

# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB) YOUTH MEMBERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT

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## BACKGROUND & PROJECT PHASE OVERVIEW

### **BACKGROUND**

Effective January 1, 2025 changes to local behavioral health board membership criteria under Proposition 1(CA WIC § 5604) should reflect the addition of a youth membership category. At least one member shall be a youth.




### **YOUTH MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT**

(2)(B)(i) Fifty percent of the board membership shall be consumers, or the parents, spouses, siblings, or adult children of consumers, who are receiving or have received behavioral health services. One of these members shall be an individual who is 25 years of age or younger.

## **PHASE OVERVIEW**

### **RESEARCH AND DISCOVERY**

 BHS staff to collect youth input on potential challenges to youth membership. An additional aim is to glean best practices to bolster youth engagement overall. On November 7, 2024 BHAB will receive an update on youth input data and emerging themes to inform challenge mitigation phase.

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### **REPORT BACK & CHALLENGE MITIGATION**

Youth input data will inform strategies to recruit and retain youth membership on BHAB and how best to mitigate challenges to youth participation on the board.

### **3 ACTION PLAN & IMPLEMENTATION**

In collaboration with BHS staff, BHAB to determine approach for: 1) Gaining a youth member on BHAB, 2) Increasing overall accessibility to BHAB for local youth.