

# California Legislature



**Dr. Clark Harvey** is a psychologist and the Chief Executive Officer of the California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies (CBHA). CBHA is a statewide advocacy organization representing mental health and substance use disorder non-profit agencies that collectively serve approximately one million Californians. She is also the Executive Director of the California Access Coalition- a group of advocacy organizations and pharmaceutical industry companies that advocates for patient access to behavioral health treatment. Dr. Clark Harvey has previously served as Chief Consultant to the California State Assembly Committee on Business and Professions, Principal Consultant to the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development, and a health policy consultant to the office of former Senator Curren D. Price, Jr.

Prior to her work within the California Legislature, she completed her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She completed her pre-doctoral fellowship at the University of Southern California Children's Hospital Los Angeles and a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of California, Los Angeles Mattel Children's Hospital.

Dr. Clark Harvey has maintained an impressive record of leadership including serving on national and local boards including the National Council of Mental Wellbeing, American Psychological Association, Association of Black Psychologists, Sacramento County Public Health Advisory Board, California Association of Nonprofits and the Sacramento County Children's Coalition. Dr. Clark Harvey has received numerous local and national awards. In 2020, she was appointed by California Governor Gavin Newsom to his Master Plan on Aging Advisory Committee and Behavioral Health Task Force.



In 2021, she was appointed by California Lieutenant Governor, Eleni Kounalakis, to the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine Board and by the federal Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Advisory Committee for Women's Services.

### **California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies (CBHA)**

CBHA promotes comprehensive, responsive, and integrated service systems by enhancing the ability of member agencies to provide behavioral health services that empower the people we serve to lead full and productive lives. To expand the behavior health workforce, the fellowship trains its members how to recognize psychiatric conditions in their patients.

We are dedicated to the proposition that the people of California deserve a rational and comprehensive community-based behavioral health system that is adequately funded to serve those in need. We are the voice of our agencies at the State Capitol, state agencies, and the federal government. Our purpose is to ensure that federal, state, and county programs can support integrated healthcare services for people of all ages.

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.

Our focus continues to be on increasing the appropriate funding and oversight for the community behavioral health system.