

LEGISLATIVE & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER

AUTHORITY

The Legislative & External Affairs 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 Advisory Committee supports the Commission by shaping the Commission’s legislative agenda and advocacy priorities.

The Advisory Committee shall:

- Monitor legislation and develop and propose new policies or amendments for existing laws that enhance behavioral health services and access.
- Engage with Commission stakeholders, including community leaders, providers, and advocates, to obtain diverse insights and identify policy priorities, and where applicable, adopt policy reports.
- Support and collaborate with the Commission’s Advocacy Contract Grantees to strengthen their capacity for effective representation and advocacy on behalf of their constituent communities.

MEMBERSHIP

The Committee members shall consist of current, appointed Commissioners. Members will be appointed by the Commission Chair. The maximum number of members will be less than a quorum of the full Commission.

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 the Commission on: March 27, 2025