

Behavioral Health Task Force



Join the Behavioral Health Task Force!

CalHHS seeks new members to join the Behavioral Health Task Force (BHTF), to promote learning and provide input on emerging State policies and initiatives to improve behavioral health services. Applicants will be selected with the key goals of creating a diverse BHTF that includes key perspectives, expertise, and experiences.

About the Taskforce

In January 2020, the California Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS) announced the formation of the Governor's BHTF to address the urgent mental health and substance use disorder needs and advise the Administration's efforts to advance statewide behavioral health services, prevention, and early intervention to stabilize conditions before they become severe.

The BHTF, chaired by CalHHS Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly, consists of a broad range of stakeholders from both the public and private sectors, including people living with behavioral health conditions (mental health and substance use disorders), family members, advocates, providers, health plans, counties, and State agency leaders.

Our Goals

- > Goal 1: Ground truth the State's behavioral health agenda
- > Goal 2: Uplift constituency voices
- > Goal 3: Promote learning to expand collective understanding of behavioral health issues facing the State
- > Goal 4: Advance approaches that are creative, responsive, and coordinated

Who can apply?

Any individual who is passionate about behavioral health issues and represents perspectives including, but not limited to: Statewide Associations for Health and Human Service System Partners, Legislative Partners, and BH NGOs representing the following perspectives - advocacy and policy, peers, children, youth and families, TAY, families and support systems, disability, education, healthcare service providers, justice involved, LGBTQ, aging, veterans, CalHHS Departments and Offices, and State Partners.

CalHHS will be accepting applications until July 31st

Please use this [LINK](#) to access the BHTF Membership Application

