

## MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION

Purpose: Provide vision and leadership, in collaboration with clients, their family members, and underserved communities, to ensure Californians understand mental health is essential to overall health. Provide oversight for eliminating disparities, promote wellness, recovery and resiliency, and ensure positive outcomes for individuals living with serious mental illness and their families.

Authority: Welfare & Institutions Code §§ 5845, et seq.

Appointing Power: Governor – 12  
Attorney General  
Superintendent of Public Instruction  
President pro Tempore of the Senate – 1  
Speaker of the Assembly – 1

Number: Sixteen (16)

Special Considerations: The Governor shall seek individuals who have had personal or family experience with mental illness.  
(Welf. & Inst. Code § 5845(a)(5).)

Qualifications: Governor: (Welf. & Inst. Code § 5845(a)(5).)

- Two (2) persons with a severe mental illness
- One (1) family member of an adult or senior with a severe mental illness
- One (1) family member of a child who has or has had a severe mental illness
- One (1) physician specializing in alcohol and drug treatment
- One (1) mental health professional
- One (1) county sheriff
- One (1) superintendent of a school district
- One (1) representative of a labor organization
- One (1) representative of an employer with more than 500 employees
- One (1) representative of an employer with less than 500 employees
- One (1) representative of a health services plan or insurer

Attorney General or his or her designee.  
(Welf. & Inst. Code § 5845(a)(1).)

Superintendent of Public Instruction or his or her designee.  
(Welf. & Inst. Code § 5845(a)(2).)

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- Qualifications: President pro Tempore of the Senate selects the Chairperson of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee or another member of the Senate. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 5845(a)(3).)
- Speaker of the Assembly selects the Chairperson of the Assembly Health Committee or another member of the Assembly. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 5845(a)(4).)
- Term: Three (3) years, ending on January 1. Terms are staggered so that approximately one-third (1/3) of the appointments expire each year. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 5845(c).)
- Grace Period: Continues to serve until successor has qualified. (Gov. Code §1302.)
- Compensation: None, except for actual and necessary expenses. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 5845(b).)
- Meeting Frequency: Meet at least once each quarter at any time and location convenient to the public as it may deem appropriate. All meetings of the commission shall be open to the public. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 5845(d)(1).)
- Bond: Not stated in statute.
- Oath: Government Code §§ 1360 – 1363
- Duties: Provide technical assistance to any county mental health plan as needed to address concerns or recommendations of the commission or when local programs could benefit from technical assistance for improvement of their plans. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 5846(b).)
- Ensure that the perspective and participation of diverse community members reflective of California populations and others suffering from severe mental illness and their family members is a significant factor in all of its decisions and recommendations. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 5846(c).)
- Develop strategies to overcome stigma and discrimination, and accomplish all other objectives and the other provisions of the act establishing the commission. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 5845(d)(8).)
- At any time, advise the Governor or the Legislature regarding actions the state may take to improve care and services for people with mental illness. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 5845(d)(9).)

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Duties:  
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If the commission identifies a critical issue related to the performance of a county mental health program, it may refer the issue to the State Department of Mental Health pursuant to Section 5655.(Welf. & Inst. Code § 5845(d)(10).)

Website:            <http://www.mhsoac.ca.gov>

## Registry

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### Mental Hlth Serv Oversight & Accountability Comm

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	<b>Appt. Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Vacancy (Nelson, Jr./Family member/Adult/Sr) Visalia	Jan 2 2011	Jan 1 2014
Vacancy (Pating/Physician) San Francisco	Apr 5 2013	Jan 1 2016
Vacancy (Keith/Hlth Serv Plan/Insurer) San Diego	Apr 5 2013	Jan 1 2014
Tina Marie Louise Wooton (Severe Mental Illness) Santa Barbara	Apr 5 2013	Jan 1 2016
Khatera Aslami (Severe Mental Illness) Fairfield	May 24 2013	Jan 1 2016
LeeAnne Sacks Mallel (Family Mem/Parent) Calabasas	Jan 17 2013	Jan 1 2015
Larry Bruce Poaster, Ph.D. (Mental Hlth Prof) Modesto	Jan 17 2013	Jan 1 2015
Bill Brown (Co Sheriff) Lompoc	Jan 2 2015	Jan 1 2018
David W. Gordon (Supt/School Dist) Sacramento	May 7 2014	Jan 1 2017
Christopher Miller-Cole Ph.D. (Labor Org) Oakland	Aug 12 2013	Jan 1 2016
John Arthur Buck (Emplyr less 500) Folsom	May 7 2014	Jan 1 2017
John William Boyd (Emplyr more 500) Folsom	Jan 2 2015	Jan 1 2018