



CALIFORNIA CLUBHOUSE

Mental Health Recovery Community

Board of Directors Job Description

California Clubhouse is a community-based mental health recovery program in San Mateo County. Just four years old, and supported by a combination of funding from San Mateo County and private donations, California Clubhouse was accredited by Clubhouse International in 2017. There are over 300 Clubhouses worldwide, serving 100,000 people.

How does California Clubhouse fulfill its mission and purpose?

California Clubhouse is a welcoming place for people struggling with mental illness, including young adults and the aging, and for the people who love them. Membership is free, voluntary, and for life.

Based on a belief that everyone can sufficiently recover and lead better lives, this community-based organization offers people with mental illness a place to go every day during business hours to work on overcoming the obstacles they face. It offers support, training, education, healthy social interaction and positive reinforcement in a non-clinical setting through *collegial* relationships and work.

The Clubhouse powerfully demonstrates that people with mental illness can and do lead normal, productive lives. Much more than simply a program or a social service, a Clubhouse is more importantly a community of people who are working together to achieve a common goal. A Clubhouse provides a restorative environment for people whose lives have been severely disrupted because of their mental illness, and who need the support of others who are in recovery and who believe that mental illness is treatable.

Website link: www.californiaclubhouse.org

The Opportunity

The California Clubhouse is currently seeking new Board Members. As we move to the next phase of growth and expansion, we are searching for engaged and energetic Bay Area leaders to join our collegial board. There are several opportunities to play an important role as we work collaboratively to identify and address the priorities of our young, dynamic organization. It is an opportunity to use skills you already have, as well as a chance to develop new ones.

Over the long term, you will help build a vision for extending the Clubhouse model throughout Northern California. California Clubhouse Board Members bring their expertise and acumen to helping the organization interpret its mission and goals, support the staff and executive director, and ensure that budgeting, fundraising and resource allocation make the most of the resources of the organization.

Our ideal candidate has:

- Passion for and understanding of the mission of California Clubhouse
- Demonstrated leadership capabilities in the community
- Business development and fundraising experience a plus
- Commitment to creating opportunities for those struggling with mental health issues
- Ties in San Mateo County

Individual board member responsibilities include:

- Attending board and committee meetings monthly
- Representing California Clubhouse to the public, businesses and the community
- Actively participating in fundraising activities and provide financial support to California Clubhouse
- Contributing skills, knowledge and experience, as appropriate, sharing connections, networks, and resources to advance our mission
- Assuming leadership roles in board activities, as appropriate
- Following conflict of interest and other organizational policies
- Being well-informed and prepared for meetings
- Being open to diverse perspectives
- Committing to a two-year term, with a three-term limit, per by laws

The Board of Directors as a whole is responsible for:

- Overseeing strategic planning development and implementation
- Monitoring progress towards short and long-term goals
- Maintaining fiduciary oversight and financial management, including approving the annual budget
- Fundraising and resource development
- Enhancing the organization's public image
- Supporting the Executive Director and staff, and evaluating the performance of the Executive Director
- Assessing its own performance as the governing Clubhouse body

To learn more: www.californiaclubhouse.org (our website)
<http://clubhouse-intl.org/> (Clubhouse International)
www.fountainhouse.org (website of the first Clubhouse)

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