

**CBHDA
2016-17
LEGISLATIVE
SCORE CARD**



Dear Behavioral Health Allies and Stakeholders,



With help from the Legislature, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., and California Counties, behavioral health made important strides this year in policy and practice. County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California (CBHDA) had major victories for consumers and counties during the past legislative session. With this leadership and advocacy, public behavioral health programs will continue to assure the accessibility of quality, cost-effective, culturally competent behavioral health care for the people of the State of California.

Even with a constant federal threat of an Affordable Care Act repeal and the evisceration of Medicaid, advocates for behavioral health continue to charge ahead in our state. Numerous important bills addressing

housing and homelessness, children and families, and substance use disorders fared well at the state capitol. CBHDA sponsored bills, AB 395 (Bocanegra) and AB 727 (Nazarian), both enjoyed bipartisan support in the Legislature and were signed into law by Governor Brown. We applaud the Legislature's leadership on access to **substance use disorder services** and prioritizing **housing services** for those in need.

AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer), a bill that does not appear on this Score Card as it remains open to consideration in 2018, posed a major threat to County Behavioral Health. This bill would end contracting for services in mental health, **substance use disorders**, child welfare and law enforcement, among many other services. Vociferous opposition by nearly all counties and more than 500 nonprofit groups resulted in the bill being delayed until 2018. We will continue to work with the author and sponsors to express opposition, and further educate the Legislature on the dangers this bill poses to California behavioral health services.

In addition to our sponsored bills, CBHDA successfully advocated with the Legislature, the Governor's Department of Finance, and the Department of Health Care Services for a balanced approach to **Mental Health Services Act** reversion, which will bring an estimated \$150 million back to the communities to be reinvested in mental health care.

Despite challenges posed by federal actions on health care policy, we hope California's Legislature and Governor will join CBHDA in the coming legislative session with strategies to preserve high-quality behavioral health care throughout our state.

Through CBHDA's **Behavioral Health 2020 Initiative**, California's county behavioral health leaders will continue to plan for the future.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Barlow
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Executive Director, CBHDA

We proudly present the 2017 County Behavioral Health Directors Legislative Score Card.

The legislation CBHDA supported has been separated into five major policy areas:

housing and homelessness, children and youth, substance use disorders, the Mental Health Services Act and criminal justice. The

legislation included in our Score Card are priority bills, but do not reflect our full policy agenda for this legislative session. While reviewing this Score Card, keep in mind that it is a partial picture of legislation related to behavioral health during the 2016-17 session.

Key to voting section

- + Voted in support of Behavioral Health
- Voted in opposition of Behavioral Health
- Abstained from voting
- Excused Absence

For scoring purposes each vote represents 5 points. If the Governor, a Senator or Assembly Member chose not to support a bill that we have supported in this report, their grade was reduced by 5 points. Considering each member is encouraged to "add on" their vote at the end of a floor session or hearing, an abstention is considered to have the same negative impact for the Legislation and therefore reduces scores the same as a NO vote.

Grading scale

- A = 100 - 90**
- B = 89 - 80**
- C = 79 - 70**
- D = 69 - 60**
- F = 59 and below**



To better present the legislation, we grouped bills we supported into five areas: **Housing and Homelessness, Children and Youth, Mental Health Services Act, Substance Use Disorders and Criminal Justice.** These topics represent issues that were most important to CBHDA this legislative session.

Housing and Homelessness

AB 74 (Chiu) Housing for a Healthy California

- Establishes the Housing for a Healthy California Program to provide rental assistance to those who are homeless and receive services from the Whole Person Care Program, Health Homes Program or another locally controlled funding source.

AB 210 (Santiago) Homeless Multidisciplinary Teams

- Authorizes counties to start Homeless Adult, Child and Family Multidisciplinary Teams and allows team members to exchange confidential information while maintaining privacy protections to simplify the linkage of homeless individuals and families to housing and supportive services.

AB 236 (Maienschein) CalWORKS: Housing Assistance

- Makes CalWORKs Homeless Housing Assistance Program funding available to non-custodial parents who have children who are in foster care if the family is receiving reunification services and the assistance will aid to reunify the family.

Children and Youth

AB 340 (Arambula) Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) Trauma Screening

- Requires the Department of Health Care Services, the Department of Social Services, county mental health experts and other stakeholders to convene an advisory group to address trauma screening tools for children with the EPSDT benefit. Requires a related report to the Legislature.

AB 501 (Ridley-Thomas) Children's Mental Health Facilities

- Establishes a new facility licensure category for Children's Crisis Residential Services to serve as an alternative to psychiatric hospitalization.

AB 1315 (Mullin) Mental health: Early Psychosis and Mood Disorder Detection and Intervention

- Establishes the privately funded Early Psychosis Intervention Competitive Selection Process Plus Program and a related advisory committee to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission.

Mental Health Services Act

AB 850 (Chau) Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

- Expands the membership of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to include an individual with knowledge of and experience in reducing mental health disparities for racial and ethnic communities.

AB 727 (Nazarian) Mental Health Services Act Housing Assistance (CBHDA Co-Sponsored)

- Authorizes counties to spend Mental Health Services Act funding on rental assistance outside of a Full-Service Partnership.

Substance Use Disorders

AB 395 (Bocanegra) Substance Use Disorder Treatment (CBHDA Co-Sponsored)

- Requires Drug Medi-Cal claims from providers and counties to be submitted to the Department of Health Care Services within a six-month timeframe and updates laws governing medication-assisted treatment.

AB 350 (Salas) Cannabis Edibles: Appealing to Children

- Bans edible cannabis products in the shape of a person, animal insect or fruit.

AB 532 (Waldron) Women's Drug Court Treatment Services

- Expands access to mental health and drug treatment for women in the criminal justice system. Allows courts to collaborate with outside organizations to develop programs that offer behavioral health and wrap-around services to women charged with or on probation for misdemeanor offenses.

AB 575 (Jones-Sawyer) Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse: Substance Use Disorder Counselors

- Requires substance use disorder counselors to be mandated reporters of elder and dependent adult abuse.

AB 1688 (Assembly Health Committee) California Mental Health Planning Council

- Renames the California Mental Health Planning Council as the California Behavioral Health Planning Council and expands the Council's membership to include individuals with substance use disorders expertise and individuals who are dually diagnosed with serious mental illnesses and substance use disorders.

SB 323 (Mitchell) Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics: Behavioral Health

- Adds the Drug Medi-Cal program and specialty mental health services to the types of services that FQHCs and rural health clinics may provide and be reimbursed for under contract with a county.

SB 374 (Newman) Health insurance: discriminatory practices

- Ensures mental health and substance use disorder services are covered equally with medical/surgical services under all insurance policies sold in California.

Criminal Justice

AB 720 (Eggman) Inmates: Involuntary Psychiatric Medication

- Authorizes the administration of involuntary psychiatric medication of inmates in county jails, including those awaiting arraignment, trial or sentencing. Statute sunsets in 2022.

AB 1308 (Stone) Youth Offender Parole Hearings

- Expands the youth offender parole process for crimes committed from before 23 years of age to crimes committed before the age of 25.

AB 208 (Eggman) Pretrial Diversion for Certain Drug Offenses

- Changes the current deferred entry of judgment program for low-level drug offenses to allow referral into a pre-trial diversion program.

SB 725 (Jackson) Veterans: pretrial diversion: driving privileges

- Clarifies that veterans charged with driving under the influence who suffer from military-related traumatic mental health or substance use disorder conditions are eligible for pre-trial diversion to a treatment court.



Senate Legislative Score Card

+ Voted For
 - Voted Against
 ■ Abstained
 ■ Excused Absence

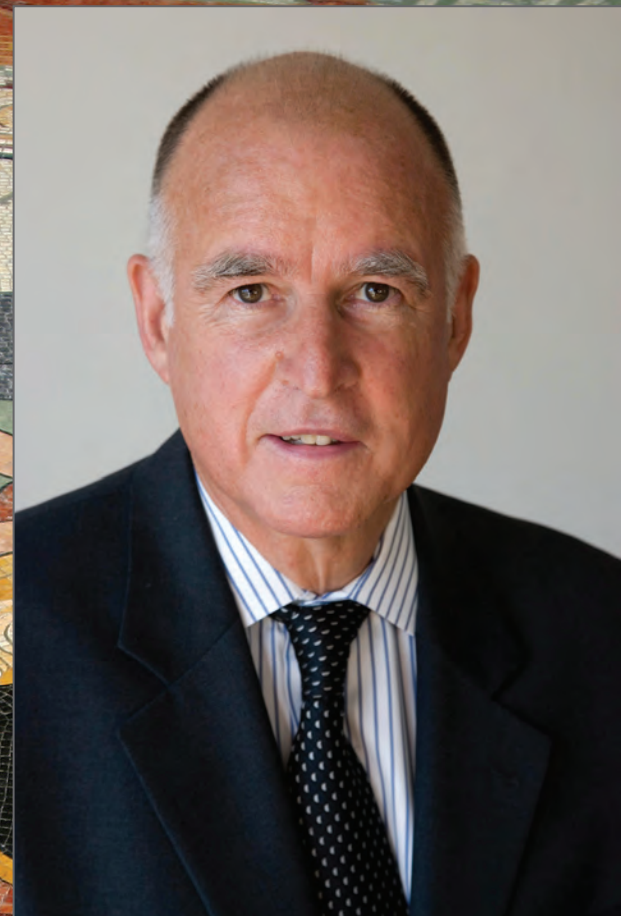
Senate Members	Grade	Housing/Homeless			Children & Youth			MHSA		Substance Use Disorders							Criminal Justice			
		AB 74	AB 210	AB 236	AB 340	AB 501	AB 1315	AB 850	AB 727	AB 395	AB 350	AB 532	AB 575	AB 1688	SB 323	SB 374	AB 720	AB 1308	AB 208	SB 725
Ben Allen	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Joel Anderson	B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
Toni Atkins	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Patricia Bates	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
Jim Beall	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tom Berryhill	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
Steven Bradford	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Anthony Canella	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Kevin de León	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bill Dodd	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jean Fuller	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
Ted Gaines	B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
Cathleen Galgiani	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Steve Glazer	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
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Bob Hertzberg	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jerry Hill	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ben Hueso	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
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Ricardo Lara	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

Connie Leyva	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Mike McGuire	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tony Mendoza	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Holly Mitchell	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
William Monning	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
John Moorlach	B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
Mike Morrell	C	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
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Jim Nielsen	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
Richard Pan	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Anthony Portantino	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Richard Roth	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Nancy Skinner	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Henry Stern	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jeff Stone	B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
Andy Vidak	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
Bob Wieckowski	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Scott Wiener	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Scott Wilk	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+

Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. Legislative Score Card

Overall Grade: **B**

Bill	Chaptered	Vetoed
AB 74	+	
AB 210	+	
AB 236	+	
AB 340	+	
AB 501	+	
AB 1315	+	
AB 850		-
AB 727	+	
AB 395	+	
AB 350		-
AB 532		-
AB 575	+	
AB 1688	+	
SB 323	+	
SB 374	+	
AB 720	+	
AB 1308	+	
AB 208	+	
SB 725	+	



Planning for the future...

The past legislative session was a success by any measure. However, the County Behavioral Health Directors Association believes that public behavioral health care can be strengthened even further. The continuum of care for behavioral health is poised for structural and service-based care changes on both state and federal levels – and health care in general is shifting under the constant threat of funding reductions and Affordable Care Act repeal. The County Behavioral Health Directors are taking this opportunity seriously and are committed to building a county behavioral health system that supports consumer-driven services and provides high-quality, high-value care. To that end, over the past year, our Association has put a special emphasis on legislation to address **housing and homelessness, children and youth, substance use disorders, the Mental Health Services Act and criminal justice**, and we will continue increasing our political footprint to help further the agenda of true systematic reform.

The County Behavioral Health Directors Association will be collaborating with consumers, family members, and other partners to create a **Behavioral Health 2020 Initiative**, a

vision for the future of county behavioral health to show further leadership and amplify our support for reform solutions. Through a recovery and person-centered care approach, California can preserve our community safety net services and fortify them into the future. Your local behavioral health leaders see a county system of tomorrow that includes robust community-based interventions, prevention and early intervention, and recovery models of care. By working with our hospital, health plan, and other critical partners, our **Behavioral Health 2020 Initiative** will describe new and innovative ways to strengthen funding and services for critical programs and services.

Over the coming months, our Board and Executive Committee will be forming and socializing the foundational principles of this new plan. Based on these principles, we will draft a proposal with input from consumers, family members, health care partners, the State and others that align us toward a delivery system rooted in high-quality behavioral health care. Through the **Behavioral Health 2020 Initiative**, counties and the state of California will again lead the nation in developing innovative ways to organize, deliver, and pay for behavioral health care.





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The mission of the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California is to assure the accessibility of quality, cost-effective, culturally competent behavioral health care for the people of the State of California by providing the leadership, advocacy, and support to public behavioral health programs.

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