



California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT **Director of Policy & Legislative Affairs**

Position: Director of Policy & Legislative Affairs - Exempt

Reports to: Executive Director

Salary Range: \$120,000 - \$140,000/year DOE. Excellent benefits including a retirement plan.

Responsibilities: The Director of Policy & Legislative Affairs is responsible for utilizing the state legislative and budget processes to advance the advocacy agenda of CCCBHA and its member agencies.

Overview: Provide legislative, policy, and advocacy services as established annually by the Executive Director and CCCBHA Board of Directors serving as CCCBHA's legislative and public policy advocate on state behavioral health bills, budget items, and other priority issues affecting nonprofit behavioral health contractors. Activities include testifying on said items/issues as necessary, providing legislation analysis, coordinating appearances by CCCBHA representatives at legislative and regulatory hearings, participating and providing input to policy committees addressing mental health issues, providing materials regarding designated legislative matters to CCCBHA and its members affected by legislation, assisting CCCBHA and its members in the solution of problems created by legislation; managing a master calendar that tracks hearings, testimony, and other items of importance to the CCCBHA's legislative program; and providing regular and periodic updates to CCCBHA members on legislative, budget and policy developments, and general matters of interest with respect to the behavioral health field including mental health and substance use disorders.

Duties:

- **Legislation and Policy Development**
 - ✓ Actively works with the Executive Director, Senior Policy Consultant, Board, staff and various committees to develop annual policy goals and legislative agendas.
 - ✓ Complete all tasks necessary to move legislation into law, from conceptualizing through passage of a bill and its signing into statute.
 - ✓ Develop appropriate analyses, positions, options, and strategies to ensure state and county programs support integrated services for children, youth, adults, and the elderly which includes physical health, mental health, behavioral health, housing, social services, education, substance abuse services and vocational rehabilitation.
 - ✓ Review, analyze and develop a position and priority on all bills of relevance to CCCBHA member agencies and complete all tasks necessary to support, oppose, or amend targeted bills.
 - ✓ Maintains lobbyist registration requirements with the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) and complete all required reports on a timely basis as needed.
- **Member Services**
 - ✓ Work with program committees and Board of Directors to set and carry out the legislative agenda.

- ✓ Respond to member inquiries.
- ✓ In coordination with the Executive Director and staff, help plan and coordinate the annual Policy Forums, Advocacy Days, and other meetings and conferences focused on legislative matters as needed.
- ✓ Staff policy committees as assigned including the Public Policy Committee and the sub-committees for Children, Adults/Older Adults, and Substance Use Disorders.
- ✓ Represent CCCBHA at selected member events.
- **Communication**
 - ✓ Assure full communication to members regarding progress of legislative agenda through periodic:
 - Legislative Tracking Report
 - Legislative and Budget Updates
 - Legislative and Budget Members Alerts
 - Articles and updates for the CCCBHA newsletters and other communications as needed
 - ✓ Speak at membership conferences and other member related conferences.
 - ✓ Keep the Executive Director, Board and the Public Policy Committee, and sub-committees completely informed of legislative and budgetary actions and trends.
 - ✓ Assist in development, initiation, and utilization of strategic communications plan.
 - ✓ Effectively employ public practices as necessary to support legislative and budgetary agenda.
 - ✓ In coordination with the Executive Director, represent CCCBHA with the media in areas of expertise and assists the Communications Manager in identifying legislative matters for the media. Assists in development of press releases and other press related materials.
- **Strategic Partnerships**
 - ✓ Build and maintain positive working relationships with legislators, legislative staff, staff in the Governor's office, and affiliated executive and legislative offices and agencies.
 - ✓ Develop and maintain positive relationships with the California Department of Health Care Services, the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services divisions, the California Behavioral Health Directors Association, the California Institute of Behavioral Health, and other public stakeholder groups in order to facilitate in addressing/resolving issues of relevance to the CCCBHA membership; partnering with these entities on public policy advocacy whenever possible.
 - ✓ In coordination with the Executive Director, ensure representation in all National Council for Behavioral Healthcare committees and programs.
 - ✓ Build and maintain positive working partnerships and coalitions with representatives of advocacy groups with allied interests.
 - ✓ Represent CCCBHA in formal and informal behavioral healthcare focused advocacy groups and meetings.
- **Grassroots**
 - ✓ Establish, maintain, expand, and employ grassroots political effort with member agencies.
 - ✓ Assure regular schedule of visits by member agencies' representatives to key legislators and administration officials through Advocacy Days and other events or when needed.
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- **Miscellaneous**

- ✓ Participate in short and long term CCCBHA strategic planning efforts.
- ✓ Supervise the Legislative Staff Support position, legislative interns, and other staff as assigned.
- ✓ Occasional travel as needed and assigned.
- ✓ Other duties and projects as assigned.

Qualifications:

- **Experience**

- ✓ At least four years of increasing levels of legislative and public policy responsibility required.
- ✓ Experience addressing policy and legislation in all areas of behavioral health including mental health and substance use disorder services and programs.
- ✓ Experience in an association setting preferred.

- **Personal Qualifications**

- ✓ Highly organized, self-motivated, and able to work independently.
- ✓ Team player and enjoy working collaboratively with CCCBHA staff, members, representatives of partner advocacy groups, and allied members of the Legislature and staff.
- ✓ “Quick study” with demonstrated capacity to absorb complex issues, organize effective legislative strategy, and effectively carry the strategy to completion.
- ✓ Willing and able to work with multiple member committees to effect policy change through legislation and budget process.
- ✓ Personable and engaging, responsive to member inquiries and concerns.
- ✓ Proficient writing skills with demonstrated experience conveying key messages clearly, timely, and succinctly.

- **Education**

- ✓ Bachelor degree required.

Application deadline: November 3, 2017

Application instructions: Please send a cover letter and resume as one PDF attachment to hr@cccbha.org to be considered for this position. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.