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## *Help Make a Difference*

We need your help to let our elected officials know mental healthcare and access are important issues. Without hearing from people who live in their home districts, many lawmakers don't understand the need for better mental healthcare.

If you'd like to make a difference and be involved in our efforts to make more services available to people who need them, please contact our office at (916) 557-1166. We'll let you know when you can help out by sending a letter to your elected official.



## *How To Join*

By becoming a member of CCCMHA you too will become a part of the combined strengths of many health providers.

The purposes and objectives for which CCCMHA was formed:

- to improve the current community based mental health system through interaction with legislators and our government officials
- to increase the participation of community based nonprofit agencies in both the improvement of the mental health system and the delivery of direct services in the community
- to provide a unified approach for mutual consultation, to improve management efficiency, clinical services, and information exchanges
- to assure that services respond to the needs of the communities
- to provide a focal point for the review and development of policies which will further the provision of a full spectrum of modalities and high quality mental health care, at the community level, for all those requiring such.

Contact us today for a membership application!

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## *California Council of Community Mental Health Agencies*

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The California Council of Community Mental Health Agencies is dedicated to the proposition that the people of California deserve a rational, comprehensive, community based mental health system that is adequately funded to serve all of those in need of services.



## *Mission*

The California Council of Community Mental Health Agencies (CCCMHA) promotes comprehensive, responsive, and integrated service systems by enhancing the ability of nonprofit member agencies to provide mental health services that empower the people we serve to lead full and productive lives.

We achieve this purpose through:

- shaping and leading public policy,
- advocating for needed legislation and funding,
- creating a forum for the exchange of information and expertise, and
- working with all relevant stakeholders

## *Membership Benefits*

CCCMHA is best known for its two most visible services:

- Advocacy with the Legislature and state agencies;

- Training and public policy development conferences every four months held in conjunction with County Mental Health Directors and the California Institute for Mental Health, providing a special forum exclusively for executive directors and other management leaders of member agencies to develop new and improved services.

CCCMHA is a proud member of the National Council of Community Behavioral Health (NCCBH). When joining CCCMHA, you also receive the benefits of membership in NCCBH. This organization functions as our Washington-based lobby.

## *Public Policy*

CCCMHA leads the state mental health community in advocacy before the Legislature and state agencies to increase funding for community mental health services and to assure that state and county programs in health, mental health, housing, social services, education, substance abuse, and vocational rehabilitation, support integrated services for severely emotionally disturbed children and severely mentally ill adults and older adults.

## *Mental Health Services Act*

In the 2004 California election, voters passed Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), mandating a 1 percent increase in individual income taxes to expand mental health services. The MHSA is a complete transformation to a new system.

The passage of Proposition 63, indeed, was CCCMHA's proudest moment and it was not an easy decision for CCCMHA's board to commit such substantial resources to this effort back in 2002, when hardly anyone thought that something like this had a chance.

CCCMHA is currently working on the transformation of mental health services in California from our current fail-first system to our desired help-first system.

Please visit our website for additional information about CCCMHA at [www.cccmha.org](http://www.cccmha.org).