



# AGENDA ITEM 5

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## Client, Family, and Community Inclusion, Lived Experience, and Diversity Advisory Committee: Future Structure

### Item Goals

- Discuss and determine the future structure of the Client, Family, and Community Inclusion, Lived Experience, and Diversity (CFC) Advisory Committee.

### Behavioral Health Landscape

- The Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) emphasizes client and family driven care, equity, and community involvement. It is grounded in the foundational principle of “Nothing About Us Without Us,” recognizing that meaningful systems change in behavioral health must be led and informed by individuals with lived experience, particularly those from historically marginalized communities.

### Relevant Commission Work

- During the August 28, 2025, Commission Meeting, the Commission voted to combine the Client and Family Leadership and Cultural and Linguistic Competency Committees (CFLC and CLCC) for three meetings, creating the CFC Advisory Committee. After three meetings, the Commission is to reconsider the question of the CFC’s current structure, determining whether to continue “as is,” or return to the pre-merger format to keep the CFLC and CLCC separate.
- The CFC Advisory Committee’s third meeting was held on February 26, 2026. During this meeting, the Committee passed a symbolic motion recommending the CFLC and CLCC remain combined. Stakeholder feedback during the discussion portion of the meeting was mixed.

- The CFLC and the CLCC, before merging into the CFC Advisory Committee, traditionally met quarterly, represented diverse backgrounds, and were each comprised of 14 members that included consumers, family members and people from underserved communities.
  - The CFLC explored best practices in implementing Peer Support services and supported creation of program standards that protect the unique work of peer providers in our behavioral health system.
  - The CLCC focused on understanding inequities in California’s behavioral health system and identifying strategies to achieve equity.
- All Commission initiatives require meaningful community engagement, ensuring that projects reflect the voices and needs of those most impacted.

## **Proposed Motion**

That the Commission approve the combination of the Client, Family, and Community Inclusion, Lived Experience, and Diversity Advisory Committee, effective immediately.