



The Client, Family, and Community Inclusion, Lived Experience, and Diversity Advisory Committee

Committee Overview and Future Structure

Rayshell Chambers, *CBH Commissioner, CFC Committee Chair*

February 26, 2026

Background

- Established at the August 28, 2025, Commission meeting.
- Approved for three (3) convenings.
- Combination of the Cultural and Linguistic Competency Committee (CLCC) and the Client and Family Leadership Committee (CFLC).
- 16 Committee members
 - Two (2) CBH Commissioners
 - Fourteen (14) public committee members.



Cultural and Linguistic Competency Committee (CLCC) Accomplishments

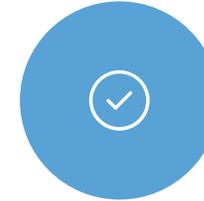
COMMUNITY-DEFINED EVIDENCE PRACTICES

EQUITY

CULTURAL RESPONSIVENESS



Uplifting County Projects



Expanding Culturally Responsive Models



Supporting Community-Based Organizations



Addressing Barriers through CDEPs



Discussions on Prop 1



Improving the Commission RFA Process

Client and Family Leadership Committee (CFLC) Accomplishments

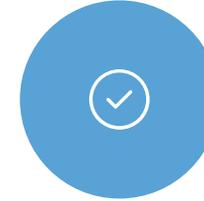
PEER SUPPORT

CLIENT-CENTERED APPROACHES

LIVED EXPERIENCE



Reinforcing Transparency



Inclusion of Peer Providers in AB 988



Expanding Peer Support Services



Exploring Opportunities through CalAIM



Discussions on CARE Courts and FSPs



Discussions on Programs and Legislation

CFC Advisory Committee Membership

SIXTEEN (16) COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- **Rayshell Chambers**, CBH Commissioner; Co-Executive Director, Painted Brain
- **Mayra Alvarez**, CBH Commissioner; President, The Children's Partnership
- **Senait Admassu**, Executive Director, African Communities Public Health Coalition
- **Carolina Ayala**, Founder and Executive Director, The Happier Life Project
- **Veronica Chavez**, Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles
- **Eugene Durrah**, Equity Services and BHSA Manager, Solano County Behavioral Health
- **Robyn Gantsweg**, Peer Self-Advocacy Program Manager, Disability Rights California

- **Jim Gilmer**, Co-Founder, Cyrus Urban Inter-Church Sustainability Network
- **Nahla Kayali**, Founder and Executive Director, Access California Services
- **Richard Krzyzanowski**, President, California Association of Mental Health Patients' Rights Advocates
- **Kontrena McPheter**, Peer Outreach and Advocacy Coordinator, Interim, Inc.
- **Susan Wynd Novotny**, Chairperson, National Alliance of Mental Illness
- **Larisa Owen**, Director, IntelliQuest Consulting
- **Jason Robison**, Chief Program Officer, SHARE! The Self-Help and Recovery Exchange
- **Yia Xiong** (former member), Equity Specialist, California Department of Aging
- **Richard Zaldivar**, Founder and Executive Director, The Wall Las Memorias

CFC Advisory Committee Highlights

- ✓ Drawing on lived experience
- ✓ Elevating and embedding diverse voices
- ✓ Streamlining Commission operations
- ✓ Establishing and maintaining quorum for each meeting

1 Innovation Partnership Fund (IPF) Discussion and Input

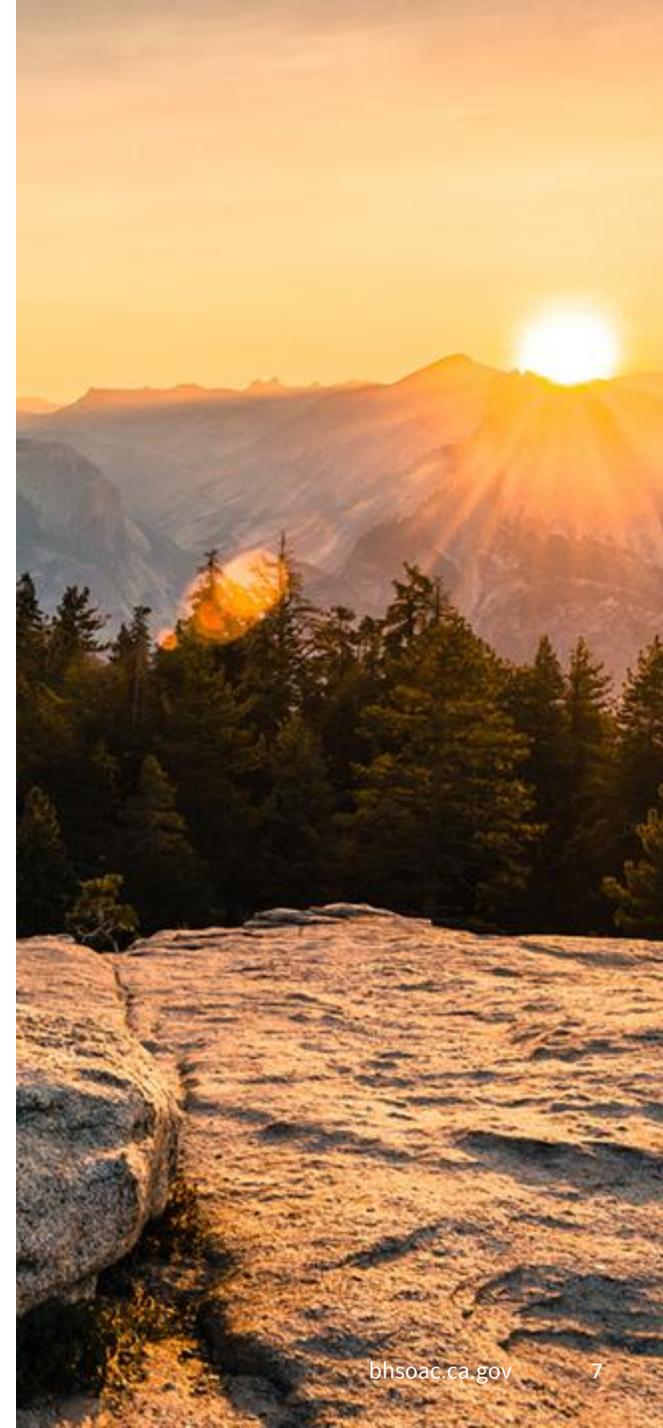
2 Mental Health Wellness Act Peer Respite Discussion and Input

3 Deeper Public Involvement and Open Dialogue

4 Recommendations to the Full Commission

Committee Discussion Questions

- What has worked well with this merger of the CLCC and CFLC Committees?
- What were some of the challenges with this merger? What areas can be improved?
- Would Committee members continue to find value in maintaining this joint structure by permanently merging the CLCC and CFLC Committees, OR should the Commission consider dividing this committee back into two (2) separate bodies?
- Any other thoughts or suggestions?



Motion (Option 1: Combination)

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

Motion (Option 2: Separation)

That the Client, Family, and Community Inclusion, Lived Experience, and Diversity Advisory Committee recommends that the full Commission approve the separation of the committee, effective immediately.



Thank you!