



**Alameda County
Mental Health Advisory Board**

**ANNUAL REPORT
FY 2021-22**



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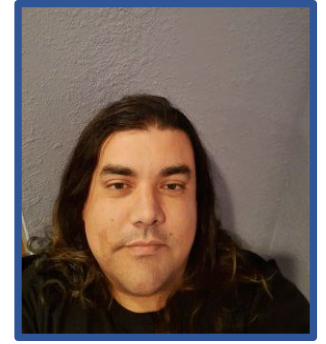
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THE ROLE OF MHAB:

Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5604.2 &
5848 (Mental Health Service Act Duties)

PRIMARY DUTIES: WIC 5604.2

- Review & evaluate the community's public mental health needs, services, facilities and *special problems* in any facility within the county or jurisdiction where mental health evaluations or services are being provided including but not limited to schools, emergency departments and psychiatric facilities.
- Review any county agreements entered into pursuant to WIC 5650. The local mental health board may make recommendations to the governing body regarding concerns identified within these agreements.
- Advise the governing body and the local mental health director as to any aspect of the local mental health program.
- 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 mental health system.
- Review and make recommendation on applicants for the appointment of a local director of mental health services.
- Review and comment on the county's performance outcome data and communicate its findings to the California Behavioral Health Planning Council.

MHSA DUTIES: WIC 5848

- Conduct a public hearing on the draft three-year program and expenditure plan and annual updates at the close of the 30-day comment period. The mental health board shall review and analyze the adopted plan and make recommendations to the local mental health agency for revisions. ***The local mental health agency, as applicable, shall provide an annual report of written explanations to the local governing body and the State Department of Health Care Services for any substantive recommendations made by the local mental health board that are not included in the final plan or update.***
 - “Substantive recommendations made by the local mental health board” means any recommendation that is brought before the board and approved by a majority vote of the membership present at a public hearing of the local mental health board that has established its quorum.



THE ANNUAL REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS 2022

ANNUAL REPORT: RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARIZED

1. **Conduct a comprehensive needs assessment and evaluation of existing programs serving the seriously mentally ill in Alameda County.**
2. **Fully fund ACBH's Forensic Plan.**
3. **Expand the capacity of court-based and other diversion programs.**
4. **Create Full-Service Partnerships ("FSPs"), Collaborative Courts, and other programs focused specifically on the needs of those who suffer from Co-Occurring Disorders.**
5. **Expand the services and capacity of the Safe Landing Project.**
6. **Expand Effective Full-Service Partnerships ("FSPs").**
7. **Significantly increase the capacity of residential treatment beds countywide (including those at Villa Fairmont) to ensure that effective, humane treatment is available at all levels of need.**
8. **Provide better treatment options for incarcerated individuals who are "5150'd" from Santa Rita Jail to John George Psychiatric Hospital.**
9. **Support the repeal of the IMD (Institution for Mental Disease) Medicaid Exclusion.**
10. **Prioritize strategies to address the mental health workforce shortage.**