

PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

The Santa Barbara County Mental Health Commission has been authorized by the California Legislature in Section 5604 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. The purpose of this Commission is established in Section 5604.2, which includes the following responsibilities:

Review and evaluate the community's mental health needs, services, facilities, and special problems; review any county agreements entered into pursuant to Section 5650.

Advise the governing body and the local mental health director as to any aspect of the local mental health program; review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process.

Submit an annual report to the governing body on the needs and performance of the county's mental health system; review and make recommendations on applicants for the appointment of a local director of mental health services. The Commission shall be included in the selection process prior to the vote of the governing body; review and comment on the county's performance outcome data and communicate its findings to the designated State authority.

Review and recommend applicants for membership on the Mental Health Commission.

Nothing in this part shall be construed to limit the ability of the governing body to transfer additional duties or authority to a mental health commission.