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The Honorable Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva

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1021 O Street, Suite 4210

Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support for AB 1387 – Behavioral health multidisciplinary  
personnel team**

Dear Assemblymember Quirk-Silva:

On behalf of the California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC), I am writing to express our support for Assembly Bill (AB) 1387.

The CBHPC serves as an advisory body to the Legislature and the Administration on behavioral health policies and priorities, as outlined in Welfare and Institutions Code §§ 5771 and 5772. Our diverse membership includes individuals with lived experience of serious mental illness and substance use disorders, family members, service providers, professionals, and representatives from state departments whose work intersects with California's behavioral health system. Their perspectives are essential in our evaluation of the public behavioral health system and shape the Council's recommendations.

We recognize the crucial role that multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) have had within various disciplines to support populations, including individuals experiencing homelessness. MDTs allow for enhanced communication between professionals from different spectrums of care to ensure a holistic approach to meet the needs of individuals, increasing effective and successful collaboration. In a case study<sup>1</sup> on the implementation of San Francisco's Shelter and Navigation Center Multidisciplinary Team, it found that the MDT was successful in expanding and enhancing the delivery of

<sup>1</sup> Jeensalute, Peter. 2023. *Building Bridges for Benefits: San Francisco County's Multidisciplinary Team*. Berkeley: Mack Center.

[https://mackcenter.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/building\\_bridges\\_for\\_benefits-san\\_francisco\\_countys\\_multidisciplinary\\_team\\_peter\\_jeensalute\\_-\\_2023.pdf](https://mackcenter.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/building_bridges_for_benefits-san_francisco_countys_multidisciplinary_team_peter_jeensalute_-_2023.pdf)



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services for individuals experiencing homelessness in accessing public benefits.

For individuals returning to the community from carceral settings, reentry is a critical transition period during which addressing key needs is imperative to increasing the likelihood of successful integration and reducing the risk of reoffending. However, their needs—including ongoing behavioral health challenges, are often not addressed prior to their release nor post-release which jeopardizes their recovery, increases the risk of relapse and rearrest. Adopting a multidisciplinary team model to support justice-involved people with mental health conditions would help individuals connect with behavioral health providers and bridge gaps in treatment.

We believe this bill will complement initiatives under the Behavioral Health Transformation in the expansion of behavioral health services for the justice involved population. It would also allow for more effective in-reach efforts and coordination of behavioral health services, including housing support, strengthening the potential for successful reentries.

For these reasons, the Council proudly supports AB 1387. If you have questions about our position, please contact Jenny Bayardo, Executive Officer, at (916) 750-3778 or via e-mail at [Jenny.Bayardo@cbhpc.dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Jenny.Bayardo@cbhpc.dhcs.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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