



# MENTAL HEALTH, ALCOHOL, & DRUG ADVISORY BOARD (MHADAB)

THE WELFARE & INSTITUTIONS CODE AS IT  
APPLIES TO THE MHADAB.

# THE WIC CODE – CONTEXT AND INTENT

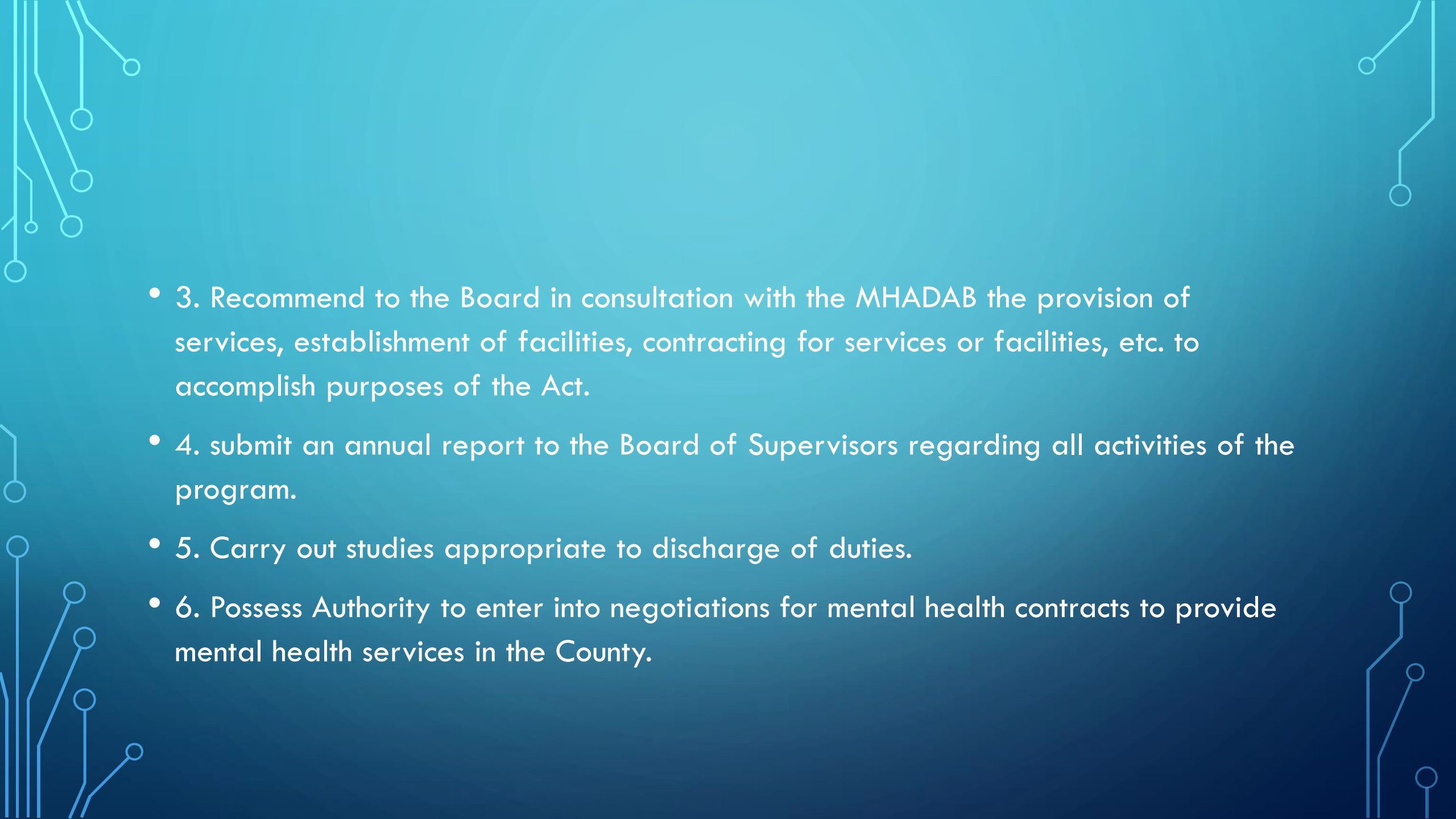
- Welfare and Institutions Code (W&I Code) 5600 sets forth the purpose of the Bronzan-Mccorquodale Act (Act) under which the provisions applying to the Mental Health Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board (MHADAB) are found.
- The purposes of the Act, in part, include an intention to: organize and finance community mental health services in every county through locally administered and locally controlled community mental health programs; better utilize existing resources at both state and local levels in order to improve the effectiveness of necessary mental health services.

# STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION AS APPLIED TO MHADAB

- W&I Code Section 5602 requires the county board of supervisors to establish a community mental health service.
- W&I Code Section 5604 requires each county community mental health service to have a mental health board whose members are appointed by the board of supervisors.

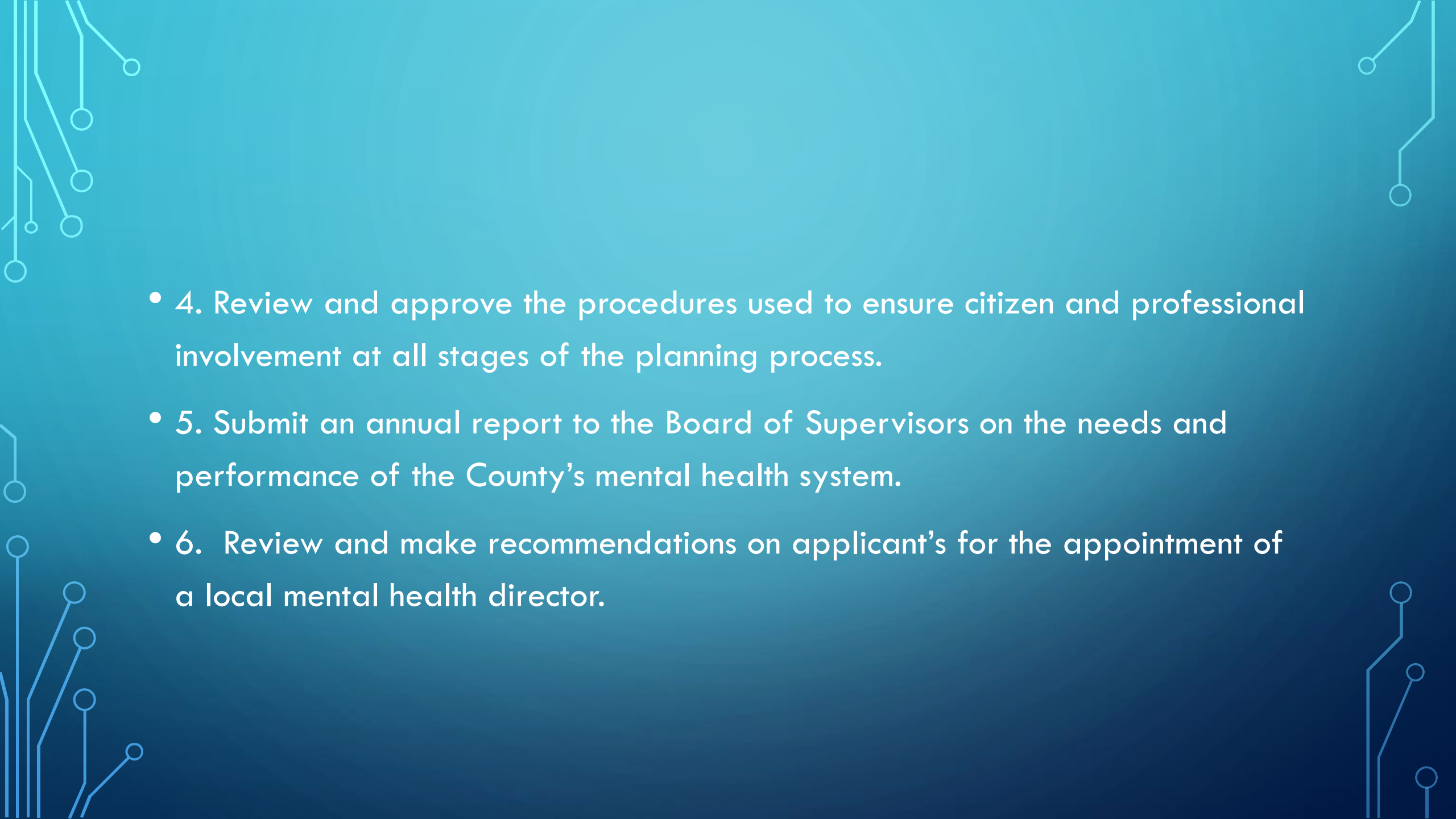
- W&I Code 5604(a)(2)(A) states that the Mental Health Board serves in an advisory role to the Board of Supervisors.
- W&I Code 5604(b) states that the mental health board shall review and evaluate the local public mental health system, pursuant to W&I 5604.2, and advise the board of supervisors on community mental health services delivered by the local mental health agency.

- W&I 5607 states the local director of mental health services who is appointed by the Board of Supervisors.
- W&I 5608 lists the duties of the local mental health director as follows:
  - 1. Serve as CEO of the community mental health service created by the BOS.
  - 2. Generally supervise all County mental health services.


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- 3. Recommend to the Board in consultation with the MHADAB the provision of services, establishment of facilities, contracting for services or facilities, etc. to accomplish purposes of the Act.
  - 4. submit an annual report to the Board of Supervisors regarding all activities of the program.
  - 5. Carry out studies appropriate to discharge of duties.
  - 6. Possess Authority to enter into negotiations for mental health contracts to provide mental health services in the County.

# STATUTORY POWERS AND DUTIES OF MHADAB

- W&I 5604.2 states that the MHADAB shall do all of the following:
  - 1. Review and evaluate public mental health needs, etc. in intra county facilities where mental health evaluations and services are provided.
  - 2. Review County agreements made under the Mental Health Plan and make recommendations to the Board regarding concerns within these agreements.
  - 3. Advise the governing body and local mental health director as to any aspect of the local mental health program.

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- 4. Review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process.
  - 5. Submit an annual report to the Board of Supervisors on the needs and performance of the County's mental health system.
  - 6. Review and make recommendations on applicant's for the appointment of a local mental health director.



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- 7. Review and comment on County's Performance outcome data and communicate findings to CBHP Council.
  - 8. Board of Supervisors may transfer additional duties or authority to the MHADAB.
  - There is an additional duty to assess realignment services.

# WRAP UP

- Further Questions?

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# THE WIC CODE – WRAP UP

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