



Annual Report 2026



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Annual Report

Introduction

The past year has been one of meaningful growth, progress, and opportunity for CCAPP. Through advocacy, credentialing, education, workforce development, and member engagement, we continued to strengthen our impact across California's behavioral health and recovery communities.

This report highlights the achievements, milestones, and initiatives that shaped our organization throughout the year. From expanding professional opportunities and strengthening partnerships to advancing key legislative priorities, each accomplishment reflects our ongoing commitment to supporting the professionals and programs that make recovery possible.

As our field continues to evolve, CCAPP remains focused on building a stronger future through innovation, collaboration, and service. The progress outlined in these pages is a testament to the dedication of our members, volunteers, partners, and staff, whose collective efforts continue to move our mission forward.

While we take pride in the accomplishments of the past year, we are equally inspired by the opportunities ahead. Together, we will continue to strengthen the profession, expand our impact, and support the communities we serve throughout California.

This annual report offers a reflection on the year behind us and a look toward the future as we continue advancing professionalism, promoting excellence, and creating new opportunities for growth across the behavioral health and recovery workforce.

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Welcome

Message from the CEO



A Year of Growth

What can we accomplish when we work together?

Over the past year, CCAPP continued to strengthen its impact through advocacy, credentialing, education, and member engagement.

The progress highlighted throughout this report reflects the dedication of our members, partners, volunteers, and staff, whose collective efforts continue

to advance California's behavioral health and recovery workforce.

As we celebrate these achievements, we remain focused on the opportunities ahead and our shared commitment to strengthening the profession and the communities we serve.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pete Nielsen".

Pete Nielsen

President & Chief Executive Officer
California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals (CCAPP)

Welcome from the Chair

On behalf of CCAPP, it is my honor to welcome you to the 13th Annual California Addiction Conference (CAC).

As Chair, I am excited to welcome programs, professionals, advocates, educators, and leaders from across California to one of our state's largest gatherings dedicated to substance use disorder treatment, recovery, prevention, and the professionals who make this work possible.

For those who return to CAC year after year, welcome back. I also ask you to join me in extending a special welcome to those attending CAC for the very first time. You are now part of an incredible statewide community, and we are glad you are here. This has been another year of tremendous change for California's behavioral health and substance use disorder system. We have seen significant investments in our workforce and continuum of care, along with major changes in policy, regulation, education, and the way services are delivered. Our field has come a long way, but our work is far from finished.

Every year when we gather for CAC, I am reminded of the extraordinary people who make up this field. You are counselors, peers, clinicians, administrators, educators, executives, advocates, recovery leaders, and community partners. You bring different experiences and perspectives, but we share a common purpose: helping people find hope, healing, recovery, and a better life.

CCAPP's purpose is simple but powerful: "To make the world a better place." We accomplish that one person, one family, one program, and one community at a time. Conferences like CAC give us the opportunity to share our knowledge, experience, and hope with one another so that we can return home better prepared to serve.

While you are here, I encourage you to take full advantage of everything CAC has to offer. Attend the trainings. Ask questions.



Visit our exhibitors and partners. Introduce yourself to someone new. Reconnect with longtime colleagues. Meet the CCAPP Board of Directors. Most importantly, take time to remember why you chose this work in the first place.

Whether you represent a program or serve as an individual professional, thank you for what you do every day and for serving others with strength, compassion, integrity, and empathy.

As your Chair, I am always available to hear your ideas, celebrate your successes, listen to your concerns, and learn how CCAPP can better serve you and our field.

Welcome to CAC 13. I hope you leave this conference with new knowledge, new relationships, renewed passion, and a stronger belief in what we can accomplish together.

Enjoy the conference!

Sincerely,

Lori Newman

Chair of the Executive Board of Directors



Our Story, Vision, & Core Values

California's oldest
and largest AOD
credentialing
organization. This
is our story.

CCAPP is the largest
state-wide consortium of
community-based for-profit
and non-profit substance use
disorder treatment agencies
and addiction-focused
professionals.

It provides services to over
100,000 California residents
annually in residential,
outpatient, and private
practice settings.

Its thousands of individual
members and 500 program
and recovery residence
members provide substance
use disorder treatment
services in the majority of the
Department of Health Care

Services' (DHCS) licensed and or/certified sites throughout California and constitute the largest infrastructure of the state's publicly funded substance use disorder treatment network.

CCAPP is the only state-wide consortium representing all modalities of substance use disorder treatment and recovery programs.

Unconditional Positive Regard

People come first; empathy and selflessness; and to will good to all others.

Character

Demonstrated integrity and unimpeachable ethical footprint; honesty, responsibility, introspection, humility, accountability, perseverance; and willing to

face and tackle the toughest issues.

Professionalism

Doing things right; excellence and outcome oriented; exceeding expectations and holding ourselves accountable to do our best; unity and working together; and respect for others, tolerance, lifelong learning, and remaining teachable.

Stewardship

Valuing resources; working with others; using resources wisely; and creating positive change and a lasting legacy.



Pete Nielsen

President & CEO of CCAPP

Looking Ahead

What does progress look like?

Progress is reflected in the opportunities we create, the professionals we support, and the communities we help strengthen.

Throughout the past year, CCAPP continued to advance its mission through advocacy, credentialing, education, and member engagement, expanding our impact across California's behavioral health and recovery workforce.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to building on this momentum and creating new opportunities to strengthen the profession and the communities it serves.

Our Services

Overview of CCAPP's Departments & Offerings

CCAPP does more for you. We offer a broad range of services designed to serve you.

Membership to Give a Voice to Professionals

CCAPP provides the most comprehensive membership benefit package in the industry.

Key Offerings:

- High-level advocacy for the profession
- Annual conference discounts
- *Counselor* magazine
- Opportunities to earn CE hours and network with colleagues
- CCAPP Weekly Dispatch
- Great insurance rates: group rates, discounts, and professional liability

Credentialing for the Addiction-Focused Professional

Be among the thousands of the most recognized counselors in the field.

Key Offerings:

- Most respected AOD credential in California
- Driving quality for the workforce
- Enforce the highest levels of ethics and competence
- Internationally recognized by the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium

Membership for Program Outreach

CCAPP is the leader in advocating for programs in California.

Key Offerings:

- High-level advocacy for programs
- Continuing education provider discounts
- Prime listing — Find a Program
- E-marketing opportunities
- Access to the Weekly Dispatch
- Employee discount for CCAPP Academy



Certification for Recovery Residences

CCAPP provides certification standards and training for recovery residences that are approved by the National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR).

Key Offerings:

- The only NARR affiliate in California
- Field visits and documentation review
- CCAPP-certified residences are trusted by regulators, communities, and residents
- Pioneering work to ensure that NIMBY pressure does not win
- Opportunities to earn CE hours and network with colleagues

Recovery Community Coordination & Advocacy

A founder of the recovery movement, CCAPP hosts the longest running recovery event in the state, Recovery Happens.

Key Offerings:

- Mobilize grassroots consumer strength through its extensive recovery network
- A recognized Faces & Voices of Recovery state affiliate
- Hosts a website dedicated to helping people find recovery resources in their community
- An official Addiction Recovery Communities of California member

Education for Counselors, Supervisors, Owners, & Operators

At CCAPP, education is the key to competency and at the core of our mission.

Key Offerings:

- Identifies and qualifies education institutions
- Approves continuing education providers
- Supports AOD education systems through research, grants, and test development
- CCAPP Academy offered online and at locations throughout California, including suburban, urban, and rural communities

Board of Directors & Members



Membership Board

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Guided by expertise.
Governed by integrity.



Lori Newman

Membership Chair

Mission Statement:

To promote excellence in the delivery of services focused on substance use and its associated problems by providing the highest level of advocacy, competence, & ethics.

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Evan Amarni

Credentialing Chair

Mission Statement:

To license and certify qualified addiction-focused professionals towards attaining the highest professional standards.

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Joel Edwards

Education Chair

Mission Statement:

To provide education and technical assistance regarding addiction, treatment, recovery, and associated problems.

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Board & Departmental Highlights



Legislative Committee Report Graham Sargent, Legislative Committee Chair

Throughout 2026, CCAPP maintained one of its most active legislative and regulatory advocacy efforts in recent years. The organization engaged extensively with legislators, state agencies, regulatory departments, coalition partners, treatment providers, recovery organizations, and other stakeholders to advance policies that improve treatment access, strengthen recovery supports, enhance consumer protections, support workforce development, improve insurance accountability, and promote evidence-based approaches to addiction treatment and recovery.

While much of the public focus is often placed on legislation that reaches the Governor's desk, CCAPP's work throughout 2026 extended well beyond

formal legislative advocacy. The organization participated in regulatory discussions, agency engagement, budget advocacy, implementation planning, stakeholder collaboration, and policy development efforts affecting behavioral health systems throughout California.

The year was marked by significant progress in behavioral health policy, continued implementation of the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), ongoing CalAIM reforms, growing focus on recovery housing, renewed attention to behavioral health parity enforcement, and continued statewide efforts to address workforce shortages, overdose prevention, and treatment accessibility.

2026 By the Numbers

- 46 legislative measures tracked throughout the year
- 30 active measures tracked during the latter portion of session
- 24+ formal letters, comment letters, position letters, funding requests, meeting requests, and regulatory communications submitted
- 2 sponsored bills actively advanced during the 2026 session
- 16 support or support-if-amended positions
- & Numerous meetings conducted with state agencies, legislative offices, and policy leaders, and active engagement on BHSA implementation, Proposition 1, CalAIM, Medi-Cal policy changes, and behavioral health funding initiatives



Treatment Access and Behavioral Health Parity

The successful enactment of AB 2011 represented one of the year's most important victories in this area. By strengthening oversight of nonquantitative treatment limitations and increasing accountability for utilization management practices, the measure helps move California closer to true parity in practice rather than parity on paper.

Recovery Housing and Long-Term Recovery Supports

The enactment of AB 1556 represented a major milestone by establishing stronger standards for Housing First compliance, overdose-prevention practices, emergency preparedness requirements, resident protections, and relapse support policies.

Overdose Prevention

CCAPP supported numerous measures addressing overdose prevention, harm reduction, education, treatment engagement, and public awareness. These efforts included support for naloxone expansion initiatives, workforce training, school-based overdose response measures, and policies addressing emerging substance-use threats.

Workforce Development

CCAPP actively participated in discussions concerning credentialing, peer support services, career pathways, workforce recruitment, workforce retention, and long-term capacity building. As implementation of BHSA, Proposition 1, and CalAIM reforms continues, workforce development remains one of the most significant challenges and opportunities facing California's behavioral health system.

Public Safety and Treatment Integration

Several DUI-related bills received organizational support where proposals emphasized repeat-offender accountability while maintaining opportunities for treatment intervention and recovery support. Throughout these discussions, CCAPP consistently advocated for public policies that view treatment and public safety as complementary objectives rather than competing priorities.

Priority Legislative Portfolio



CCAPP-Sponsored Legislation

Throughout 2026, CCAPP actively advanced two sponsored legislative proposals addressing treatment system transparency, accountability, and consumer protection. While neither measure ultimately completed the legislative process, both successfully elevated important policy discussions and strengthened CCAPP's role as a leading voice on issues affecting California's addiction treatment and recovery community.

AB 1779 (Davies): Alcoholism and drug abuse recovery and treatment programs: inducement of participants.

AB 1779 sought to increase transparency and accountability surrounding treatment-related transportation practices by establishing disclosure, documentation, reporting, and consumer-protection requirements designed to prevent patient-brokering and inducement activity while preserving legitimate access to care.

Although the bill did not become law, it generated meaningful discussion among legislators, regulators, treatment providers, and stakeholder groups regarding treatment integrity, ethical recruitment practices, and consumer protections. The work completed through AB 1779 established a strong foundation for future policy efforts in this area.



PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS: (Left, Top) Devon Wayt, CCAPP Board Member, testifies at the State Capitol in support of AB 1879 (Dixon). (Left, Bottom) CCAPP Addiction Leadership Conference (ALC) attendees in a lively Q&A session with legislators at the State Capitol. (Right) Assemblyman David Tangipa and Assemblywoman Laurie Davies speak to attendees at the Addiction Leadership Conference (ALC).

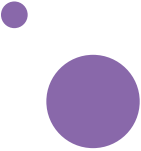


AB 1879 (Dixon): Substance use: treatment or residential data reporting.

AB 1879 would have expanded statewide treatment and recovery data reporting by requiring certain licensed and certified treatment providers to submit treatment, outcome, and treatment-availability information to DHCS. The proposal was designed to improve visibility into treatment capacity, service availability, and recovery outcomes while avoiding duplicative reporting requirements for providers already submitting information through existing state systems.

Although the bill was ultimately held under submission and did not advance, it highlighted important discussions regarding treatment-system transparency, data-driven policymaking, accountability, and California's ability to measure treatment outcomes across the behavioral health continuum.

The conversations generated through AB 1879 helped raise awareness of the importance of consistent statewide data collection and may inform future efforts to improve treatment-system planning and evaluation.



Priority Legislative Portfolio and Highlights

AB 1556 (Haney): Recovery housing: funding.

AB 1556 was one of CCAPP's most significant legislative priorities in 2026. The measure established statewide standards for recovery housing programs receiving homelessness funding, including Housing First compliance, relapse support, overdose prevention training, naloxone availability, emergency preparedness requirements, and return-to-use policies. CCAPP advocated extensively for the bill through letters, coalition engagement, and stakeholder coordination. The bill was signed on September 29, 2026.

AB 2011 (Hart): Nonquantitative treatment limitations.

AB 2011 was among the most significant treatment-access bills of 2026. The legislation strengthens mental health and substance use disorder parity requirements by ensuring compliance with federal parity standards and limiting discriminatory utilization-management practices. CCAPP strongly supported the bill because many barriers to treatment now occur through administrative controls rather than outright denials of coverage. The bill was signed September 30, 2026.

SB 895 (Wiener): California Science and Health Research Bond Act.

SB 895 established the California Foundation for Science and Health Research and creates a mechanism for long-term investment in health, behavioral health, and scientific research. CCAPP supported the bill because research investment drives treatment innovation, workforce development, and evidence-based policy. The measure was signed on September 30, 2026.

AB 1546 (Schultz): Vehicles: driving under the influence.

AB 1546 strengthened penalties for repeat DUI offenders by making certain third DUI convictions punishable as a felony-level wobblers. CCAPP supported the proposal as a targeted repeat-offender measure that balances accountability, treatment intervention, and public safety. The bill was signed by the Governor on September 25, 2026.

AB 1586 (Ramos): Opioid overdose reversal medication: school resource officers.

AB 1586 requires school resource officers to complete opioid overdose recognition and response training and creates reporting requirements related to opioid antagonist administration. CCAPP supported the bill as part of broader efforts to expand overdose prevention and emergency response capacity. The measure became law on September 18, 2026.

SB 907 (Archuleta): Driving under the influence and other driving offenses: comprehensive reform.

SB 907 was one of the Legislature's highest-profile DUI reform measures. The bill expanded penalties for certain repeat DUI-related offenses and strengthened accountability for high-risk conduct. CCAPP supported the legislation because it aligned public-safety objectives with prevention and treatment principles. The bill became law on September 25, 2026.

SB 936 (Blakespear): Nitrous oxide: sales.

SB 936 restricts sales and distribution of certain nitrous oxide products and inhalation devices. CCAPP supported the bill as part of broader efforts to address emerging substance use concerns and strengthen public-health protections. This bill was signed into law.

AB 96 (Jackson): Mental health services: peer support specialist certification.

AB 96 removed the requirement that Medi-Cal peer support specialist applicants possess a high school diploma or equivalent. CCAPP supported expansion of the peer workforce but expressed concerns regarding removal of an existing qualification standard without establishing a replacement competency framework. Throughout the legislative process, CCAPP submitted multiple opposition letters and ultimately requested a veto. Despite these efforts, the bill was signed into law on September 27, 2026.

AB 669 (Haney): A Returning Priority.

One of CCAPP's most significant legislative priorities for 2027 will be the reintroduction of AB 669 (Haney). Although the measure did not advance during the previous legislative cycle, CCAPP continues to view the underlying policy objectives as critically important to the future of California's recovery infrastructure.

CCAPP intends to work closely with Assemblymember Haney, legislative staff, providers, recovery-housing operators, coalition partners, and other stakeholders to refine and reintroduce the proposal during the 2027 legislative session. The organization remains committed to building consensus around practical, evidence-informed policies that improve recovery outcomes while preserving accountability, consumer protections, and quality standards.

Active 2026 Legislative Portfolio and Final Outcomes

BILL NO.		CCAPP POSITION	FINAL OUTCOME
2025-2026 Legislative Season			
AB 96	Peer Support Specialist Certification	OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED /	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
AB 149	Public Resources Trailer Bill	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
AB 154	Climate Corporate Accountability	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
AB 224	Essential Health Benefits	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
AB 255	Supportive-Recovery Residence Program	SUPPORT	VETOED BY GOVERNOR
AB 348	Full-Service Partnerships	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
AB 416	Involuntary Commitment	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
AB 424	Alcohol and Drug Program Complaints	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
AB 492	Alcohol and Drug Program Licensing	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
AB 604	Redistricting	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
AB 825	Independent System Operator	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
AB 1032	Coverage for Behavioral Health Visits	WATCH	VETOED BY GOVERNOR
AB 1037	Public Health: Substance Use Disorder	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
AB 1207	Climate Change Market-Based Compliance	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
AB 1356	Alcohol and Other Drug Programs (John's Law)	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
AB 1546	DUI Reform	SUPPORT	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
AB 1556	Recovery Housing Funding	SUPPORT	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
AB 1586	School Resource Officer Naloxone Training	SUPPORT	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
AB 1685	Driving Privilege Points	SUPPORT	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
AB 1687	Driver's License Revocation	SUPPORT	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
AB 1779	Treatment Transportation Transparency	SPONSOR	DID NOT ADVANCE
AB 1879	Substance Use: Treatment or Residential Data	SPONSOR	HELD UNDER SUBMISSION
AB 1902	Secure Youth Treatment Facilities	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

BILL NO.		CCAPP POSITION	FINAL OUTCOME
AB 1932	C.R.I.S.E.S. Grant Program 2.0	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
AB 2011	Nonquantitative Treatment Limitations	SUPPORT	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
AB 2150	Naloxone Training Requirements	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
AB 2301	Nursing Pilot Program	WATCH	VETOED BY GOVERNOR
AB 2343	Consumer Protection Platform	SUPPORT IF AMENDED	VETOED BY GOVERNOR
ACA 8	Congressional Redistricting	WATCH	ADOPTED
ACR 23	Mental Health Peer Appreciation Week	WATCH	ADOPTED
SB 27	CARE Court Program	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
SB 62	Essential Health Benefits	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
SB 83	DHCS Substance Abuse Treatment Disclosures	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
SB 105	Budget Act Changes	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
SB 237	Oil Spill Prevention	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
SB 254	Energy	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
SB 329	Alcohol & Drug Treatment Investigations	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
SB 352	Environmental Justice	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
SB 490	Alcohol and Drug Programs	WATCH	VETOED BY GOVERNOR
SB 840	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
SB 862	Health Committee Omnibus Bill	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
SB 895	California Science and Health Research Bond	SUPPORT	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
SB 903	Mental Health Professionals: Artificial	SUPPORT	VETOED BY GOVERNOR
SB 907	Comprehensive DUI Reform	SUPPORT	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
SB 936	Nitrous Oxide Sales	SUPPORT	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
SB 989	CARE Court Program Expansion	WATCH	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
SR 15	2-1-1 Awareness Resolution	WATCH	ADOPTED

ARCC Committee Report

Dr. Brandi Jordan, ARCC Committee Chair



Throughout 2026, the Addiction Recovery Communities of California Committee (ARCC) continued to focus on strategic alignment, legislative engagement, statewide coordination, and strengthening collaboration among recovery stakeholders.

Building on the foundation established in 2025, the committee worked to align its efforts with CCAPP's broader advocacy goals while identifying opportunities to expand ARCC's impact throughout California.

ARCC continued its close collaboration with the California Coalition of Addiction Recovery Advocates (CCARA), participating in ongoing discussions regarding state and national legislation, regulatory and medical developments, recovery residence initiatives, workforce challenges, and emerging issues affecting providers and individuals in recovery. This partnership has remained an important part of coordinating advocacy efforts and strengthening the collective voice of California's recovery community.

Throughout the year, ARCC remained engaged in monitoring legislative and policy proposals affecting access to treatment, recovery support services, recovery residences, and the broader behavioral health system. The committee continued to support

initiatives that protect and expand access to quality recovery services while identifying opportunities for education, advocacy, and collaboration as policies evolve.

ARCC also continued working to strengthen partnerships with statewide recovery organizations and community stakeholders, increase engagement among committee members, and elevate recovery voices through education, awareness, and stigma-reduction efforts. These priorities support the committee's broader goal of building recovery-ready communities and improving opportunities and outcomes for individuals and

families affected by substance use disorders.

ARCC's work this year was also highlighted by the successful 34th Annual Recovery Happens celebration on September 2, 2026. The event brought together members of the recovery community, families, providers, advocates, and community partners to celebrate recovery and help kick off National Recovery Month. The event featured speakers, community resources, recovery-focused activities, a complimentary pancake breakfast, and live music. The event drew a strong turnout from across the recovery community and feedback following the event was overwhelmingly positive. The success of this year's Recovery Happens celebration reinforced the importance of creating visible, welcoming opportunities to celebrate recovery, strengthen community connections, reduce stigma, and demonstrate that recovery is possible.

As ARCC moves forward, the committee remains committed to advancing recovery-oriented policies, strengthening partnerships, monitoring emerging issues affecting recovery residences and workforce development, and ensuring that the recovery community maintains a strong voice in statewide behavioral health discussions. Through continued collaboration, advocacy, and relationship-building, ARCC will work to strengthen California's recovery-oriented system of care and expand access to meaningful recovery support across the state.



PHOTO HIGHLIGHT (Left, Center) Images from Recovery Happens 2026.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHT (Below) The band COLOSO performs at Recovery Happens 2026.



Credentialing Board Report

Evan Amarni, Credentialing Board Chair

Throughout 2026, the Credentialing Board continued to strengthen CCAPP's credentialing and professional accountability functions, with a sustained focus on public protection, ethical standards, workforce development, and more efficient case review.

The year began with a fully staffed Board and an emphasis on timely communication and collaboration with the Ethics Committee and CCAPP staff. Building on the processing improvements reported at the close of 2025, the Board's 2026 work centered not only on adjudicating ethics and reinstatement matters, but also on establishing a longer-term framework for the evolution of CCAPP credentials and professional standards.



Case review remained a significant part of the Board's workload throughout the year.

During the first quarter, the Ethics Committee submitted 34 cases for Credentialing Board review, and 24 cases were fully adjudicated. Reported Q1 actions included 12 dismissals as unsubstantiated, 13 revocations, and 7 cases closed with sanctions. In the second quarter, 35 additional cases were submitted, and the Board again fully adjudicated 24 cases. Q2 reported outcomes included 6 dismissals as unsubstantiated, 11 revocations, and 8 cases closed with sanctions. During the third quarter, 31 additional cases were submitted for review, with reported outcomes including 13 cases dismissed as unsubstantiated, 9 revocations, and 9 cases resulting in sanctions. Across the first three quarters of 2026, a total of 100 cases were submitted for review, reflecting the substantial volume and complexity of matters handled by the Board and its continued commitment to making decisions in a timely, fair, and consistent manner.



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Q1-Q3 100 cases were submitted for review, reflecting the substantial volume and complexity of matters handled by the Board and its continued commitment to making decisions in a timely, fair, and consistent manner.

A major organizational development during the year was the creation of the Credentialing Board's 2026–2028 Strategic Plan. The plan identifies safeguarding the public; upholding ethics, standards, and impartiality; and workforce development and credential creation as core responsibilities. For 2026, the Board identified several specific objectives: increasing awareness and outreach regarding the Registered Trained Support Staff (RTSS) requirement; exploring a counselor-licensure pathway through partnership with an existing licensing board, with LVN/Psychiatric Technician pathways identified as a potential target; strengthening formalized supervision through Supervisor Qualification Verification; and establishing California and national credentialing-board entities as part of work toward a National Mental Health Credential.

Taken together, the year's activities demonstrate a dual focus: managing immediate credentialing and ethics responsibilities while building the infrastructure for future workforce and credentialing needs. The Board has emphasized operational efficiency, collaboration across CCAPP committees and staff, and the development of standards that support both professional opportunity and public confidence. As 2026 progresses, its work remains centered on fair and transparent credentialing processes, consistent professional standards, and implementation of the first-year objectives in its 2026–2028 strategic plan.

Education Board Report

Joel Edwards, Education Board Chair

Among the early educational initiatives was training addressing suicidal thoughts and behaviors in substance use treatment, with particular attention to LGBTQIA2+ clients. After the live presentation, the training transitioned to an on-demand format through the Counselor CE Hub, increasing access for providers. The Education Institute also launched its Winter Training Series with a live webinar on transference and countertransference in mental health and substance use disorder treatment. The session focused on the influence of personal history, trauma, and relational patterns on the therapeutic relationship, professional boundaries, clinical effectiveness, and burnout prevention, and offered two hours of continuing education.

In February, the Education Board met to develop its 2026–2028 Strategic Plan. The plan established a vision of ensuring quality education and competency in the training of substance use disorder and mental health professionals while promoting excellence in the workforce. Core values identified in the plan include diversity, competency, ingenuity, quality, equity, and integrity. The 2026 objectives include developing an outreach plan and materials, creating educational content as part of CCAPP's role as a provider of education, and conducting a counselor-development needs assessment that can inform future programming.

The second quarter brought several notable program and infrastructure developments. Planning for the 2026 Multicultural Conference incorporated new and expanded programming intended to strengthen cultural engagement and belonging, including a Salsa, Banda, & Cumbias Night and an expanded lunch-program drag show featuring Drag Queens. These additions were presented as part of CCAPP's broader commitment to cultural humility, diversity, inclusion, networking, and community engagement within behavioral health education.



The Education Board and CCAPP Education Institute spent 2026 expanding educational access, strengthening workforce-development pathways, and establishing a strategic framework for future growth.

Early in the year, the Education Institute continued the final year of the Earn-and-Learn program while maintaining enrollment in the CCAPP Academy, which remained an important pathway for training and certification preparation in the substance use disorder profession. CCAPP also expanded continuing education offerings through live and on-demand training designed to respond to emerging workforce and clinical needs.



These additions [are] part of CCAPP's broader commitment to cultural humility, diversity, inclusion, networking, and community engagement within behavioral health education.

The Education Institute also successfully completed the Earn-and-Learn Grant contract. As the grant concluded, participating students met individually with mentors to reflect on their program experience, discuss career goals and workforce readiness, review certification requirements and next steps, explore internship opportunities, and receive individualized guidance for entering the behavioral health workforce. These closeout activities were designed to help participants leave the program with a clearer professional pathway and stronger connections to certification and employment resources.

One of the year's most significant educational investments was the launch of CCAPP Studios. The fully operational recording studio gives the Education Institute new capacity to produce high-quality educational material for the CE Hub, including on-demand continuing education courses and professional training series. The studio is intended to increase statewide access to education, support culturally responsive and evidence-informed learning; and provide counselors, peer support specialists, and other behavioral health professionals with more flexible professional development options. Collectively, the completion of Earn-and-Learn, continued Academy enrollment, conference enhancements, new training offerings, strategic planning, and the launch of CCAPP Studios positioned the Education Institute for continued growth and modernization.

P&P and Membership Committee Report

Elizabeth Steel, P&P and Membership Committee Chair

The P&P and Membership Committee's work in 2026 centered on membership growth, member engagement, professional-development benefits, and outreach to both individual and program members.

The committee entered the year building on prior efforts that increased CCAPP's community visibility through billboard outreach, expanded no-cost RADT training benefits, and strengthened connections with colleges and universities preparing future substance use disorder professionals.

The committee's 2026 goals identified several practical priorities for individual members. These included exploring a focus group or mentorship model to help members prepare for credentialing examinations, developing a CCAPP study guide to support test preparation, creating an incentive program for existing members who refer new members, and continuing to address member concerns related to processing times and communication. For program members, priorities included expanding outreach to programs that were not yet CCAPP members and using stronger program participation as a pathway to increase individual membership. The committee also identified greater engagement in the CCAPP community



as an important opportunity for strengthening both program and individual-member involvement.

CCAPP saw substantial growth among RADT members as the number of RADTs with membership increased by more than 75% during the first six months of the year, rising from 936 at the beginning of 2026 to 1,654 in July. This growth was the result of a focused CCAPP recruitment effort encouraging RADTs to become members. This increase reinforces the value of targeted outreach and benefits that directly support individuals entering the profession.



 — 936 RADTs | Jan. 2026

 — 1,654 RADTS | July 2026

The committee also expanded its communication and engagement efforts through the launch of CCAPP Membership TV on Facebook on June 30. The program was established as a weekly Tuesday morning live broadcast, with Greg Cox appearing as the first guest. This initiative created a new recurring channel for connecting with members, highlighting CCAPP activities and resources, and building a stronger sense of community beyond traditional committee and membership communications.

Overall, the committee's 2026 work reflects a shift from broad membership promotion toward more targeted recruitment, engagement, and member-support strategies. RADT recruitment produced significant measurable growth, while proposed mentorship, study resources, referral incentives, program outreach, and new digital engagement efforts created a foundation for continued expansion. The committee's ongoing challenge and opportunity will be to convert increased enrollment into sustained participation, professional development, and long-term engagement with CCAPP.

Payor Relations Committee Report

Jeremy Frank, Payor Relations Committee Chair

The Payor Relations Committee began its formal 2026 work with an initial meeting in March, establishing a focused agenda around authorization delays, reimbursement barriers, commercial insurance practices, and the need for support of stronger payor-relations at both the state and national levels.

The committee's discussions reflected concerns raised by treatment providers about administrative practices that can interrupt care, delay payment, and create operational burdens for programs serving individuals with substance use disorders.

A central early issue was delayed authorizations for care. The committee discussed ways to improve relationships with payors and examined the need for broader national support in dealing with commercial insurers. Members also discussed the toolkit being developed by PRACC and identified legislative monitoring as an important component of the committee's work, particularly where proposed laws could affect coverage, reimbursement, or provider operations.

The committee expanded its discussion to several developing financial and policy concerns. Members reviewed the potential effects of the federal government withholding \$1.3 billion in California Medi-Cal funding. Although the action did not directly target behavioral health, there was concern about possible downstream effects on the population served by CCAPP members and about whether commercial insurers might adopt similar approaches that create additional pressure on providers.

The committee also discussed AB 669, which CCAPP was working to bring back for consideration in 2027, as well as continuing payment problems involving Medicare patients who have commercial secondary insurance. Free-standing treatment centers were reported to face barriers when attempting to submit claims through Medicare Part A, sometimes leaving facilities caught in a payment loop between Medicare and commercial secondary coverage. The issue illustrates the committee's broader concern with reimbursement systems that may leave providers financially responsible for services despite having delivered covered care.

Consumer protection and treatment facility advertising also emerged as a priority. The committee reviewed a scam involving a fraudulent facility-referral website and reported that CCAPP was pursuing new legislation intended to narrow who may advertise treatment facilities in California. This work connects payor and reimbursement concerns with treatment integrity, consumer protection, and the prevention of misleading or fraudulent referral practices.

Throughout the year, the Payor Relations Committee established a clear role in identifying systemic barriers that affect both access to care and provider financial stability. The concerns span authorization practices, commercial insurance relationships, Medicare coordination, Medi-Cal funding concerns, legislative advocacy, and fraudulent treatment marketing. The committee's continued work provides CCAPP with a dedicated forum for translating provider experiences with payors into policy, education, and advocacy priorities.

Ethics Committee Report

Lisa Beintker, Ethics Committee Chair

Throughout 2026, the Ethics Committee continued its intensive work to protect consumers, uphold professional standards, and address ethics complaints involving CCAPP credential holders.

The committee maintained a regular weekly meeting schedule and worked closely with a team of active investigators and CCAPP staff to review investigations, answer questions, provide guidance, and move outstanding cases toward resolution. Collaboration between investigators, committee members, staff, and the Credentialing Board were essential to maintaining a fair and effective ethics process.

The year began with a substantial inherited caseload.

The January report, reflecting the prior year's activity, noted 93 new cases and 43 closed cases, including 37 matters dismissed as unsubstantiated and 6 individuals returned to good standing. Against that backdrop, the committee entered 2026 focused on reducing the backlog and improving the assignment and investigation of outstanding matters.

During January and February 2026, the committee received 21 new cases.

The reported allegations covered a wide range of professional conduct issues, including fraud, recordkeeping concerns, prohibited sexual behavior, prohibited non-sexual relationships, relapse-related matters, and unprofessional conduct. The committee also welcomed Anthony Frye, adding compliance expertise to the investigator team.

A significant milestone was achieved in the second quarter when the committee assigned its first 2026 case, meaning that no 2025 cases remained unassigned.

This represented meaningful progress in addressing the prior-year assignment backlog. At the same time, the overall workload remained substantial: the July report identified 74 active cases, 49 of which were unassigned at that point. The committee continued to emphasize the need for investigator participation and welcomed referrals from the Board for additional volunteers who could support the ethics-review process.

The Ethics Committee's work also directly supported the Credentialing Board's adjudication responsibilities.

In Q1, 34 cases were submitted to the Credentialing Board for review, followed by 35 cases in Q2 and 31 cases in Q3, bringing the year-to-date total to 100 cases submitted for review, a significant milestone that reflects the substantial volume of ethics matters addressed throughout 2026. Reaching this milestone underscores the important role of both the Ethics Committee and Credentialing Board in maintaining professional accountability and protecting the public. The close relationship between investigation and adjudication helps ensure that allegations are developed, reviewed, and resolved through a structured process focused on public protection, due process, and the consistent application of CCAPP's ethical standards.

Overall, 2026 has been a year of both progress and continued workload pressure for the Ethics Committee. Clearing the remaining unassigned 2025 cases was an important operational achievement, while the continuing volume of active and unassigned matters underscores the need for sustained investigator capacity. The committee remains focused on closing outstanding cases, strengthening collaboration with CCAPP staff and the Credentialing Board, recruiting qualified investigators, and maintaining high ethical standards for California's addiction treatment and recovery workforce.

Elections Committee Report

Michelle Pina, Ethics Committee Chair

The California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals remains steadfast in its commitment to excellence, transparency, and integrity in governance. As the state's leading organization representing addiction treatment professionals and programs, CCAPP upholds the highest standards in its electoral processes.

Board of Directors Structure

CCAPP's Board of Directors is composed of 18 seats evenly divided between:

9 Individual Member Representatives

9 Program Member Representatives

2026 Election Cycle Overview

For the current election cycle, the following seats are open:

3 Individual Member Representatives

3 Program Member Representatives

Nomination & Voting Timeline:

- Nominations Opened: August 18, 2026
- Nominations Closed: September 16, 2026
- Ballots Distributed: October 2, 20226
- Members received ballots via mail and email
- Each ballot included a unique login and password for secure voting
- Voting Closes: December 1, 2026

Commitment to Fairness:

The Election Committee remains dedicated to conducting a transparent and equitable election, ensuring that all CCAPP members, both individual and program, have a meaningful voice in shaping the leadership of the organization.

California is segmented into nine districts, with each district represented by one individual member on the board. To ensure a fair and impartial election, the Election Committee strives to secure a minimum of two qualified nominees per seat.

The Election Committee has convened regularly to ensure that all procedures align with CCAPP's bylaws and uphold the integrity of the nomination and voting process.



Financial Report

Balance Sheet 2026

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2026

Accrual Basis

2026

Assets

Current Assets

Checking/Savings	1,682,628.40
Account Receivable	12,758.17
Other Current Assets	327,711.12

Total Current Assets	2,023,097.69
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Fixed Assets	81,001.51
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TOTAL ASSETS	2,104,099.20
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Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	45,451.58
Credit Cards	30,003.48
Other Current Liabilities	388,833.87
Total Current Liabilities	464,288.93

TOTAL LIABILITIES	464,288.93
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Equity

3000 - Opening Balance Equity	1,418,807.92
3005 - Unrestricted	-
3200- Retained Earnings	-
Net Income	221,002.35

TOTAL EQUITY	1,639,810.27
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	2,104,099.20
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