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OVERVIEW

Some words are still used today that reflect false beliefs about people with mental health life experiences. These include the following terms: crazy, lunatic, insane, feeble-minded, mentally defective, and abnormal. As discussed in this report, California statutes still use these terms and should be removed and replaced with contemporary terms that promote respect and dignity of Californians with mental health disabilities.

Statutes often reflect the times in which they were passed. As such, they do not always keep up with anti-discrimination laws, new models of community support services, and the terms that are used to describe people with disabilities.

The stigma reflected in commonly used language can have lifelong consequences. "Some of the synonyms and slang terms used to describe individuals with mental health challenges are among the first words young children use to discount other children they do not like, indicating how deeply entrenched stigmatization is in today's culture."¹

Stigmatizing language around mental illness can cause self-shame, convey negative judgments and reinforces negative stereotypes. This can impede the opportunities of people so labelled.² As a result, federal and state governments have begun to remove stigmatizing statutory terms.

This report outlines findings on offensive and outdated terms concerning people with mental health disabilities in California statutes. It also makes recommendations for respectful language concerning people with mental health challenges.

Recommendations include the following:

A. Treat People as Individuals. All people have different abilities. Each of us is unique. Labeling someone on account of a disability creates a "stigma" about a person based on one part of his or her life. That's why it's

¹ California Strategic Plan on Reducing Mental Health Stigma and Discrimination, p. 13, available at: <u>http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-</u> cal/Documents/CDMH_MH_Stigma_Plan_09_V5.pdf

² See Patrick W. Corrigan, Ph.D., *et al*, "Structural Stigma in State Legislation," *Psychiatric Services*, Vol. 56, No. 5 (2005).

important to recognize everyone as an *individual* rather than a label. A person is not an illness.

- **B. Avoid Harmful & Offensive Terms.** Harmful words are the driving force behind stigma. Some words can be hurtful and limit a person's full potential. Words can leave a person feeling rejected and alone. False beliefs can cause low self-esteem and drive people away from care they may need.³ By avoiding the use of terms like these, you will be more respectful of people with mental health disabilities.
- **C. Use People First Language.** If you refer to someone with a mental health disability, speak to the person **first** and then the disability second. This is called "People First Language." It is more inclusive. It helps a person feel respected rather than labeled as "abnormal."

For many people, using the following term "a person with a mental health challenge" is less threatening and more accepted. Some people prefer "a person with mental health life experiences," some people prefer "a person with a mental health diagnosis or condition" or "a person with a mental health disability." Others prefer "a person with a psychiatric disability" or "a person with lived experience." You should always ask what a person prefers.⁴

D. Replace Stigmatizing Terms in California Codes. There is a surprising amount of offensive and outdated terminology related to people with mental health challenges in California statutes. Terms that should be removed and replaced with contemporary terminology include but are not limited to the following:

³ See California Strategic Plan on Reducing Mental Health Stigma and Discrimination, pp. 1-17; see also at: Benchmark, Michelle Black and Jocelyn Downie, "Watch Your Language: A review of the Use of Stigmatizing Language by Canadian Judges," Journal of Ethics in Mental Health November 2010 at: <u>http://www.jemh.ca/issues/v5n1/documents/JEMH_Vol5_No1_Benchmark_Watchyour_Language.pdf</u>

⁴ For more information, see "People First Language in Mental Health Fact Sheet" at: <u>http://www.disabilityrightsca.org/pubs/CM0201.pdf</u>

- 1. Use of the "insane" or "insanity" to refer generally to people with mental health challenges, rather than as a so-called "term of art" related to people who are found "not guilty by reason of insanity";⁵
- 2. "insane asylums";
- 3. "institution for the feebleminded or insane";
- 4. "mental defect";
- 5. "mentally defective"; and
- 6. "...disordered, abnormal, or mentally defective person."

BACKGROUND

Every state agency and department has an important role in respectfully and effectively serving all Californians. State employees interact with the public each day. State agencies and departments write policies, guidelines and other public communications that refer to people with disabilities. These should be respectful and promote "People First Language." Changing language is one step toward changing attitudes and overcoming harmful prejudices.⁶

As change happens at the state and local governmental level, we may see greater acceptance and less stigma against people with mental health disabilities by businesses, our neighbors, co-workers, media and the community at large.

In recent years, other states have addressed outdated and offensive terms in their statutes and replaced them with "People First Language." In 2010, Idaho enacted legislation to remove archaic language from its codes concerning people with mental health and/or physical disabilities.⁷ Vermont also enacted legislation

⁵ In the latter context, "insanity" has a specific legal meaning and consequence, whereas in the former context it is outdated and stigmatizing. We do not propose substantive changes to terms under the Penal Code that relate to specific statutory "terms of art." Our focus here is on promoting "people first" language and replacing clearly archaic and offensive terms, both of which are discussed further below.

⁶ See California Strategic Plan on Reducing Mental Health Stigma and Discrimination, p. 45 (recommendation for systems and organizations to initiate systemic reviews to identify and address stigmatizing and discriminatory language, behaviors, practices and policies).

⁷ See Idaho Senate Bill 1330 at:

http://legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2010/S1330.htm

to convene a workgroup to recommend guidelines for using respectful language in referring to people with disabilities.⁸ These experiences in other states are examples that California can follow to remove stigmatizing mental health terms in its statutes and policies.

In addition, states including California have passed laws eliminating the "R word" (meaning variations of the word "retardation") in state statutes. In 2012, Senate Bill 1381 replaced the terms "mental retardation" or "mentally retarded person" under California law with the terms "intellectual disability" or "a person with an intellectual disability." We should build on these efforts to remove terms that stigmatize Californians with mental health challenges.

Further, Congress recently passed and President Obama signed the 21st Century Language Act of 2012, which removed the term "lunatic" from federal law.

FINDINGS & DISCUSSION

There are a variety of terms in California codes that should be removed and replaced with contemporary terminology. These include but are not limited to the following:⁹

"insane" and "insanity" or "incompetent"

Findings: **Insane** was found in the following code sections: Family Code §§ 2312, 2313, 2332; Government Code §§ 203, 1001, 26749, 26643; Code of Civil Procedure §§ 373, 328, 352; Water Code § 26306; Streets and Highway Code §§ 18014, 18395, 5301, 35466; Insurance Code § 10235.8 (c)(4); and Health and Safety § 13313.

Insanity was found in the following code sections: Government Code § 26640; Family Code §§ 2310, 2312, 2313, 2332; Civil Code §§ 1587, 52.5(d); Labor Code § 4662; and Public Utilities Code § 734.

Incompetent was found in the following code sections: Code of Civil Procedure §§ 372, 373.

Discussion: Various California code provisions use the terms "insane" or "insanity" as terms of general reference to people with mental health challenges

⁸ See Vermont Respective Language Report at: <u>http://www.dail.vermont.gov/dail-publications/publications-legis-studies/respectful-language-report</u>

⁹ For additional information on how these terms are used, please see Attachment A – Chart of Current Language and Proposed Language.

including those who lack general legal capacity. Such usage are offensive and obsolete. It likely dates back to the 1840 U.S. census, which recorded the frequency of one category – "idiocy / insanity."¹⁰ However, contemporary usage of the terms "insanity" and "insane" have a specific legal meaning. These terms relate solely to the issue of whether a person lacks criminal culpability due to being "not guilty by reason of insanity" under the Penal Code. ¹¹

The generic, rather than the technical, use of the term "insane" is outdated and stigmatizing. All sections where "insane" and "insanity" appear in the Family Code should be deleted as they are obsolete. We suggest alternative language for the terms "insane" or "insanity" in Attachment A - Chart of Current Language and Proposed Language. For example, the terms "insane" or "insanity" are currently used to mean a condition or disorder that impairs the person from comprehending rights; the proposed replacement terms are "incapacity" or "an individual who lacks capacity," discussed further below.

No substantive changes are proposed to Penal Code provisions concerning individuals found not guilty by reason of insanity, or incompetent to stand trial. The insanity defense should not be confused with incompetency. Persons who are incompetent to stand trial may be held in a mental health facility until they are considered capable of participating in the criminal proceedings they are facing.¹²

Some of the above referenced code sections refer to "an insane or incompetent person." (See Code of Civil Procedure § 373). Such references do not relate to the technical legal definitions under the Penal Code. Rather, they appear solely to refer to an individual who lacks legal capacity due to a mental health condition. We propose amendments to address these specific contexts.

"insane asylum"

Findings: **Insane asylum** was found in Government Code § 1001. *See also* Health and Safety Code § 13113, which references **"care of the aged or senile persons, sanitarium or institution for insane persons or persons with intellectual disabilities..."** (Note that "persons with intellectual disabilities" replaced "mentally retarded persons" under SB 1381 (2012)).

¹⁰ See Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (4th Ed. Text Revision 2000), "DSM-IV-TR" at p. xxv.

¹¹ Again, we are not proposing replacement of the terms "insane" or "insanity" related to this specific "term of art" under the Penal Code.

¹² See <u>http://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/Mental+disease+or+defect</u>

Discussion: Section 1001 of the Government Code refers both to the "insane asylum at Stockton" and to the "five directors for the insane asylum at Napa." Stockton Developmental Center was established in 1853 as the Insane Asylum of California and was closed in 1996. The state institution at Napa is now referred to as a State Hospital.¹³ Section 1001 and Section 13113 of the Government and Health and Safety Codes, respectively, should be amended to reflect contemporary facts and usages.

"institution for the feebleminded or insane"

Findings: **Institution for the feeble-minded or the insane** was found in the following code sections: Streets and Highway Code §§ 18395, 18014, 5301, 35466 and Welfare and Institutions Code § 7500.

Discussion: The online American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language (4th ed. 2000) refers to the term "feeble-minded" as "offensive" and "obsolete."¹⁴ As such, and for the other reasons stated above, the term "institution for the feebleminded or the insane" should be replaced with the terms "state hospital" or "institution for persons with mental health disorders."¹⁵

"mental hygiene"

Findings: **Mental hygiene** was found in the following code sections: Welfare and Institutions Code §§ 7277, 4410, 4417, 1752.6; Code of Civil Procedure §1447; Penal Code § 11151; and Health and Safety Code §§ 11834.23, 1569.85, 36130, 1566.3 (b), 1267.8 (c), 1568.0831 (a)(2).

Discussion: In 1972, the California Department of Health assumed the duties of the California Department of Mental Hygiene. The above-referenced sections should be amended to reflect contemporary facts and usages. Mental hygiene is an archaic term that has derogatory connotations (i.e. unclean mind).

"mental defect" and "mentally defective"

Findings: **Mental defect** was found in the following code sections: Welfare and Institutions Code §§ 5300, 5301, 5304; and Penal Code §§ 28, 29, 1026.2, 1370, 1370.01.

¹³ See: <u>http://www.dsh.ca.gov/Napa/default.asp</u>

¹⁴ See: <u>http://www.thefreedictionary.com/feeble-minded</u>

¹⁵ Senate Bill 364 (Steinberg), Chaptered into State Law on October 4, 2013, used the term "persons with mental health disorders" in providing "people first" language.

Mentally defective was found in the following code sections: Penal Code §§ 11189, 11190, 2672; Family Code § 7901; and Welfare and Institutions Code § 5326.5

Discussion: The terms "mental defect" and "mentally defective" are both stigmatizing and generally incompatible with modern terminology used in the diagnosis and treatment of people with mental health disabilities. They are used to describe something that is faulty.¹⁶

Further, the above-referenced sections generally combine the term "mental defect" with the term "mental disorder." Thus, the use of the term "mental defect" appears redundant.

The use of the term "mental defect" under the above-referenced Penal Code provisions does not have any substantive effect on the legal standards under that code. Rather, the term is used as a synonym for a "mental illness" or a "mental disorder." *See* Penal Code § 2672(b) and Welfare and Institutions Code § 5326.5(d).

"the mentally disordered"

Findings: **Mentally disordered** was found in Welfare and Institutions Code §§ 1756, 4011, 4016, 4021, 4022, 4042, 4075, 4080, 4109.5, 4119, 4120, 4121, 4132, 4136, 4200, 4202.5, 4240, 4241, 4243, 4244, 4304, 4308, 4320, 4681, 5002, 5004, 5004.5, 5115, 5116, 5250, 5326.5, 5328, 5340, 5350, 5366, 5400, 5500, 5511, 5585.1, 5600, 5653, 5673, 5696, 5699, 5714, 5721, 5802, 6000, 6002, 6002.1, 6250, 6254, 6551, 6825, 7100, 7200, 7201, 7226, 7227, 7275, 7275.1, 7276, 7277, 7278, 7280, 7283, 7284, 7294, 7300, 7329, 7352, 7354, 7357, 7362, 7501.5, 14108.1; Penal Code §§ 286, 288a, 289, 1026, 1367, 1367.1, 1370, 2625, 2672, 2960, 2962, 4011.6, 4497.1, 4750, 6102; Health and Safety Code §§ 1250, 1250.2, 1275.5, 1276.5, 1276.9, 1505.5, 1569.5, 11812.6, 50680, 50684, 50685.5, 50688, 50689; Government Code §§ 854.2, 6276.3, 7579.1, 12428; Probate Code §§ 19201, 9201; Education Code § 56850.

Discussion: The above-referenced provisions generally refer to "the mentally disordered" or to "a mentally disordered" person, persons, minor, minors, adult or adults. These references should be replaced with the following "people first" terms: "a person with a mental health disorder" or the term "persons with mental health disorders."

¹⁶ See Conc7ise Oxford English Dictionary (Rev. 10th Ed. 2002).

<u>Attachment A - Chart of Current Language and Proposed</u> Language.

INSANE / INCOMPETENT /FEEBLEMINDED

Current Language	Proposed Language
Gov't Code: § 203 [1943 State Sovereignty] (a) Mentally ill persons, insane persons, chronic inebriates, and other persons of unsound mind"	Gov't Code §203 Delete as obsolete.
Gov't Code § 26749: [1947, 2006 County Officers] "The sheriff shall receive expenses necessarily incurred in conveying insane persons to and from state hospitals"	Gov't Code § 26749 "The sheriff shall receive expenses necessarily incurred in conveying <i>persons to and from state</i> <i>hospitals</i> "
Gov't Code § 1001 [1943, 1963	Gov't Code § 1001
Public Officers and Employees] "five directors for the insane asylum at Stockton; five directors for the insane asylum at Napa"	Delete Stockton reference as obsolete. Change Napa reference to <i>"state hospital."</i>
Gov't Code § 26643 [1947 County Officers] "When any prisoner dies or	Gov't Code § 26643 "When any prisoner dies or <i>lacks</i> <i>capacity to make decisions…</i> "
becomes insane"	Code of Civil Procedure § 272
Code of Civil Procedure § 372 "a minor, an incompetent person, or a person for whom a conservator has been appointed"	Code of Civil Procedure § 372 "a minor, <i>a person who lacks legal capacity</i> , or a person for whom a conservator has been appointed"
Code of Civil Procedure § 373 [1872, 1980 Parties to Civil Actions] "When a guardian ad litem is appointed, he or she shall be appointed as follows: (c) If an insane or incompetent person is a party to an action or proceeding, upon the application of a relative or friend of such insane or incompetent person, or	Code of Civil Procedure § 373 c) <i>If a person who has been deemed</i> <i>to lack legal capacity</i> is a party to an action or proceeding, upon the application of a relative or friend of such person who lacks legal capacity, or of any other party to the action or proceeding, or by the court on its own motion"

of any other party to the action or proceeding, or by the court on its own motion."	
Code of Civil Procedure § 328 [1872, 1994 Computation of time for real property, disability exclusion] "is at the time title first descends or accrues either under the age of majority or insane"	Code of Civil Procedure § 328 "is at the time title first descends or accrues either under the age of majority or <i>lacks capacity to make</i> <i>decisions</i> "
Code of Civil Procedure § 352 [1872, 1994 Disabilities of minority or insanity] (a)"If a person entitled to bring an actionis, at the time the cause of action accrued either under the age of majority or insane, the time of the disability is not part of the time limited for the commencement of the [private] action."	Code of Civil Procedure § 352 (a)"If a person entitled to bring an actionis, at the time the cause of action accrued either under the age of majority or <i>lacks capacity</i> , the time of the disability is not part of the time limited for the commencement of the [private] action."
Water Code § 26306 [Origin date unknown, last amendment unknown, Effect of Deed] (g) Where the owner of the land was at the time of the sale a minor or insane person	Water Code § 26306(g) Where the owner of the land was at the time of the sale a minor or <i>a</i> <i>person who lacked capacity</i>
Streets and Highway Code § 18014 [Street Lighting Act of 1919, last amendment unknown]: "If any lots or parcels of land belonging to the United States, or to this State or to any county, city, public agency, mandatory of the government, school board, educational, penal or reform institution, or institution for the feebleminded or the insane "	Streets and Highway Code § 18014: "If any lots or parcels of land belonging to the United States, or to this State or to any county, city, public agency, mandatory of the government, school board, educational, penal or reform institution, or <i>institution or facility for</i> <i>persons with mental health disorders</i> "
Streets and Highway Code § 18395 [Origin date unknown,	Streets and Highway Code § 18395

Assossmentl:	institution or facility for persons with
Assessment]: institution for the feeble-minded	mental health disorders"
or the insane	
Streets and Highway Code § 5301	Streets and Highway Code § 5301
institution for the feebleminded or	institution or facility for persons with
the insane	mental health disorders"
Streets and Highway Code §	Streets and Highway Code §
35466	35466
institution for the	institution or facility for persons with
feebleminded or insane	mental health disorders"
Insurance Code §10235.8 (c)(4)	Insurance Code §10235.8 (c)(4)
[1989, 1999 Life & Disability	"(4) Suicide, whether or not the
Insurance exclusions &	person had mental capacity to
limitations]:	control what they were doing,
"(4) Suicide, whether sane or	attempted suicide, or
insane, attempted suicide, or	intentionally self-inflicted injury"
intentionally self-inflicted injury"	
Health and Safety Code § 13113	Health and Safety Code § 13113
[1955, 1997 Sprinkler systems	"(a)no person, firm, or corporation
"(a)no person, firm, or corporation	shall establish, maintain, or operate
shall establish, maintain, or operate	any hospital, children's home,
any hospital, children's home,	children's nursery, or institution,
children's nursery, or institution,	home or institution for the care of
home or institution for the care of	people who are elderly, facility or
aged or senile persons, sanitarium	institution for persons with mental
or institution for insane or mentally	health disorders or developmental
retarded persons"	disabilities"
Welfare and Institutions Code §	Welfare and Institutions Code §
7500	7500
"home for the feebleminded ,"	Delete as obsolete.
"home for the mentally deficient ,"	
"state hospital for the mentally	
deficient", "state hospital for the montally retarded"	
mentally retarded" Family Code § 2310	Family Code & 2210
	Family Code § 2310
"Dissolution of the marriage or legal	Delete (b) as obsolete.
separation of the parties may be based on either of the following	
grounds, which shall be pleaded	
generally:	
(a) Irreconcilable differences	

(b)Incurable insanity."	
Family Code § 2312	Family Code § 2312
"A marriage may be dissolved on the	Delete as obsolete.
grounds of incurable insanity only	
upon proof, including competent medical or psychiatric testimony,	
that the insane spouse was at the	
time the petition was filed, and	
remains, incurably insane ."	
Family Code § 2313	Family Code § 2313
"incurable insanityincurably	Delete as obsolete.
insane	
Family Code § 2332	Family Code § 2332
"incurable insanityinsane	Delete as obsolete.
spouse"	

INSANITY (in addition to Family Code provisions referenced above)

Original Code language	Alternative code language
Gov't Code: § 26640 [1947 Prisoner's Property]: death or insanity.	Gov't Code: § 26640 death or <i>legal incapacity</i>
Civil Code § 1587 [1872, [Contract Proposal Revocation]: death or insanity of the proposer	Civil Code § 1587 death or <i>legal incapacity</i> of the proposer
Civil Code § 52.5 (d) [2005, Civil action for damages due to human trafficking, disability not toll statute of limitations]: "(1) Disability includes being a minor, insanity, imprisonment, or other	 Civil Code § 52.5 (d) (1) "Disability includes being a minor, <i>legal incapacity due to a mental health condition</i>, imprisonment or other incapacity or incompetence."
Labor Code § 4662 [1937, 2007 Disabilities presumed to be total]: Any of the following permanent disabilities shall be conclusively presumed to be total in character: (a) Loss of both eyes or the sight thereof. (b) Loss of both hands or the use	Labor Code § 4662 (d) An injury to the brain resulting in incurable mental incapacity. Delete "insanity."

 thereof. (c) An injury resulting in a practically total paralysis. (d) An injury to the brain resulting in <i>incurable mental incapacity</i> or insanity. In all other cases, permanent total disability shall be determined in accordance with the fact. 	
Public Utilities § 734 [1951Reparation for overcharges]: no assignment of a reparation claim shall be recognized by the commission except assignments by operation of law as in cases of death, insanity, bankruptcy, receivership, or order of court.	Public Utilities § 734 no assignment of a reparation claim shall be recognized by the commission except assignments by operation of law as in cases of death, <i>incapacity</i> , bankruptcy, receivership, or order of court.

MENTAL HYGIENE / MENTAL DEFECT

Original language	Alternative Language
Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) §	Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC)
7277	§ 7277
community mental hygiene	community mental health clinics
clinicsmentally disordered person	persons with mental health or
or inebriate…	substance use disorders"
WIC § 4410	WIC § 4410
mental hygiene fields	mental health fields
WIC § 4417	WIC § 4417
mental hygiene clinics	mental health clinics
WIC § 1752.6	WIC § 1752.6
mental hygiene	mental health
Code of Civil Procedure § 1447	Code of Civil Procedure § 1447
Department of Mental Hygiene	Department of State Hospitals
Penal Code § 11151	Penal Code § 11151
Department of Mental Hygiene	Department of State Hospitals
Director of Mental Hygiene	Director of the Department of State
	Hospitals
Health and Safety Code § 11834.23	Health and Safety Code § 11834.23
the mentally infirmsanitarium,	persons with mental health

mental hygiene home	disorderscommunity residence
Health and Safety Code § 1569.85	Health and Safety Code § 1569.85
sanitarium, mental hygiene home	community residence
Health and Safety Code § 36130	Health and Safety Code § 36130
Department of Mental Hygiene	Department of Social Services
	and/or Department of Health Care
	Services
Health and Safety Code 1566.3 (b)	Health and Safety Code 1566.3 (b)
the mentally infirmsanitarium,	persons with mental health disorders
mental hygiene home	community residence
Health and Safety Code § 1267.8 (c)	Health and Safety Code § 1267.8 (c)
the mentally infirmsanitarium,	persons with mental health
mental hygiene home	disorderscommunity residence
Health and Safety Code § 1568.0831	Health and Safety Code § 1568.0831 (a)(2)
(a)(2) sanitarium, mental hygiene home	community residence
WIC § 5300	
as a result of mental disorder or	WIC § 5300
mental defect	as a result of <i>a mental health</i>
WIC § 5301	disorder
mental disorder or mental defect	WIC § 5301
	a mental health disorder
WIC § 5304	WIC § 5304
mental disorder or mental defect	a mental health disorder
Penal Code § 28	Penal Code § 28
mental disease, mental defect, or	a mental health disorder
mental disorder	
Penal Code § 29	Penal Code § 29
mental disease, mental defect , or	a mental health disorder
mental disorder	
Penal Code § 1026.2	Penal Code § 1026.2
mental defect, disease, or disorder	a mental health disorder
Penal Code § 1370 (a)(F)(2)(B)(ii)(II)	Penal Code § 1370 (a)(F)(2)(B)(ii)(II)
mental disorder or mental defect	a mental health disorder
Penal Code § 1370.01 (a)(2)(B)(ii)(II)	Penal Code § 1370.01 (a)(2)(B)(ii)(II)
mental disorder or mental defect	a mental health disorder

REDUNDANT MENTALLY ILL, DISORDERED, ABNORMAL, DEFECTIVE

Original Language	Alternative Language
Family Code § 7901 institution caring for the mentally ill, mentally defective or epileptic or any institution primarily educational in character, and any hospital or other medical facility	Family Code § 7901 institution caring for <i>persons with</i> <i>mental health disorders or</i> <i>developmental disabilities</i> or any institution primarily educational in character, and any hospital or other medical facility
WIC § 5326.5 (d) (d) A person confined shall not be deemed incapable of refusal solely by virtue of being diagnosed as a mentally ill, disordered, abnormal, or mentally defective person.	WIC § 5326.5 (d) (d) A person confined shall not be deemed incapable of refusal solely by virtue of being diagnosed <i>with a</i> <i>mental health disorder</i> .
Penal Code §11189 (e) "Institution" means any penal or correctional facility, including but not limited to a facility for the mentally ill or mentally defective	Penal Code §11189 (e) "Institution" means any penal or correctional facility, including but not limited to a facility for_persons with mental health disorders
Penal Code § 2672 (b) (b) A person confined shall not be deemed incapable of informed consent solely by virtue of being diagnosed as a mentally ill, disordered, abnormal or mentally defective person.	Penal Code § 2672 (b) (b) Delete the term abnormal. A person confined shall not be deemed incapable of informed consent solely by virtue of being diagnosed with a mental health disorder
Penal Code §11190 (e) "Institution" means any prison, reformatory or other correctional facility (including but not limited to a facility for the mentally ill or mentally defective) Welfare and Institutions Code § 1756	Penal Code §11190 (e) "Institution" means any prison, reformatory or other correctional facility (including but not limited to a facility for persons <i>with mental health</i> <i>disorders</i>) Welfare and Institutions Code §
mentally disordered or developmentally disabled persons Welfare and Institutions Code § 4011	1756 persons with mental health disorders or to persons with developmental disabilities Welfare and Institutions Code §
mentally disordered persons	4011

	persons with mental health
	disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 4016	Welfare and Institutions Code §
a mentally disordered person	4016
	a person with a mental health
	disorder
Welfare and Institutions Code § 4021	Welfare and Institutions Code §
mentally disordered	4021
Wolfare and Institutions Code & 4022	having a mental health disorder
Welfare and Institutions Code § 4022 the mentally disordered	Welfare and Institutions Code § 4022
the mentally disordered	persons with mental health
	disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 4042	Welfare and Institutions Code §
the mentally disordered	4042
	individuals with mental health
	conditions
Welfare and Institutions Code § 4075	Welfare and Institutions Code §
mentally disordered	4075
personsmentally disordered clients	persons with mental health
Welfare and Institutions Code §	disorders Welfare and Institutions Code §
4080(k)	4080(k)
the mentally disordered	persons with mental health
,	disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code §	Welfare and Institutions Code §
4109.5	4109.5
the mentally disordered, the	persons with mental health
developmentally disabled, drug	disorders and/or substance use
abusers, and alcoholics	disorders and/or persons with
Wolfare and Institutions Code & 4119	developmental disabilities Welfare and Institutions Code §
Welfare and Institutions Code § 4119 the mentally disorderedis	4119
mentally disordered	persons with mental health disorders
	an individual with a mental health
	disorder
Welfare and Institutions Code § 4120	Welfare and Institutions Code §
a mentally disordered personthe	4120
mentally disordered or	a person with a mental health
developmentally disabled.	disorder persons with mental health
	disorders and/or persons with

	developmental disabilities
Welfare and Institutions Code § 4121	Welfare and Institutions Code §
mentally disordered persons	4121
	persons with mental health
	disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 4132	Welfare and Institutions Code §
mentally disordered persons	4132
	persons with mental health
Wolfara and Institutions Code & 1126	disorders Welfare and Institutions Code §
Welfare and Institutions Code § 4136 the mentally disordered	4136
the mentally disordered	persons with mental health
	disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 4200	Welfare and Institutions Code §
the mentally disordered	4200
	persons with mental health
	disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code §	Welfare and Institutions Code §
4202.5	4202.5
the mentally disordered	persons with mental health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 4240	Welfare and Institutions Code §
(c)adult mentally disordered (d) a	4240
mentally disordered family member	\dots (c)(d) adult family member with a
	mental health disorder
Welfare and Institutions Code § 4241	Welfare and Institutions Code §
mentally disordered family	4241
members	family member with a mental health
	disorder
Welfare and Institutions Code § 4242	Welfare and Institutions Code § 4242
the mentally disordered	persons with mental health
	disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 4243	Welfare and Institutions Code §
mentally disordered family	4243
membersseriously mentally	family members with mental health
disordered	disordersfamily members with
	serious mental health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 4244	Welfare and Institutions Code §
mentally disordered family	4244

membersmentally disordered	family members with mental health
clients	disorders persons with mental health
	disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 4304	Welfare and Institutions Code §
patients who are mentally	4304
disordered	patients who have mental health
	disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 4308	Welfare and Institutions Code §
the mentally disordered	4308
	persons with mental health
	disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 4320	Welfare and Institutions Code §
the mentally disordered	4320
	persons with mental health
	disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 4681	Welfare and Institutions Code §
developmentally disabled persons	4681
who are also mentally disordered	persons with developmental
	disabilities who also have mental
Walfara and Institutions Code & 5002	health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 5002 mentally disordered persons	Welfare and Institutions Code § 5001
mentany disordered persons	persons with mental health
	disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 5004	Welfare and Institutions Code §
mentally disordered	5004
personsdevelopmentally disabled	persons with mental health disorders
persons	persons with developmental
	disabilities
Welfare and Institutions Code §	Welfare and Institutions Code §
5004.5	5004.5
mentally disordered	persons with mental health disorders
personsdevelopmentally disabled	persons with developmental
persons	disabilities
Welfare and Institutions Code § 5115	Welfare and Institutions Code §
mentally disordered persons or	5115
otherwise handicapped persons	persons with mental health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code & 5116	or persons with other disabilities Welfare and Institutions Code &
Welfare and Institutions Code § 5116 mentally disordered persons or	Welfare and Institutions Code § 5116
otherwise handicapped persons	persons with mental health disorders

	or persons with other disabilities
Welfare and Institutions Code § 5250	Welfare and Institutions Code §
the mentally disordered person	5250
	the person with a mental health
	disorder
Welfare and Institutions Code §	Welfare and Institutions Code §
5328(t)(2)	5328(t)(2)
a mentally disordered	a person with a mental health
personchronically mentally	disorderpatients with mental health
disordered patients	disorders Welfere and Institutions Code S
Welfare and Institutions Code § 5340	Welfare and Institutions Code § 5340
is mentally disorderedare mentally disordered	has a mental health disorderhave
mentally disordered	mental health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 5350	Welfare and Institutions Code §
the mentally disordered person	5350
,	the person with a mental health
	disorder
Welfare and Institutions Code § 5366	Welfare and Institutions Code §
the mentally disorderedthose	5366
mentally disordered or chronic	Delete as obsolete.
alcoholic patients	
Welfare and Institutions Code § 5400	Welfare and Institutions Code §
services for chronic	5400
alcoholicsservices for the mentally disordered	services for persons with substance
alsoraerea	use disordersservices for persons with mental health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 5500	Welfare and Institutions Code §
(c)services to mentally disordered	5500
personsmentally disordered	(c)services for persons with mental
clients	health disorderspeople with mental
	health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 5511	Welfare and Institutions Code §
mentally disordered persons	5511
	persons with mental health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code §	Welfare and Institutions Code §
5585.1	5585.1
mentally disordered minors	minors with mental health
	disorders

Welfare and Institutions Code § 5600 mentally disordered or developmentally disabled person	Welfare and Institutions Code § 5585.1 individuals with mental health conditions and/or developmental disabilities
Welfare and Institutions Code § 5653the mentally disordered	Welfare and Institutions Code § 5653 persons with mental health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 5673 mentally disordered personsthe mentally disordered	Welfare and Institutions Code § 5673 persons with mental health disorders
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Welfare and Institutions Code § 5699 mentally disordered clients	Welfare and Institutions Code § 5699 persons with mental health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 5714 mentally disordered persons	Welfare and Institutions Code § 5714 persons with mental health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 5721 mentally disordered persons	Welfare and Institutions Code § 5721 persons with mental health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 5802 seriously mentally disordered adults and older adults	Welfare and Institutions Code § 5802 adults and older adults with serious mental health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 6000 the mentally disordered or developmentally disableda mentally disordered personmentally disordered persons	Welfare and Institutions Code § 6000 persons with mental health disorders and/or individuals with developmental disabilitiesa person with a mental health disorderspersons with mental health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 6002	Welfare and Institutions Code §

persons who are mentally	6002
disordered	persons who have mental health
	disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code §	Welfare and Institutions Code §
6002.1	6002.1
A minor shall not be considered	A minor shall not be considered to
mentally disordered solely for	have a mental health disorder solely
exhibiting behaviors specified under	for exhibiting behaviors specified
Section 601 and 602.	under Section 601 and 602.
Welfare and Institutions Code § 6250	Welfare and Institutions Code §
Nothing in this part shall be held to	6250
change or interfere with the provisions	Nothing in this part shall be held to
of the Penal Code and other laws	change or interfere with the provisions
relating to mentally disordered	of the Penal Code and other laws
persons charged with a crime or to the	relating to persons with mental health
criminally insane.	<i>disorders who are</i> charged with a crime or to <i>persons who are found not</i>
	guilty reason of insanity.
Welfare and Institutions Code § 6254	Welfare and Institutions Code §
a county psychiatric hospital, a	6254
community mental health service, or a	a county psychiatric hospital, a
licensed sanitarium or hospital for the	community mental health service, or a
care of the mentally disordered	licensed [] hospital for the care of
	persons with mental health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 6551	Welfare and Institutions Code §
If the court is in doubt as to whether the	6551
person is mentally disordered or	If the court is in doubt as to whether
mentally retarded	the person has a mental health
Walfara and Institutions Oads 5 0005	disorder or an intellectual disability
Welfare and Institutions Code § 6825	Welfare and Institutions Code §
mentally disordered persons	6825
	persons with mental health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 7100	Welfare and Institutions Code §
persons who are mentally	7100
disordered, developmentally	persons with mental health disorders
disabledthe mentally disordered	and/or persons with developmental
and allegedly mentally	disabilities persons who have or are
disorderedmentally disordered or	thought to have mental health
developmentally disabled persons	disorderpersons with mental health

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	disorders and/or persons with
	developmental disabilities
Welfare and Institutions Code § 7200	Welfare and Institutions Code §
the mentally disordered	7200
	persons with mental health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 7201	Welfare and Institutions Code §
the mentally disordered	7201
	persons with mental health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 7226	Welfare and Institutions Code §
the mentally disorderedany	7226
mentally disordered soldier or sailor	persons with mental health disorders
	any soldier or sailor who has a
	mental health disorder
Welfare and Institutions Code § 7227	Welfare and Institutions Code §
Mentally disordered prisoners in the	7227
state prisons shall be admitted to state	Persons with mental health disorders
hospitals in accordance with the	in the state prisons shall be admitted
provisions of the Penal Code.	to state hospitals in accordance with
	the provisions of the Penal Code.
Welfare and Institutions Code § 7275	Welfare and Institutions Code §
the mentally disordered	7275
	persons with mental health disorders
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Welfare and Institutions Code §	Welfare and Institutions Code §
7275.1	7275.1
mentally disordered minor	minor children with mental health
children	disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 7276	Welfare and Institutions Code §
mental disordered persons and	7276
alcoholicsany mentally disordered	persons with mental health disorders
person or alcoholicthe mentally	or substance use disorders…any
disordered	person with a mental health disorder or
	substance use disorderpersons with
	mental health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 7277	Welfare and Institutions Code §
any mentally disordered person or	7277
inebriate	any person who has a mental health
	disorder or a substance use disorder
Welfare and Institutions Code § 7278	Welfare and Institutions Code §
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the mentally disordered	7278
	persons with mental health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 7280	Welfare and Institutions Code §
the mentally disordered person	7280
	a person with a mental health disorder
Welfare and Institutions Code § 7283	Welfare and Institutions Code §
the mentally disordered	7283
	persons with mental health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 7284	Welfare and Institutions Code §
the mentally disordered	7284
	persons with mental health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 7294	Welfare and Institutions Code §
the mentally disordered	7294
	persons with mental health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 7300	Welfare and Institutions Code §
the mentally disordered	7300
	persons with mental health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code § 7329	Welfare and Institutions Code §
mentally disordered	7329
Welfare and Institutions Code § 7352	having a mental health disorder Welfare and Institutions Code §
the mentally disordered	7352
	persons with mental health disorders
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Welfare and Institutions Code § 7354 Any mentally disordered	Welfare and Institutions Code § 7354
personmentally disordered	Any person with a mental health
patientsa mentally disordered	disorderpatients with mental health
patient	disordersa person with a mental health disorder
Welfare and Institutions Code § 7357	Welfare and Institutions Code §
any patientwho has recovered or	7357
was notmentally disordered.	any patientwho has recovered or did not havea mental health
	disorder.

Welfare and Institutions Code § 7362	Welfare and Institutions Code §
the mentally disordered	7362
	persons with mental health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code §	Welfare and Institutions Code §
7501.5	7501.5
mentally disordered persons	persons with mental health disorders
Welfare and Institutions Code §	Welfare and Institutions Code §
14108.1	14108.1
mentally disordered persons	persons with mental health disorders
Penal Code § 286	Penal Code § 286
the mentally disordered	persons with mental health disorders
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Penal Code § 288a	Penal Code § 288a
the mentally disordered	persons with mental health disorders
Penal Code § 289	Penal Code § 289
the mentally disordered	persons with mental health disorders
Penal Code § 1026	Penal Code § 1026
the mentally disordered	persons with mental health disorders
Penal Code § 1367	Penal Code § 1367
and the judge finds that the defendant	and the judge finds that the
is mentally disordered , and may, as a	defendant has a mental health
result of the mental disorder, be	disorder, and may, as a result of the
incompetent to stand trialbut is also	mental <i>health</i> disorder, be incompetent
developmentally disabled.	to stand trialbut also has a
	developmental disability.
Penal Code § 1367.1	Penal Code § 1367
is or may be mentally disordered	has or may have a mental health
	disorder
Penal Code § 1370	Penal Code § 1370
the mentally disordered	persons with mental health disorders
Penal Code § 2625	Penal Code § 2625
the mentally disordered	persons with mental health disorders

Penal Code § 2960	Penal Code § 2960
severely mentally disordered	prisoners with severe mental health
prisoners	disorders
Penal Code § 2962	Penal Code § 2962
The term "severe mental disorder"	The term "severe mental health
means	disorder" means
Penal Code § 2966(c)	Penal Code § 2966(c)
if the parolee has a severe mental	if the parolee has a severe mental
disorderwhether the parolee's	<i>health</i> disorderwhether the parolee's
severe mental disorderby reason of	severe mental <i>health</i> disorderby
his or her severe mental disorder	reason of his or her severe mental
	health disorder
Penal Code § 2968	Penal Code § 2968
If the prisoner's severe mental	If the prisoner's severe mental health
disorder	disorder
Penal Code § 2970	Penal Code § 2970
severe mental disorder	severe mental health disorder
Penal Code § 2972	Penal Code § 2972
severe mental disorder	severe mental <i>health</i> disorder
Penal Code § 2974	Penal Code § 2974
mental disorder	mental <i>health</i> disorder
Penal Code § 2978	Penal Code § 2978
mental disorders	mental health disorders
Penal Code § 4011.6	Penal Code § 4011.6
a person in custodymay be	a person in custodymay have a
mentally disordered	mental health disorder
Penal Code § 4497.1	Penal Code § 4497.1
mentally disordered	defendants with mental health
defendantsmentally disordered	disorders prisoners with mental
prisoners	health disorders
Penal Code § 4750	Penal Code § 4750
the mentally disordered	persons with mental health disorders
Penal Code § 6102	Penal Code § 6102
(a)Mentally disordered.	(a)Have mental health disorders.
Health and Safety Code § 1250	Health and Safety Code § 1250
for mentally disordered,	for persons with mental health
incompetent, or other persons	disorders, persons who have been
	found to lack capacity, or other

	persons
Health and Safety Code § 1250.2	Health and Safety Code § 1250.2
for mentally disordered,	for persons with mental health
incompetent , or other persons	disorders, persons who have been
	found to lack capacity, or other
	persons
Health and Safety Code § 1275.5	Health and Safety Code § 1275.5
mentally disordered persons,	persons with mental health
mentally retarded persons, and other	disorders, persons with developmental
incompetent persons	disabilities, and other persons who
	have been found to lack capacity
Health and Safety Code § 1276.5	Health and Safety Code § 1276.5
the developmentally disabled or	persons with developmental
mentally disordered	disabilities or persons with mental
	health disorders
Health and Safety Code § 1276.9	Health and Safety Code § 1276.9
mentally disordered population	population groups of persons with
groupthe developmentally disabled	mental health disorders persons
or mentally disordered	with developmental disabilities or
or mentally disordered	persons with mental health disorders
	persons with mental meanin disorders
Health and Safety Code §1505.5	Health and Safety Code §1505.5
frail elderly persons, functionally	persons who are elderly and frail,
impaired adults, or mentally	adults with functional impairments, and
disordered persons	persons with mental health disorders
Health and Safety Code § 1569.5	Health and Safety Code § 1569.5
frail elderly persons, functionally	persons who are elderly and frail,
impaired adults, or mentally	adults with functional impairments, and
disordered persons	persons with mental health disorders
Health and Safety Code § 11812.6	Health and Safety Code § 11812.6
persons who are mentally	persons with mental health disorders
disordered and chemically	and substance use disorders
dependent	
Health and Safety Code §50680	Health and Safety Code §50680
the developmentally disabled, the	persons with developmental
mentally disordered, and the	disabilities, persons with mental health
physically disabled	disorders, and persons with physical
	disabilities
As used in this chapter, "mentally	
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disordered" means affected by a mental disorder rendering the affected person eligible to participate in programs of rehabilitation, education, or social services conducted by or on behalf of a public agency, and also means persons affected by such a mental disorder.	As used in this chapter, " <i>persons with</i> <i>mental health disorders</i> " means affected by a mental <i>health</i> disorder rendering the affected person eligible to participate in programs of rehabilitation, education, or social services conducted by or on behalf of a public agency, and also means persons affected by such a mental <i>health</i> disorder.
Health and Safety Code § 50684 As used in this chapter, "mentally disordered" means affected by a mental disorder rendering the affected person eligible to participate in programs of rehabilitation, education, or social services conducted by or on behalf of a public agency, and also means persons affected by such a mental disorder.	Health and Safety Code § 50684 As used in this chapter, " <i>individuals</i> <i>with</i> mental health <i>conditions</i> " means affected by a mental health <i>condition</i> rendering the affected <i>individual</i> eligible to participate in programs of rehabilitation, education, or social services conducted by or on behalf of a public agency, and also means <i>individuals</i> affected by such a mental health <i>condition</i> .
Health and Safety Code § 50685.5 determined to be mentally disordered	Health and Safety Code § 50685.5 determined to have a mental health disorder
Health and Safety Code § 50688 mentally disordered, developmentally disabled, and physically disabled persons	Health and Safety Code § 50689 persons with mental health disorders, persons with developmental disabilities, and persons with physical disabilities
Government Code § 854.2 the mentally disordered or the mentally retarded	Government Code § 854.2 persons with mental health disorders or persons with intellectual disabilities
Government Code § 6276.3 Mentally disordered or mentally ill person	Government Code § 6276.3 Persons with mental health disorders
Government Code § 7579.1 the developmentally disabled or mentally disordered	Government Code § 7579.1 Persons with developmental disabilities or persons with mental health disorders
Government Code § 12428	Government Code § 7579.1

the mentally retarded or mentally disordered	persons with intellectual disabilities or persons with mental health disorders
Probate Code § 19201	Probate Code § 19201
State Hospitals for the Mentally	State Hospitals
Disordered	
Probate Code § 9201	Probate Code § 9201
State Hospitals for the Mentally	State Hospitals
Disordered	
Education Code § 56850	Education Code § 56850
the developmentally disabled and	persons with developmental
mentally disordered	disabilities and persons with mental
	health disorders

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