

# **Client, Family, and Community Inclusion, Lived Experience, and Diversity Advisory Committee**

## **CHARTER**

### **AUTHORITY**

The Client, Family, and Community Inclusion, Lived Experience, and Diversity Advisory 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 Client, Family, and Community Inclusion, Lived Experience, and Diversity Advisory Committee helps ensure the Commission's work centers the voices of the people most impacted by serious mental illness (SMI), substance use disorder (SUD), and co-occurring SMI/SED in state-level decisions, as well as centering the voices of peer providers, consumers, family members, and representatives from marginalized communities, including racial, ethnic, linguistic, geographic, gender, sexual orientation, disability, age, and other diverse lived experiences.

The Advisory Committee shall provide technical and professional expertise to the Commission on lived experience 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**

The Committee members shall consist of the appointed members of the Cultural and Linguistic Competency Committee and the Client and Family Leadership Committee as of August 28, 2025. Additional members will be appointed to fill gaps of expertise associated with the purpose of the advisory committee. 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 as part of the selection process.

Membership shall include individuals with personal lived experience with SMI, SUD, or co-occurring SMI/SUD conditions, or have supported a close family member with these conditions.

Membership shall include 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: