



**Contract with the
California Association
of Local Mental Health
Boards and
Commissions**

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Recommendation:

- **Authorize the Interim Executive Director to Execute a Contract with the California Association of Local Mental Health Boards and Commissions (CALMHB/C) to provide training and support for clients and family members who serve on local mental health boards and commissions.**

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Presentation Overview:

- Background
- Summary
- Proposed Motion



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Background:

- Pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code 5604, each county will establish a local mental health board and is encouraged to appoint individuals who have experience and knowledge of the mental health system.



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Background (Continued):

- Fifty percent of the board membership shall be consumers or the parents, spouses, siblings, or adult children of consumers, who are receiving or have received mental health services.



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Background (Continued):

- Examples of local mental health board activities :
 - Review and evaluate the community's mental health needs, services, facilities, and special problems.
 - Advise the local governing body and the local mental health director as to any aspect of the local mental health program.



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Background (Continued):

- Review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process.
- Submit an annual report to the governing body on the needs and performance of the county's mental health system

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Background (Continued):

- The California Association of Local Mental Health Boards and Commissions (CALMHB/C) is a statewide organization that supports the work of local mental health boards described above.

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Background (Continued):

- The Association was established in 1993 as a 501(c)(3) to assist local mental health boards and commissions to carry out their mandated functions and to advocate at the state level as a unified voice for local mental health boards and commissions' concerns. The Association seeks to improve the quality and cultural competency of mental health services delivered to the people of California.

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Summary:

- The CALMHB/C is an association that is self supported through contracts, grants, and tax deductible donations.
- The purpose of the CALMHB/C is to assist local mental health boards to carry out their mandated functions, which include conducting public hearings, and providing recommendations to the county on the county's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Three Year Program and Expenditure Plans and Annual Updates.

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Summary (Continued):

- The CALMHB/C activities are one of the strategies that assist the MHSOAC in fulfilling its statutory responsibility to assist consumers and family members at the local level to ensure that the appropriate state and county agencies give full consideration to concerns about quality, structure of service delivery, or access to mental health services.

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Summary (Continued):

- The CALMHB/C will provide support, education, training and technical assistance to consumers and family members serving on local mental health boards and commissions.

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Motion:

- **The Commission approves the contract with the California Association of Local Mental Health Boards and Commissions not to exceed \$166,500 for a three year period, and authorizes the Interim Executive Director to execute the necessary documents.**

