



# Behavioral Health Commission Application

## Renie Rondon-Jackson

District: 4

Initialed Application: Yes

### Applicant

First Name: **Renie**

Middle Initial:

Last Name: **Rondon-Jackson**

### Employment

Occupation: **Social Work Professor**

Job Title: **Assistant Professor**

Employer: **California State University Monterey Bay**

### Interests and Experiences

Able to attend meetings regularly and devote the time necessary to fulfill duties as a member?

**Yes**

Currently serving on a County of Monterey Board, Commission, Committee or other Community Advisory Group?

**No**

Has served on an advisory group before?

**No**

Please tell us about yourself and why you want serve:

**With over 25 years of experience as social worker, in 2019, I moved from New York City to Monterey. I currently hold licenses in Clinical Social Work in both New York and California. My dedication lies in supporting individuals and families grappling with serious mental illnesses. As a Black woman, I am deeply familiar with the stigma and barriers that marginalized communities face regarding mental health care. I have personal experiences with mental health challenges, having navigated my own struggles and successes. I am excited about the possibility of serving on this commission, where I can contribute to creating meaningful changes. Additionally, I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Work at Cal State Monterey Bay, and I see tremendous value in sharing the insights gained from this commission with the next generation social workers.**

Please state the reason you would like to be a member of this board committee/commission/district:

**My desire to join the Monterey Behavioral Health Commission is driven by my commitment to make a lasting impact on the field of social work and mental health advocacy. By helping to shape the future of mental health care and education, I aim to foster a more inclusive, and effective mental health policies and resources that directly benefit our community. As a commissioner, I anticipate expanding my professional network by connecting with leaders in the field, which will enhance my understanding of the essential needs within the communities we serve. As a strong supporter of Interprofessional Education (IPE) my role on this commission will also allow me to collaborate with other professionals to develop impactful policies. Ultimately, serving on this commission aligns perfectly with my personal mission of service and advocacy, contributing to societal change and improving the lives of others—a pursuit that brings me profound satisfaction and joy.**

How did you hear about the position?:

**I heard about the wonderful work being done by this commission by several members of the Monterey Community.**

Please identify any specialized accommodations needed for equal participation:

**None at this time.**