

Alameda County Behavioral Health Department is pleased to sponsor a **FREE** training:

Law & Ethics for Healthcare Providers



Wednesday, March 11, 2026

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: Live, online training via Demio

Target Audience: County of Alameda staff and Community Based Organizations (CBOs) within Alameda County

Description: This is a 6-hour training will focus on new laws, caselaw and regulations that will impact public entity healthcare providers or their patients and clients. Topics include state and federal legislative updates, confidentiality, involuntary mental health holds, the CARE Act, social media and other ethical issues. Attendees will be exposed to real life examples of challenges they will encounter in providing health care in hospitals, clinics, and behavioral health programs, and gain an understanding of best practices for providing such care in a collaborative manner while protecting patient privacy interests.

Learning Objectives: after this training participants will be able to:

- Describe the status of the law limiting use of the term "doctor" in clinical settings.
- Describe two developments in the provision and payment for telehealth services, including the status of waivers affecting prescribing rules that require a prior in-person visit.
- List two new ways that reproductive health records will be protected in CA and the status of the 2024 HIPAA Final Rule.
- Describe the expansion of the definition of "gravely disabled" for purposes of involuntary holds in California.
- Describe two changes to the CARE Act that reflect new criteria for participation, and new definitions of healthcare professionals that can sign the affidavit.
- Articulate the changes reflected in the 2024 Part 2 Final Rule that impacts how Part 2 substance use disorder records may be released and re-released, as well as the new the new consent form and Notice of Privacy Practices that must be used no later than February 16, 2026.

Trainers: **Linda J. Garrett, JD** has over 35 years' experience providing healthcare compliance consultation to healthcare facilities and providers. She also practiced as a medical malpractice defense attorney in San Francisco. She trains providers and administrative staff on a variety of medical/legal topics including informed consent, mandated reporting, involuntary mental health treatment, patients' rights and state and federal confidentiality laws. **Andrew Garrett, JD** works directly with healthcare providers, helping them navigate the laws of their profession. For 9+ years he has concentrated his practice on medical confidentiality, behavioral healthcare, correctional healthcare, minors' access to healthcare, and mandated reporting. Andrew has specialty knowledge in 42 CFR Part 2, a federal regulation that gives heightened privacy protections to many substance-use disorder records.

Accommodations or Grievance? For disability or reasonable accommodation requests, or a grievance about this training, please email Training.Unit@acgov.org. Please make accommodation requests a minimum of 7 business days prior to training to allow for arrangements.

Financial Disclosure: All of the following CME committee members, planners of ACBHD, and the presenters have noted that they do not have a financial relationship with an ineligible company as defined by ACCME. CME Committee: Angela Coombs, MD; Jeffrey Johns, MD; Charles Raynor, PharmD; Renee Georgulas; Robert Farrow; Rashad Eady; Peter Dating.

Registration Required:

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Webinar link and reminders for training will be emailed from Demio

Webinar works best with these web browsers: Safari, Firefox, Chrome, or Edge

PowerPoint slides from training will be available in the "Handouts" section of Demio after logging in on March 11.

Continuing Education (CE)

This course meets the qualifications for **6 hours of CE credit for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs, LEPs, RNs, Addiction Professionals, Certified Peer Specialists (MPSS), Psychologists (PsyD), and M.D. and D.O.**

CE credit will be provided for County of Alameda staff and their contracted providers.

Linda Garrett, JD will issue CE credit for: BBS, BRN, CCAPP CADE and CADTP licensed providers, as accredited by the CA Assoc. of Marriage and Family Therapists (Provider No. 136540); CA Board of Registered Nurses (Provider No. 17589); CA Consortium of Addiction Programs & Professionals- Education Institute (CCAPP_EI #4N-08-800-0127), CADE (Provider No. #CP 40107 ACH 1024); and by CADTP (Provider No. #225).

ACBHD will issue Continuing Medical Education (CME) for physicians, as accredited by the California Medical Association (CMA). ACBH designates this live activity for a maximum of 6.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™.

- Physicians should claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.
- ACBHD takes responsibility for the content, quality and scientific integrity of this live CE/CME activity.

CE Certificates will be issued within 30 days from the end of training.