

**Profile**

Dr. LEONIE

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MATTISON

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State

93117

Postal Code

**Indicate Supervisor Who Will Receive a Copy of your Application \***

Second District - Laura Capps

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**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Behavioral Wellness Commission : Submitted

**Reference 1 Name**

Larry Byer

**Reference 1 Telephone**

**Reference 1 Occupation**

CFO

**Reference 2 Name**

Linda LeBrock

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**Reference 2 Occupation**

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**Reference 3 Name**

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Jatania Bradford

**Reference 3 Address**

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**Reference 3 Telephone**

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**Reference 3 Occupation**

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Student

**If you are now, or have ever been employed by the County of Santa Barbara, please list the department in which you worked, your title, and the dates you were employed.**

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Employees University, Chief of Organization and Talent Development, 2014-2020

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**Interests & Experiences**

**Please explain why you are interested in serving, and what experience you bring to the Committee. Attach additional documentation as necessary.**

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I am deeply passionate about advancing equitable and accessible mental health care, particularly for underserved communities. Through my work with the Pacifica Promise Program, I have witnessed firsthand how innovative initiatives can bridge systemic gaps in mental health services by preparing practitioners to serve diverse populations. Serving on this Committee aligns with my commitment to addressing behavioral health challenges, promoting holistic well-being, and fostering collaboration among community partners to achieve meaningful, long-term impact. I am particularly inspired by the Behavioral Wellness Commission's mission to advocate for accessible mental health services, reduce disparities, and strengthen the connection between local agencies, providers, and the community. By joining this Committee, I hope to contribute my expertise in strategic planning, public-private partnerships, and workforce development to further these goals and support behavioral wellness throughout Santa Barbara County.

**Give any information explaining qualifications, experience, training, education, volunteer activities, community organization memberships, or personal interests that bear on your application for the above Board, Commission or Committee. Attach additional documentation as necessary.**

I bring over 20 years of leadership experience across higher education, nonprofit, private, and government sectors. Highlights of my work that align with the Committee's mission include: Pacifica Promise Program: Launched a transformative 10-year initiative to prepare 1,500 mental health practitioners from underserved communities, addressing critical workforce shortages and improving access to care. County of Santa Barbara: Developed the Passport to Public Service in Paradise Program, connecting underrepresented populations to sustainable government careers and addressing systemic workforce challenges. Behavioral Health Advocacy: Played a pivotal role in implementing initiatives such as Mil Familias at Sansum Diabetes Research Institute, which integrated behavioral health support into public health programming for Latino families. NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene: Secured \$65 million in funding through programs like Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) and the Community Transformation Grant (CTG), which addressed public health and behavioral health disparities. My academic credentials include a Doctorate in Education (Organizational Leadership), an MBA, and certifications in Lean Six Sigma. These qualifications have provided me with the tools to design and implement innovative programs that address systemic barriers in mental health and public health services. I am an active advocate for equity and inclusion in mental health, serving on the boards of A Different Point of View and the Black Leaders Roundtable. I have also fostered collaborations with local organizations to support initiatives that address behavioral wellness and empower marginalized communities. I am deeply invested in holistic wellness and leadership development. My published works, such as The Thread series, reflect my dedication to fostering mental health and resilience through innovative approaches. Serving on the Behavioral Wellness Commission is an opportunity to leverage my experience and passion for advancing mental health equity, strengthening community partnerships, and promoting transformative solutions for behavioral wellness across Santa Barbara County.s.

[Dr. Leonie H. Mattison - Resume 2025.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

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## Demographics

### Ethnicity

African American

### Gender

Female

Date of Birth

### Education Completed:

I hold a Doctorate in Education (Organizational Leadership), an MBA, and certifications in Lean Six Sigma. My academic and professional background equips me with a comprehensive understanding of strategic planning, program development, and systems-level impact.

**Please Agree with the Following Statement**

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**I agree that upon submission of this application all information provided is a matter of public record, and is subject to disclosure.**

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I Agree \*