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**RE: Mental Health Services Act Community Partners Support
CalMHSA Program Advisory Committee Proposal**

Dear Dr. Clark,

The following Community Partners participating in the Mental Health Services Act Partners Forum appreciate being actively involved in designing the structure of the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) Program Advisory Committee. Throughout this process both CalMHSA staff and board members have been respectful and receptive to stakeholder feedback. Although the process has been challenging at times, this latest proposal represents the consensus reached by the group at our last meeting. We look forward to our continued work together ensuring meaningful stakeholder input throughout the implementation of these important statewide projects.

We are dedicated to supporting the success of statewide prevention and early intervention efforts and look forward to CalMHSA's continued participation and collaboration with stakeholders.

Sincerely,

V. Diane Woods, Founding President and CEO
African American Health Institute of San Bernardino County
Carroll Schroeder, Executive Director
California Alliance of Child and Family Services
Betty Dahlquist, Executive Director
California Association of Social Rehabilitation Agencies
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California Mental Health and Aging Coalition
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National Alliance on Mental Illness, California
Stacie Hiramoto, Director
Racial and Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition
Oscar Wright, Chief Executive Officer
United Advocates for Children and Families



cc: CalMHSA Board Members
MHSA Community Partner Members