

CIBHS Statewide Training

Local Mental Health Boards/Commissions

Sacramento, California

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The Training Session was beneficial for me personally. The issues that were addressed were:

- Responsibilities of Local BHBs
- Explanation of the Ralph M. Brown Act and how it works. (We are in compliance.)
- Robert's Rules of Order and how it guides your meetings. There is an alternative, "Roberta's Rules of Order" and several non-profit, etc. are using this book as their guideline. (I have an article from the San Francisco Business Times attached)
- Developing an Action Plan for Local BHB Boards. (It was suggested that Boards only take on two or three issues a year in order to be more thorough and therefore more successful.)

It became evident that Santa Clara County is in a much better position than other counties represented at the session. Most of the counties in attendance were small and had little support from their Board of Supervisors.

There were other items on the agenda but because of time constraints we were not able to cover them thoroughly

I will attend the California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions in San Francisco later this month. The basis of this group is to share information.

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