



Alameda County
Mental Health Advisory Board

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BOARD APPLICANTS WANTED

Members:

Brian Bloom
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District 2

Loren Farrar
District 3

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District 3

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District 5

Juliet Leftwich
District 5

Amy Shrago
BOS Representative
District 5

What is the Mental Health Advisory Board (MHAB)?

Every California county is required by state law to have a mental health advisory body. In Alameda County, members of the board are appointed by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors (BOS) for a three-year term. The MHAB's charge is to review and evaluate Alameda County's mental health needs, facilities, services and special problems; advise the BOS and the Alameda County Mental Health Director on any aspect of the local mental health programs; review and comment on the county's performance outcome data and communicate its findings to the California Mental Health Planning Council; provide input into the development of the county's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) plan; and submit an annual report to the BOS on the needs and performance of the county's mental health system.

Looking for passionate and dedicated team players to join the board!

Alameda County is seeking Alameda County residents who are passionate about ensuring and advocating for responsive, equitable mental health prevention, intervention and treatment services, who want to use their voice and expertise towards this end. Qualifying board members include consumers of mental health services and their family members, as well as community members and individuals who have experience with and knowledge of mental health systems.

In order to ensure diverse perspectives and round out current MHAB membership, individuals representing the following groups are particularly desired:

- Have expertise and/or a strong interest in children and youth-related issues
- Identify as Latinx
- Have worked in the field or have special knowledge of the field
- Are interested in and/or have expertise in local or state legislation
- Have experience working in county or city services or government

What does serving on the MHAB involve?

As a board member, you will be required to:

- Work in collaboration with other board members to fulfill the responsibilities of the MHAB
- Attend 10 regular in-person monthly board meetings each year
- Attend Special Meetings from time to time
- Serve on at least one committee and/or serve as a Board Liaison to another entity or organization (usually monthly meetings)

Interested in joining? Next Steps

For more information about the MHAB click [here](#). If you have questions or would like to apply, please email ACBH.MHBCcommunications@acgov.org. Interested individuals are encouraged to attend at least one board meeting prior to application.