

2025 IMPACT REPORT



CBHA
CALIFORNIA BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH ASSOCIATION

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Letter from the CEO and Board President



Le Ondra Clark Harvey, Ph.D.
CBHA Chief Executive Officer

As I reflect on 2025, I am deeply grateful for our members and partners whose steadfast partnership and commitment have been instrumental in our progress. Together, we have shown the true power of collaboration—bridging agencies, services, and communities to drive meaningful policy change and expand access to behavioral health care across California.

This year, we have navigated a shifting federal landscape that continues to challenge our system of care. The ripple effects have been tangible—at times even debilitating—for providers and the communities they serve. Yet, in the face of adversity, our collective voice has only grown stronger. Through unity and shared purpose, we have defended vital resources, elevated community needs, and championed innovative solutions.

This impact report showcases CBHA's advocacy efforts at the Capitol and beyond, our educational initiatives that empower providers and strengthen systems, and the partnership events that have united hundreds of leaders statewide. Each section reflects not only the dedication of our association, but also the invaluable contributions of our members and partners who make this work possible.

As we look ahead, I am inspired by the momentum we have built and the opportunities that lie ahead of us. Together, we will continue shaping a future where behavioral health is prioritized, accessible, and fully integrated into California's health system. Thank you for your partnership, and your support of California's most diverse behavioral health advocacy organization.



Martine Singer, MBA
CBHA Board President

As we mark CBHA's 40th anniversary, we recognize its historic achievements and embrace the urgent work ahead preserving a behavioral health system for all Californians. We face difficult choices about allocating limited resources; strengthening our workforce; and improving systems of care—while continuing to confront the injustice that leaves too many communities without access to critically important services.

CBHA amplifies the collective voices of providers, advocates, and consumers to shape innovative and equitable solutions. I'm honored to serve as board chair and to join with others who believe in recovery and hope. As we celebrate four decades of leadership and impact, we extend our deepest gratitude to our member organizations whose dedication makes this progress possible. Now more than ever, our collective advocacy is critical to ensure that behavioral health remains a cornerstone of California's health equity agenda.

Organization Overview



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Advocates for behavioral health across the lifespan

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

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 2026.



→ Sponsored Bills	6	→ Legislative Hearing Attendance and Participation	115+
→ State Advocacy Meetings	75+	→ State Feedback Submission Letters	30+
→ Virtual Advocacy Days	50+	→ Phone Banking Touchpoints	1000+
→ Membership with allied organizations	6	→ Phone Banking Sessions	5
→ Member Resource Publications	35	→ Local Engagement Advocacy Days	13

Performance Overview



Areas of Advocacy

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

Mastered Successes

The ongoing support and engagement of our members has been pivotal in shaping our advocacy and ensuring that behavioral health care is prioritized at every level of decision-making. To continue our impact in the future, we will persist with:

- Engaging diverse stakeholders and exploring unique partnerships to strengthen our advocacy
- Remaining persistent in advocating for resources to support providers navigating complex regulatory changes
- Amplifying the provider perspective
- Championing policies that reflect the unique cultures, needs, and lived experiences of our communities

Discover The CBHA Difference

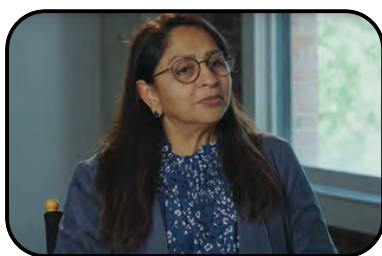


What CBHA Board Members Are Saying

"CBHA represents an opportunity to see what is happening throughout the state and to deal with other extremely talented professionals who are committed. CBHA helps me stay focused on our individual clients which is how we do our work to make sure that each person matters. At the same time, [CBHA] feeds me information that then allows us as an organization to strategically figure out our own path to sustainability and success." – **Al Gilbert, MBA, CEO, Felton Institute**

"CBHA is the think tank, the policy leader, and the legislative whisperer. CBHA is a place where we come in and we talk about our clinical vision and our practical needs in the community since we serve the community." – **Jonathan Porteus, Ph.D., CEO, WellSpace Health**

"Being a part of CBHA gives you the opportunity to understand the way that things are done differently in different counties and that matters from just a personal perspective [because] you can learn from other people's challenges." – **Vitka Eisen, Ed.D., CEO, HealthRIGHT 360**



"There is strength in numbers and being together to share concerns and speak as one voice carries that voice much further and you are able to elevate the issues that impact the community." – **Sarita Kohli, MBA, MFT, CEO, Asian Americans for Community Involvement**



"CBHA has highlighted the importance of Behavioral Health throughout the state of California. The Governor of California [said that his] important pieces of legislation are going to focus on Behavioral Health and CBHA was right there sitting next to him to help craft that legislation that really is going to impact the state of California for probably two decades." – **Al Rowlett, Emeritus CEO, Turning Point Community Programs**

"CBHA is the direct pathway towards relationship development across the state with behavioral health providers. They are the respected organization and we are proud to be associated with them and support their mission." – **Ryan Napier, Business Development Lead, Chorus Innovations**

**Learn more about the
difference we make**

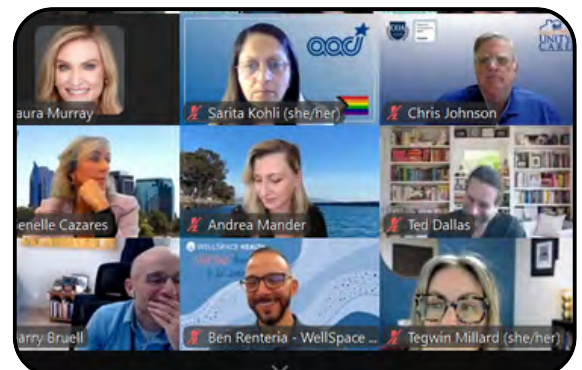
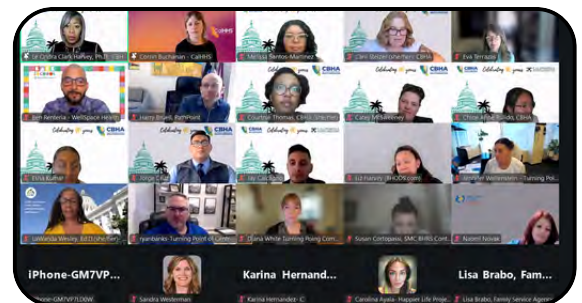
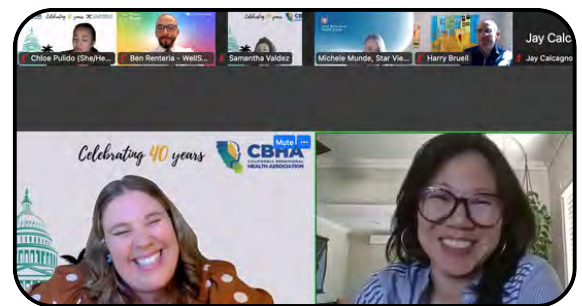
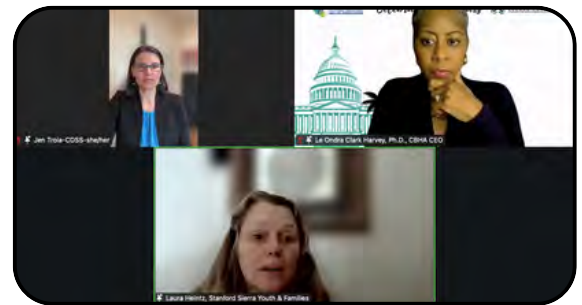


Educational Guidance

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.

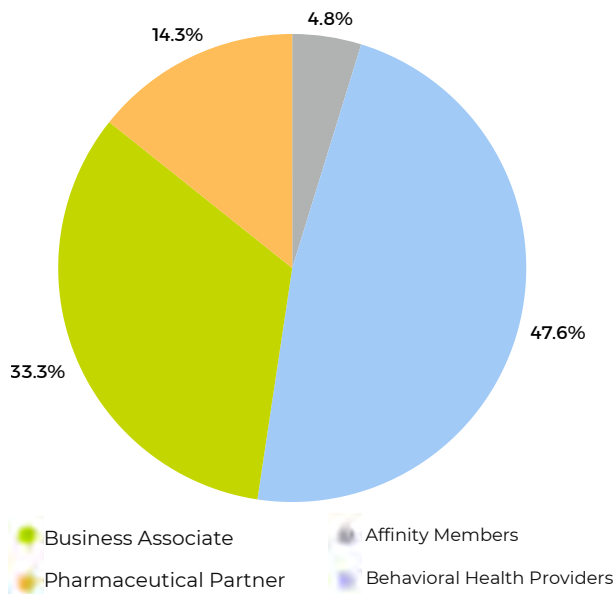
- **Member Virtual Town Halls**
- **Provider Financing**
- **Paperwork Reduction**
- **Policy Committee**
- **BHT Partners Forum**
- **Local County Contractors**
- **Focused Listening Sessions**



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.



- Enhanced Care Management Learning Collaborative
- Long Beach Member Social
- National Council - Hill Day
- CCBHC Virtual Workshop
- NatCon25 California Member Social
- Mental Health Matters Day
- CBHA Policy Forum Social Hour
- 2025 Annual Spring Policy Forum
- 40th Anniversary Celebration

- ↑ 600+ Attendees
- ↑ 100% Success

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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