

2024 IMPACT REPORT



CBHA
CALIFORNIA BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH ASSOCIATION

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Letter from the CEO



Le Ondra Clark Harvey, Ph.D.

Chief Executive Officer

As we reflect on 2024, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for all that we have accomplished together. This year has been one of meaningful progress in our mission to advance behavioral health services and support the communities we serve.

Our advocacy efforts have helped shape critical policy changes, ensuring that the voices of our members and those they serve are heard and addressed at all levels. We are excited to present our 2024 Impact Report, which showcases the key achievements and outcomes of our work in Advocacy, Education, and Partnership & Events.

Advocacy: This year, we championed numerous behavioral health policies, influencing legislative changes that directly benefit our members and the diverse communities they serve.

Education: Through various workgroups, committees, and educational offerings, we equipped our members with the knowledge and tools to navigate the evolving landscape of behavioral health.

Partnership & Events: Our sponsored events and outreach activities fostered invaluable partnerships, driving collaboration and innovation across our network.

We are incredibly grateful to our members and external partners for their collaboration and shared commitment to making a significant impact in 2024. With your continued support and dedication, I am confident that we will achieve even greater strides in our work to provide equitable, compassionate, and comprehensive care for all. Together, we are shaping the future of behavioral health in meaningful ways!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Le Ondra Clark Harvey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a stylized "L" and "H".

Le Ondra Clark Harvey, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer
California Behavioral Health Association

Organization Overview



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Vision

We are dedicated to the proposition that the people of California deserve a rational and comprehensive community-based behavioral health system that is adequately funded to serve those in need. We are the voice of our agencies at the State Capitol, state agencies, and the federal government. Our purpose is to ensure that federal, state, and county programs can support integrated healthcare services for people of all ages.

We achieve this purpose through:

- Shaping and leading public policy;
- Advocating for needed legislation and funding;
- Creating a forum for the exchange of information and expertise; and
- Working with all relevant stakeholders.

Our focus continues to be on increasing the appropriate funding and oversight for the community behavioral health system.

Mission

CBHA promotes comprehensive, responsive, and integrated service systems by enhancing the ability of members to provide behavioral health services that empower people to lead full and productive lives.

Advocacy Highlights

Since 2023, we have sponsored 14 bills and we have had 63% of our sponsored legislation chaptered. We are proud to celebrate the strides we have made in our advocacy efforts, working closely with our members, partners, and policymakers to advance behavioral health across California. Our team actively participated in legislative hearings, bringing the unique challenges faced by behavioral health providers and communities to the forefront. Our collective voices have shaped critical policy initiatives that are making a real difference in the lives of communities across the state of California. The road ahead is full of promise, and with your continued support, we are confident that the momentum we've built will lead to even greater impact in 2025.



→ Sponsored Bills	5
→ Legislative Hearings	40+
→ Testimonies Provided	80+
→ State Agency Interface	25+
→ Virtual Advocacy Days	60+

Performance Overview



Areas of Advocacy

- Family Urgent Response System (FURS)
- Community Health Workers & Promotoras
- Behavioral Health Workforce
- Behavioral Health Documentation Reform
- Equity and Social Drivers
- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Children and Youth Services
- Behavioral Health Innovations
- CARE Court
- Older Adults
- CalAIM Implementation
- CCBHC State Demonstration
- Behavioral Health Transformation - Prop 1
- Substance Use Disorders
- Person-Based Care
- Housing and Homelessness
- Emerging Trends and Practice Innovations
- CBHA Sponsored Bills
- More

Mastered Successes

The continued contributions and engagement of our membership have been pivotal in shaping our advocacy efforts and ensuring that the voices of those they serve are heard at every level of decision-making. To continue our impact in the future, we will continue to:

- Engage diverse stakeholders to strengthen our advocacy
- Remain persistent in navigating complex regulatory changes
- Continue to amplify of the provider perspective
- Support policies that reflect the unique cultures, needs and lived experiences of our communities

Legislative Success Spotlight

AB 1412: Pretrial Diversion - Borderline Personality Disorder

Prior to 2024, if an individual with Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) was arrested for a crime they would immediately be subject to the routine criminal court proceedings instead of being offered the opportunity to receive treatment first-- as is the case with individuals with other serious mental health disorders.

The solution was AB 1412, authored by Assemblymember Gregg Hart. This bill offers a path to treatment rather than incarceration for individuals who are suffering from BPD.

CBHA's dedicated staff and organization member, PathPoint, worked tirelessly to craft the legislation. In addition, CBHA researched and activated local, state and national mental health organizations, clients and families to support the bill. Governor Newsom signed the bill into law, ending decades of discrimination of people with BPD. AB 1412 took effect in 2024.

"CBHA understood the need to make a change in the law. We leveraged our contacts at the legislature, other relationships and our knowledge to create a solution. This was a great example of how we come together as an association to serve our members. We hear what their needs are and we respond." - Dr. Clark Harvey, Ph.D., CEO, California Behavioral Health Association

"CBHA is a very wonderful and professional organization that has the skills and resources to help legislators, like myself, make the change that we need together. I had nothing but a positive experience working with CBHA and would love to sponsor additional bills in the future." - Assemblymember Gregg Hart, District 37

"I would encourage any provider agency that works through the county funded behavioral health system to join CBHA and have a voice at that level. The work of CBHA, the pull, and everyone's voice together is such a stronger advocacy approach." - Harry Bruell, President and CEO, PathPoint



[Click Here to Watch Our Legislative Success](#)

Educational Guidance

Empowering Our Members Through Education and Collaboration

At CBHA, we are deeply committed to supporting our members through a variety of educational opportunities designed to address the challenges facing the behavioral health community. Through our dedicated workgroups, informative webinars, and the inclusion of expert voices, we provide ongoing guidance on key issues impacting the field. By listening to our members and inviting industry leaders to share insights on the progress of behavioral health initiatives, we aim to equip our members with the tools and knowledge they need to navigate the evolving landscape.



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| → Member Virtual Town Halls | → Local County Contractors |
| → Provider Financing | → BIPOC Affinity Group |
| → Paperwork Reduction | → Race and Social Equity Taskforce |
| → Policy Committee | → Proposition 1 Public Webinar |
| → MHSA/BHSA Partners Forum | → CCBHC Support Group |

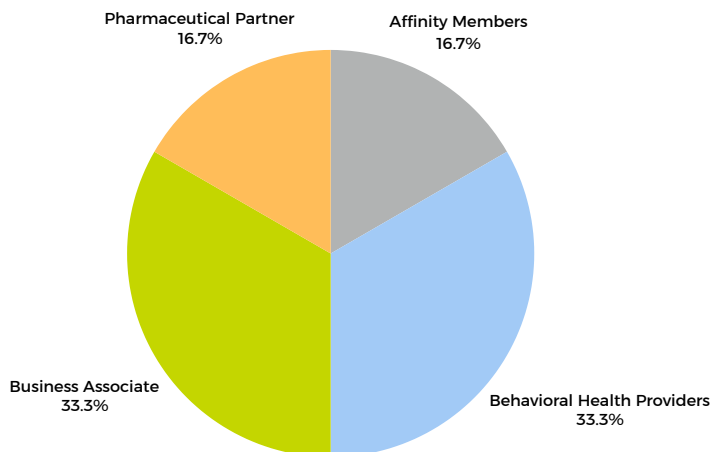
Partnership and Events

Strengthening Partnerships and Community Engagement

We are proud to highlight the various events our organization has hosted, which have served as pivotal platforms for dialogue, education, and collaboration. From informative webinars to community receptions, each event has been designed not only to disseminate knowledge but also to foster connections among our members and the broader community. We are grateful for the partnership from other advocacy organizations and the participation and support of our members, which continues to empower our mission and amplify our collective voice in advocating for a comprehensive behavioral health resources.



- Sacramento Kings Mental Health Awareness Game
- National Council - Hill Day
- Proposition 1 Virtual Education Forum
- NatCon24 CA Associations Member Social
- Mental Health Matters Day
- CCBHC Social
- Inaugural CCBHC Statewide Summit
- CBHA Policy Forum Member Dinner
- 2024 Annual Spring Policy Forum
- Whole System Care: Practice, Innovation, and Policy Implementation
- ↑ 1000+ Attendees



Membership Growth

As we continue to grow and expand, we are reminded that our members are the true backbone of our advocacy efforts. Their support, engagement, and active participation enable us to champion critical policy initiatives and advance behavioral health services across California. We are deeply grateful for each of them, and as we move forward, we are excited to welcome new members into our community. Together, we will continue to drive meaningful change and make a lasting impact on the lives of those they serve.

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"CBHA provides advocacy and support for behavioral health safety net providers to be effective in their mission to help their clients thrive."

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