

Cultural and Linguistic Competency Committee

CHARTER

AUTHORITY

The Cultural and Linguistic Competency Committee is established pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5845(f)(4) and operates in compliance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act (Government Code Section 11120 et. seq.).

PURPOSE AND GOALS

The Cultural and Linguistic Competency Committee helps ensure the Commission's work centers the voices of California's diverse communities and the people most impacted by serious mental illness (SMI), substance use disorder (SUD), and co-occurring conditions, particularly those from marginalized communities across racial, ethnic, linguistic, geographic, gender, sexual orientation, disability, age, and other lived experiences relevant to cultural and linguistic competency.

The Advisory Committee shall provide technical and professional expertise to the Commission on cultural and linguistic competency by providing guidance, reviewing materials, and making recommendations related to:

- Commission research, project development, contracts, and grants. This includes providing recommendations regarding the Commission's work related to the Innovation Partnership Fund (WIC 58945.1), Mental Health Wellness Act (WIC 5848.5), and the Behavioral Health Student Services Act (WIC 5886).
- Legislation & advocacy regarding existing laws that enhance behavioral health services and access; and
- Other Commission initiatives.

MEMBERSHIP

Members will be appointed by the Commission Chair.

Membership shall reflect the diversity of California’s communities and will consider racial, ethnic, linguistic, geographic, gender, sexual orientation, disability, age, and other lived experiences relevant to cultural and linguistic competency as part of the selection process.

Membership shall emphasize those who have current or prior experience in at least one of the following systems or circumstances:

- Homelessness
- Criminal justice system involvement
- Conservatorship
- Child welfare system involvement
- Institutionalization

QUORUM AND VOTING

1. A quorum consists of a majority of the appointed members.
2. Actions require an affirmative vote of a majority of members present.
3. Each member shall have one vote.
4. Proxy voting is not permitted.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. All meetings shall be open to the public.
2. The public will have the opportunity to comment on agenda items.
3. Written comments may be submitted according to procedures established by the Chair.

OFFICERS

1. The Commission Chair will select a Chair and Vice Chair annually.

Approved by BHSOAC Commission on: