

## Kirsten Barlow

**KIRSTEN BARLOW, MSW** began serving as Executive Director of the County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) of California in October 2015. The prior year Ms. Barlow worked as Executive Officer of the Council on Mentally Ill Offenders, a position to which she was appointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.. Between 2009 and 2014, Ms. Barlow was Associate Director at CBHDA, where she directed the Association's legislative and budget advocacy efforts. Prior positions included serving as public information officer at the California Department of Mental Health, legislative advocate and information officer for the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, and Principal Consultant to the California State Assembly Committee on Human Services under the leadership of former Assemblywoman Dion Aroner (D-Berkeley). She earned her Masters of Social Welfare degree in management and planning from the University of California - Berkeley and her Bachelors degree in psychology from the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor.