772.** The California Behavioral Health Planning Council shall have the powers and authority necessary to carry out the duties imposed upon it by this chapter, including, but not limited to, the following:
- (a) To advocate for effective, quality mental health and substance use programs.
 - (b) To review, assess, and make recommendations regarding all components of California's mental health and substance use disorder systems, and to report as necessary to the Legislature, the State Department of Health Care Services, local boards, and local programs.
 - (e) To advise the Legislature, the State Department of Health Care Services, and county boards on mental health and substance use disorder issues and the policies and priorities that this state should be pursuing in developing its mental health and substance use disorder systems.
 - (j) To advise the Director of Health Care Services on the development of the state mental health plan and the system of priorities contained in that plan.
 - (k) To assess periodically the effect of realignment of mental health services and any other important changes in the state's mental health and substance use disorder systems, and to report its findings to the Legislature, the State Department of Health Care Services, local programs, and local boards, as appropriate.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The work of the Council and the SMC will promote, reflect and embody the following guiding principles:

- Wellness and Recovery
- Resiliency across the Lifespan
- Advocacy
- Consumer and Family Member Voice
- Cultural Responsiveness

GENERAL COMMITTEE OPERATIONS

MEETING TIMES

The SMC will meet in-person or in virtual formats four times a year, rotating locations in conjunction with the Full Council meetings. At these meetings, the SMC meets on Thursday morning from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. Meetings by conference call may occur in the months between in-person meetings, on an as needed basis.

SMC MEMBER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Regular attendance of committee members is expected in order for the Committee to function effectively. If the SMC has difficulty achieving a quorum due to the continued absence of a committee member, the SMC chairperson will discuss with the member the reasons for his or her absence. If the problem persists, the SMC chairperson can request that the Officer Team remove the member from the committee.

The SMC Chairperson and Chair-Elect will be nominated by the SMC members and appointed by the CBHPC Officer Team. In the Chairperson's absence the Chair-Elect will serve as the Chairperson. The Chairperson and Chair-Elect serve on the Executive Committee which requires attendance and participation in those meetings in addition to SMC meetings. Terms will begin with the January in-person meeting and end with the last meeting of the calendar year.

Members are expected to serve as advocates for the Committee's charge, and as such, could include, but are not limited to:

- Attend meetings and provide input
- Review meeting materials prior to meetings in order to ensure effective meeting outcomes
- Speak at relevant conferences and summits when requested by the Committee leadership
- Develop products such as white papers, opinion papers, and other documents
- Distribute the Committee's white papers and opinion papers to their represented communities and organizations
- Assist in identifying speakers for presentations

STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

Staff will capture the SMC member's decisions and activities in a document, briefly summarizing the discussion and outlining key outcomes during the meeting. The meeting summary will be distributed to the SMC members following the meeting. Members will review and approve the previous meeting's summary at the following meeting.

Staff will prepare the meeting agendas and materials, including coordinating presenters, at the direction of the SMC Chairperson and members. The meeting agenda and materials will be made available to SMC members, in hard copy and/or electronically, not less than 10 days prior to the meeting.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF COLLABORATION

The following general operating principles are established to guide the Committee's deliberations:

- The Committee's purpose will be best achieved by relationships among the members characterized by mutual trust, responsiveness, flexibility, and open communication.
- It is the responsibility of all members to work toward the Council's vision.
- To that end, members will:
 - Commit to expending the time, energy and organizational resources necessary to carry out the Committee's Work Plan
 - Be prepared to listen intently to the concerns of others and identify the interests represented
 - Ask questions and seek clarification to ensure they fully understand other's interests, concerns and comments
 - Regard disagreements as problems to be solved rather than battles to be won
 - Be prepared to "think outside the box" and develop creative solutions to address the many interests that will be raised throughout the Committee's deliberations

Committee members will work to find common ground on issues and strive to seek consensus on all key issues. Every effort will be made to reach consensus, and opposing views will be explained. In situations where there are strongly divergent views, members may choose to present multiple recommendations on the same topic. If the Committee is unable to reach consensus on key issues, decisions will be made by majority vote. Minority views will be included in the meeting summary.

MEMBERS

CHAIRPERSON: Karen Baylor		CHAIR-ELECT: Uma Zykofsky
Deborah Pitts	Tony Vartan	Veronica Kelley
Karen Hart	Walter Shwe	Dale Mueller
Celeste Hunter	Catherine Moore	Daphne Shaw
Liz Oseguera	Noel O'Neill	Joanna Rodriguez
Marina Rangel	Susan Wilson	Jessica Grove
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