



AGENDA ITEM 13

Action

Client and Family Leadership Committee, and Cultural and Linguistic Competency Committee Next Steps

Item Goals

- Consider appointments of new chairs, appoint new members, review and adopt new charters, and discuss next steps for the Client and Family Leadership Committee (CFLC) and the Cultural and Linguistic Competency Committee (CLCC).

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 CFLC and CLCC for three meetings, creating the Client, Family, and Community Inclusion, Lived Experience, and Diversity (CFC) Advisory Committee.
- During the March 26-27, 2026, Commission Meeting, the Commission voted to return to the pre-merger format and keep the CFLC and CLCC separate.
- 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 Motions

- That the Commission adopt the Charter for the Client and Family Leadership Committee (CFLC).
- That the Commission adopt the Charter for the Cultural and Linguistic Competency Committee (CLCC).