

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION

BHT Overview

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MHSA

FUNDING

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) in California is primarily funded by 1% tax on personal income above \$1 million, as specified by Proposition 63. This tax revenue makes up the mental health services fund, which is dedicated to supporting various mental health programs and services in the state.



ALLOCATIONS

95 Percent of total funding dedicated to County Allocation as the following categories:*

- 76% CSS
- 19% PEI
- 5% INN

5 Percent of total funding dedicated for state allocation.



TRANSPARENCY

Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan

This plan outlines how the county intends to use MHSA funding for MHSA programs and expenditures. (WIC §5847)



ACCOUNTABILITY

Annual Revenue and Expenditure Report (ARER)

The purpose of this report is to identify MHSA fund expenditures, identify interest earned, unspent funds, and determine reversion amounts. DHCS reviews the ARER to determine consistency of expenditures with county planning. (CCR §3510)



COMMUNITY PROGRAM PLANNING

The Community Program Planning (CPP) process is done by the counties in partnership with stakeholders to analyze the mental health needs in the community, identify priorities and strategies to meet those needs, how best to improve existing programs as well as develop plans for how to utilize available MHSA funds.



Acronyms

CSS: Community Services and Supports
PEI: Prevention and Early Intervention
INN: Innovation

WIC: Welfare and Institutions Code
CCR: California Code of Regulations

BHSA

FUNDING

The Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) will allow coordinated planning across all services and sources of behavioral health funding, including the following:

- BHSA Funding
- Federal Grants
- Realignment Funding
- Medi-Cal and Drug Medi-Cal
- Other substance use or mental health programs

ALLOCATIONS

90 Percent of total funding dedicated to County Allocation as the following categories:*

- 35% BHSS
- 35% FSP
- 30% Housing

10 Percent of total funding for state directed activities.

TRANSPARENCY

Integrated Plans

This new plan will require counties to demonstrate coordinated behavioral health planning using all services and sources of behavioral health funding to provide increased transparency, stakeholder engagement, and outcomes for all local services.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Behavioral Health Oversight Accountability and Transparency Report (BHOATR)

This report will identify funding expenditures in alignment with county planning and shall also include data through the lens of health equity to identify racial, ethnic, age, gender, and other demographic disparities and inform disparity reduction efforts. (WIC §5963.04)

COMMUNITY PROGRAM PLANNING

The CPP process will require the same local planning process done by the counties in partnership with stakeholders. It will require discussion of all new funding sources and services and program planning for substance use disorders in addition to mental health. The CPP process will be more integrative and foster client centered outcomes based on all behavioral health programs and services.