

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES ■ Monday, August 12, 2019**

<p><u>BHAB Officers Present</u> Janis Gardner, Chair Gina Petrus, Secretary Jerry Harris, Chair Emeritus Joe S. Ramirez, Member At Large</p> <p><u>Others Present</u> David Deutsch, Client Network Scott Walker, CIT Kevin Janeway Bob Wickham, NAMI</p>	<p><u>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Staff Present</u> Terri Yanez, Administrative Division Chief Edith Pham, BHAB Assistant</p> <p>NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 9, 2019, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) 1911 Williams Drive, Lake Cachuma Room (second floor), Oxnard</p>
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Note: The committee has not yet approved these minutes. There may be additions/deletions or corrections before the minutes are accepted in final form.

	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
I.	Call to Order Chair Gardner called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. She requested a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the recent mass shootings in El Paso and Dayton.		
II.	Approval of the Agenda Ms. Gardner asked the Committee to review and approve today's agenda. Joe S. Ramirez moved to approve. Ms. Gardner requested to change item X.D, Action Plan, from an action item to a discussion. Gina Petrus seconded. The motion passed unanimously.	The agenda was approved as amended. M/S/C	
III.	Approval of the Minutes Ms. Gardner asked the committee to review and approve the minutes of the July 8, 2019 meeting. Ms. Petrus moved to approve, Mr. Ramirez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.	The minutes were approved as written. M/S/C	
IV.	Welcome and Introductions Ms. Gardner welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.		
V.	Chair Announcements Ms. Gardner noted that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervisor Bennett addressed gun violence during the Board of Supervisors meeting on August 6. He asked members of the public to write letters to lawmakers and inform them on their position regarding gun violence. • Capt. Fryhoff has forwarded a letter from many Attorneys General regarding privacy regulations, their support for HR 2482, and their request to see the Institution for Mental Diseases (IMD) Exclusion repealed. • Health Care Agency Director Bill Foley has agreed to give quarterly updates during the BHAB General meetings. The next update will be in October. 		
VI.	Public Comments David Deutsch reminded all that Bill Shilley will receive a posthumous recognition at the upcoming BHAB General meeting. His daughter and granddaughter will be presented with the recognition.		
VII.	Board Members Comments and Announcements None.		
VIII.	Director's Updates In Dr. Sevet Johnson's absence, Terri Yanez presented the following Director's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Dr. Johnson has met with all five Supervisors to request that Kiran Sahota, VCBH Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Manager, and Susan White Wood, VCBH Housing Manager, be allowed to speak at various City Council meetings to provide information about No Place Like Home. This approach will help the cities fulfill their upcoming mandates to help house the homeless in their communities. 		

	<p>B. Pete Pringle, Youth and Family Division Chief, was honored as the Behavioral Health Professional of the Year at the Fainer Awards on August 8.</p> <p>C. Two positions were approved the previous week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a Special Projects Division Chief will help VCBH respond to the new state requirements in order to meet 42 CFR regulations and transition into a managed care plan. The position will address access, electronic health records, quality and compliance standards, and prepare for three audits in early 2020. • a Director of Equity and Strategy will engage stakeholders and the community and help coordinate outreach efforts, penetration rates, access pilots, and other activities related to improving services to the Latino population and other underserved populations. <p>D. A stakeholder meeting will be held in Santa Paula on August 29. It will provide an overview of the Health Care Agency and VCBH services for the Santa Clara Valley, share data on the access pilot program in place since August 2018, and hear from the community about the VCBH services they would like to see.</p> <p>E. The Board of Supervisors has approved a million dollars for the Conocimiento Program, which will serve the youth through MHSA Prevention & Early Intervention (PEI) funding. The contracts are through 2023.</p>		
<p>IX.</p>	<p>Secretary's Report – Gina Petrus Ms. Petrus has contacted Monique Garcia, who is planning to start attending the meetings of the BHAB Youth & Family Committee.</p> <p>Jamie Banker is on a sabbatical but should be able to attend the General meetings.</p>		
<p>X.</p>	<p>New Business</p> <p>A. Committee Objectives and Mission Statements Ms. Gardner noted that the committees need to work on their objectives for the current fiscal year and on their mission statement.</p> <p>B. 2019 Data Notebook – Formation of Workgroup Ms. Gardner noted that a few BHAB members will need to volunteer to work on this project.</p> <p>C. BHAB Committees and Workgroups Ms. Gardner reminded all that Mr. Harris is chairing the LPS Reform Workgroup and Ratan Bhavnani is chairing the Legislative Workgroup. Gane Brooking is interested in starting a housing workgroup. Ms. Gardner referred to Mike Powers, County Executive Officer, who noted in his State of the County address that many entities are working on housing. Ms. Gardner asked Terri Yanez about the possibility of BHAB members attending some of these entities' meetings. Susan White Wood, VCBH Housing Manager, should be included in this conversation.</p> <p>D. Action Plan Change A discussion took place regarding a proposed change to the Action Plan format. Ms. Gardner noted that the committees can use the original version of the Action Plan to help track their objectives and prepare their Annual Reports. Mr. Harris noted that, in his opinion, any proposed changes need to be discussed during BHAB Executive meetings. Ms. Gardner stated that any changes would need to be discussed and approved by the BHAB.</p> <p>E. California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions (CALBHB/C) Webinar on Mental Health and Criminal Justice Mr. Harris noted that he attended a statewide teleconference. A state commission has been looking at the needs at the intersection of mental health and the law enforcement systems. Mr. Harris will miss an upcoming webinar as he will attend the NAMI conference in Camarillo at that time.</p>		

	<p>F. Governor Newsom’s Budget and Senate Bill 79 Ms. Gardner referred all to the handout titled “Governor Newsom Signs 2019-20 State Budget.” Information pertinent to the BHAB is highlighted in blue. Ms. Gardner is hoping to get an update from VCBH and the BHAB Legislative Workgroup.</p>		
XI.	<p>Old Business</p> <p>A. Annual Report Preparation update Ms. Gardner noted that the BHAB committees need to start working on their report.</p> <p>B. Future Presentations A presentation on Trauma Informed Care is scheduled for the August General meeting.</p> <p>C. Future Recognitions Mr. Harris suggested presenting a recognition to the BHAB Assistant. The Executive team agreed.</p>		
XII.	<p>Develop Agenda for the General Meeting – Discussion The Executive Team reviewed the proposed agenda. The following changes were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add the presentation on Trauma Informed Care. - Add “Proposed Housing Workgroup.” - Remove Action Plan Change. - Remove CALBHB/C Webinar, per Mr. Harris’s request. He agreed to contact Ms. Gardner when he has information to share, and she will add him to the agenda. <p>Ms. Gardner noted that Mary Haffner will draft a letter that the BHAB may send to legislators following vetting and approval from Sue Hughes of the County’s Government Affairs Office.</p>		
XI.	<p>Public Comments None.</p>		
	<p>Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.</p>		

Behavioral Health Advisory Board EXECUTIVE Meeting Attendance 2019-2020

Members 2019-2020	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Janis Gardner Chair	X	X										
Ratan Bhavnani 1 st Vice Chair	X											
Gane Brooking 2 nd Vice Chair	X											
Gina Petrus Secretary	X	X										
Jerry Harris Chair Emeritus	X	X										
Joe S. Ramirez Member At Large		X										

Present = X

- District 1 Supervisor Bennett
- District 2 Supervisor Parks
- District 3 Supervisor Long
- District 4 Supervisor Huber
- District 5 Supervisor Zaragoza

JUNTA ASESORA DE SALUD DEL COMPORTAMIENTO
COMITÉ EJECUTIVO
MINUTOS ■ Lunes , 12 de agosto de 2019

<p><u>BHAB Oficial s Presente</u> Janis Gardner, presidente Gina Petrus , Secretaria Jerry Harris, presidente emérito Joe S. Ramirez, miembro en general</p> <p><u>Otros presentes</u> David Deutsch, red de clientes Scott Walker, CIT Kevin Janeway Bob Wickham, NAMI</p>	<p><u>Presente del personal de Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH)</u> Terri Yáñez, Jefe de División Administrativa Edith Pham, Asistente BHAB</p> <p>SIGUIENTE JUNTA: Lunes por , 9 de septiembre de , 2019 , 1 : 00 - 3:00 pm</p> <p>Salud conductual del condado de Ventura (VCBH) 1911 Williams Drive , Lake Cachuma Room (segundo piso) , Oxnard</p>
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Nota: El comité aún no ha aprobado estas actas. Puede haber adiciones / eliminaciones o correcciones antes de que las actas se acepten en forma final.

	DISCUSIÓN / CONCLUSIONES	RECOMENDACIONES / COMPORTAMIENTO	RESPONSABLE
YO.	<p>Llama para ordenar La Presidenta Gardner dio por terminada la reunión a la 1:00 pm. Solicitó un momento de silencio en honor a las víctimas de los recientes tiroteos masivos en El Paso y Dayton.</p>		
II	<p>Aprobación de la agenda La Sra. Gardner solicitó al Comité que revise y apruebe la agenda de hoy. Joe S. Ramirez hizo una moción para aprobar. La Sra. Gardner solicitó cambiar el ítem XD, Plan de acción, de un ítem de acción a una discusión. Gina Petrus lo secundó. La moción fue aprobada por unanimidad.</p>	<p>El orden del día fue aprobado en su forma enmendada . M / S / C</p>	
III.	<p>Aprobación del acta La Sra. Gardner le pidió al comité que revisara y aprobara el acta de la reunión del 8 de julio de 2019 . La Sra. Petrus hizo una moción para aprobar, el Sr. Ramirez lo secundó. La moción fue aprobada por unanimidad.</p>	<p>Las actas fueron aprobadas tal como están escritas. M / S / C</p>	
IV.	<p>Bienvenida y Presentaciones La Sra. Gardner dio la bienvenida a todos y pidió presentaciones.</p>		
V.	<p>Anuncios de la presidencia La Sra. Gardner señaló que:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • El supervisor Bennett se dirigió a la violencia armada durante la reunión de la Junta de Supervisores el 6 de agosto . Pidió a los miembros del público que escribieran cartas a los legisladores y les informaran sobre su posición con respecto a la violencia armada . • El Capitán Fryhoff ha enviado una carta de muchos Fiscales Generales con respecto a las normas de privacidad, su apoyo a HR 2482 y su solicitud de ver derogada la Exclusión de la Institución para Enfermedades Mentales (IMD). • El Director de la Agencia de Atención Médica, Bill Foley, acordó dar actualizaciones trimestrales durante las reuniones generales de BHAB. La próxima actualización será en octubre. 		
VI.	<p>Comentarios públicos David Deutsch recordó a todos que Bill Shilley recibirá un reconocimiento póstumo en la próxima reunión general de BHAB. Su hija y su nieta recibirán el reconocimiento.</p>		
VII.	<p>Comentarios y anuncios de los miembros de la Junta Ninguna.</p>		
VIII	<p>Actualizaciones del director En ausencia del Dr. Sevet Johnson, Terri Yanez presentó el siguiente Informe del Director:</p> <p>A. El Dr. Johnson se reunió con los cinco Supervisores para solicitar que Kiran Sahota, Gerente de la Ley de Servicios de Salud Mental de VCBH (MHSA), y Susan White Wood, Gerente de Vivienda de VCBH, puedan hablar en varias reuniones del Consejo de la Ciudad para proporcionar información sobre No Place Like Casa. Este enfoque ayudará a las ciudades a cumplir sus próximos mandatos para ayudar a alojar a las personas sin hogar en sus comunidades.</p>		

	<p>B. Pete Pringle, Jefe de la División de Juventud y Familia, fue honrado como el Profesional de la Salud del Comportamiento del Año en los Premios Fainer el 8 de agosto.</p> <p>C. Se aprobaron dos puestos la semana anterior:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jefe de División de Proyectos Especiales ayudará VCBH responder a los nuevos requisitos del estado con el fin de cumplir con la normativa 42 CFR y la transición a un plan de atención administrada. El puesto abordará el acceso, los registros de salud electrónicos, las normas de calidad y cumplimiento y se preparará para tres auditorías a principios de 2020. • un Director de Equidad y Estrategia involucrará a las partes interesadas y la comunidad y ayudará a coordinar los esfuerzos de divulgación, tasas de penetración, pilotos de acceso y otras actividades relacionadas con la mejora de los servicios para las poblaciones latinas y otras poblaciones marginadas. <p>D. El 29 de agosto se llevará a cabo una reunión de partes interesadas en Santa Paula . Proporcionará una descripción general de los servicios de la Agencia de Atención Médica y VCBH para el Valle de Santa Clara, compartirá datos sobre el programa piloto de acceso vigente desde agosto de 2018 y escuchará a la comunidad sobre los servicios de VCBH que les gustaría ver.</p> <p>E. La Junta de Supervisores aprobó un millón de dólares para el Programa de Conocimiento, que servirá a los jóvenes a través de fondos de Prevención e Intervención Temprana (PEI) de MHSA. Los contratos son hasta 2023.</p>		
<p>IX.</p>	<p>Informe secreto de Ary - Gina Petrus La Sra. Petrus se ha contactado con Monique García, quien planea comenzar a asistir a las reuniones del Comité de Jóvenes y Familia de BHAB.</p> <p>Jamie Banker está en un año sabático, pero debería poder asistir a las reuniones generales.</p>		
<p>X.</p>	<p>Nuevo negocio</p> <p>A. Objetivos del Comité y declaraciones de misión La Sra. Gardner señaló que los comités deben trabajar en sus objetivos para el año fiscal actual y en su declaración de misión.</p> <p>B. Cuaderno de datos 2019 - Formación del grupo de trabajo La Sra. Gardner señaló que algunos miembros de BHAB necesitarán ser voluntarios para trabajar en este proyecto.</p> <p>C. Comités y grupos de trabajo de BHAB La Sra. Gardner recordó a todos que el Sr. Harris está presidiendo el Grupo de Trabajo de Reforma LPS y que Ratan Bhavnani está presidiendo el Grupo de Trabajo Legislativo. Gane Brooking está interesado en comenzar un grupo de trabajo de vivienda. La Sra. Gardner se refirió a Mike Powers, Director Ejecutivo del Condado , quien señaló en su dirección del Estado del Condado que muchas entidades están trabajando en vivienda. La Sra. Gardner le preguntó a Terri Yáñez sobre la posibilidad de que los miembros de BHAB asistan a algunas de las reuniones de estas entidades. Susan White Wood, Gerente de Vivienda de VCBH, debería ser incluida en esta conversación.</p> <p>D. Cambio de plan de acción Se debatió sobre un cambio propuesto al formato del Plan de Acción. La Sra. Gardner señaló que los comités pueden usar la versión original del Plan de Acción para ayudar a rastrear sus objetivos y preparar sus informes anuales. El Sr. Harris señaló que , en su opinión, cualquier cambio propuesto debe ser discutido durante las reuniones ejecutivas de BHAB. La Sra. Gardner declaró que cualquier cambio necesitaría ser discutido y aprobado por el BHAB.</p> <p>E. Webinar de la Asociación de Juntas y Comisiones Locales de Salud del Comportamiento de California (CALBHB / C) sobre Salud Mental y Justicia Penal El Sr. Harris señaló que asistió a una teleconferencia estatal. Una comisión estatal ha estado analizando las necesidades en la intersección de la salud mental y los sistemas</p>		

Jerry Harris Silla emérita	X	X												
Joe S. Ramirez Miembro en general		X												

Presente = X

- Supervisor del Distrito 1 Bennett
- Parques Supervisores del Distrito 2
- Supervisor del Distrito 3 Largo
- Supervisor del Distrito 4 Huber
- Supervisor del Distrito 5 Zaragoza

Acta del Comité Ejecutivo de BHAB del 12 de agosto de 2019 ■

Governor Newsom Signs 2019-20 State Budget Published: Jun 27, 2019

The Budget creates the biggest reserve in state history, pays off the Wall of Debt and helps Californians tackle the cost crisis

SACRAMENTO – Governor Gavin Newsom today signed a balanced, on-time state budget that builds a strong fiscal foundation and makes significant progress toward combatting the affordability crisis that impacts too many Californians. “The driving idea behind this budget – and my first year in office – is to combat the cost crisis and maintain fiscal discipline,” said Governor Newsom. “This is a responsible budget that saves for challenging times ahead while investing in the present-day needs of working Californians.

The \$214.8 billion budget, of which \$147.8 billion is General Fund, creates the biggest reserve in state history – all while helping Californians tackle affordability challenges.

Significant details of the 2019-20 budget:

Building a Strong Fiscal Foundation

The Budget will end the year with total reserves of \$19.2 billion, of which \$16.5 billion is in the Rainy Day Fund, \$1.4 billion in the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties, \$900 million in the Safety Net Reserve, and nearly \$400 million in the Public School System Stabilization Account.

The Budget makes an extra payment of \$9 billion over the next four years to pay down unfunded pension liabilities. This includes \$3 billion to CalPERS and \$2.9 billion to CalSTRS on behalf of the state, and \$3.15 billion to CalSTRS and CalPERS on behalf of schools.

The Budget invests \$4.5 billion to eliminate the Wall of Debt and reverses the decade old deferral undertaken during the last recession.

The Budget prioritizes one-time investments, with 88 percent of new expenditures being temporary rather than ongoing. This addresses the affordability crisis facing Californians while minimizing ongoing commitments to avoid putting the state at fiscal disadvantage in the future.

Confronting the Cost Crisis

The Budget tackles affordability challenges and expands opportunity for all Californians. The Budget supports Californians facing the cost crisis by expanding health care access, increasing housing production, making historic investments in education, expanding the Cal-EITC Working Families Tax Credit and investing in early childhood education and development.

Health Care

The Budget preserves health coverage protections for Californians and includes a series of proposals that leads the nation in reducing health care costs and increasing access for families. The Budget:

- Invests \$1.45 billion over three years to increase Covered California health insurance premium support for low-income Californians – and provides premium support for the first time to qualified middle-income individuals earning up to \$72,000 and families of four earning up to \$150,000, partially funded by restoration of an enforceable Individual Mandate
- Expands Medi-Cal coverage to all income-eligible undocumented young adults ages 19 through 25
- **Includes an increase of \$1 billion, using Prop 56 funding, to support increased rates to Medi-Cal providers,** expanded family planning services, and value-based payments that encourage more effective treatment of patients with chronic conditions
- **Invests in and supports California’s seniors by expanding health and other vital state services to this fast-growing part of California’s population**
- **Ends the “senior penalty” in Medi-Cal by raising the income eligibility limit for older Californians**

- Expands eligibility to 138 percent of the federal poverty level for the Medi-Cal Aged, Blind and Disabled program, estimated to help 22,000 Californians
- Invests boldly in responding to Alzheimer's disease including \$3 million for research grants with a focus on women and communities of color, and \$5 million for Alzheimer's disease local infrastructure
- Establishes a pathway to transition Medi-Cal's drug benefit to a model where the state is directly bargaining for the lowest drug prices
- Restores the 7 percent across the board reduction to IHSS service hours

Housing Affordability

The high cost of housing is a defining quality-of-life concern for people across California. In order to increase housing supply, the Budget makes a historic investment to accelerate the production of new housing, and supports local governments to meet their required housing goals.

- **The Budget invests \$1.75 billion in the production and planning of new housing. It includes support to local governments to increase housing production**
- **The Governor has taken measures to hold local jurisdictions accountable to meet housing demand**
- To assist renters, the Budget includes \$20 million to provide legal aid for renters and assist with landlord-tenant disputes, including legal assistance for counseling, renter education programs, and preventing evictions

Working Families Tax Cut

The Cal-EITC has helped put money back into the pockets of California's working families, lifting some out of poverty. The Budget more than doubles the investment in the Cal-EITC to \$1 billion, which will increase the number of participating households from 2 million to 3 million and:

- Help low-income families with young children through a new \$1,000 credit for families with children under the age of six
- Significantly increase the average yearly amount individuals receive through the tax credit
- Expand eligibility to include full-time workers making the 2022 minimum wage of \$15/hour

Parents Agenda

The Budget includes a Parents Agenda that addresses specific cost-of-living issues faced by young parents and parents of small children. The Budget:

- Expands paid family leave from six to eight weeks for each parent or caretaker of a newborn child, potentially allowing a child to benefit from as much as four months of paid family leave. This will bring California closer to the goal of six months of paid family leave, helping more workers, especially lower-wage workers, who pay into the system take the benefits
- Puts California on the path to provide universal access to preschool for all four-year-olds and full-day kindergarten, including funding for childcare workers, expanding state-subsidized facilities and increasing slots
- Provides resources for lower-income parents, including: home-visiting services, black infant health programs, developmental and trauma screenings, temporary cash assistance to families with children to meet basic needs, child savings accounts to support future higher education expenses and a sales tax exemption on diapers and menstrual products
- Establishes or increases Cal Grant Access Awards for student parents attending the University of California, California State University, or California Community Colleges. This two-generation approach will help students complete their education, increase their future earning potential, and provide additional support to their children

Education

The Budget makes an historic investment in education for Californians, paving the path towards universal preschool, recruiting and retaining qualified educators and facilitating tuition freezes at the UC and CSU.

K-14

- Makes highest-ever investment in K-14 education, including approximately \$5,000 more per K-12 pupil than eight years ago
- Invests \$90 million to recruit and retain qualified educators to teach in a high-need field at priority schools and address California's teacher shortage, and invests \$43.8 million to provide training and resources for classroom teachers and paraprofessionals to build capacity around key state priorities
- Supports students with specialized needs by providing a 19.3-percent increase in funding for special education

Higher Ed

- Significantly increases funding for higher education, facilitating tuition freezes and increased enrollment slots at both the University of California and California State University systems for the 2019-20 school year
- Provides support for community college students by funding two years of free community college tuition for first-time, full-time students
- Provides \$41.8 million to increase the number of competitive Cal Grant scholarships from 25,750 to 41,000 for income-eligible Californians
- Provides \$96.7 million to support the living expenses of student parents with dependent children to increase degree completion
- Qualifying new or renewal Cal Grant A recipients will receive an access award of up to \$6,000,
- Qualifying new or renewal Cal Grant B recipients will see their access award increase from \$1,648 to \$6,000, and
- Qualifying Cal Grant C recipients will see their book and supply award increase from \$1,094 to \$4,000
- Provides \$50 million for child savings accounts that aid families in managing future higher education expenses

Preparing For Emergencies

Climate change has created a new reality that impacts every Californian, in urban, suburban and rural communities. Governor Newsom is taking aggressive actions to build resiliency, increase response and tackle recovery. The Budget invests nearly \$1 billion:

- Includes \$225.8 million to implement forest health and wildfire prevention efforts
- **Builds resilience to ensure every community is prepared in the face of a disaster with investments in community emergency preparedness, 9-1-1 system upgrades and earthquake warning system development**
- Funds new firefighting resources and technology so Cal FIRE has state-of-the-art tools at its disposal when responding to disasters, including:
- \$127.2 million for C-130 Air Tankers and twenty-first century firefighting helicopters
- \$130.3 million for better communication equipment for first responders
- **Supporting communities so they can get back on their feet after a disaster, including investment in local property tax backfill, Camp Fire Recovery and the California Disaster Assistance Act**

Advancing Justice for All

Homelessness

California is facing a homelessness epidemic across the state. Recognizing the importance of mental health supports in the fight against homelessness, the Budget includes an historic \$1 billion investment, which will:

- **Provide homelessness emergency aid to local governments for emergency housing vouchers, rapid rehousing programs and emergency shelter construction**
- **Increase mental health supports, which includes expanding Whole Person Care services that provide wrap-around health, behavioral health and housing services, and building strategies to address the shortage of mental health professionals in the public mental health system**
- Fund rapid rehousing and basic needs initiatives for students in the University of California, California State University and California Community College systems

Safe Drinking Water

The Budget provides stable ongoing funding to assist disadvantaged communities in paying for the costs of obtaining access to safe and affordable drinking water. The proposal will:

- Initiate the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund program one year earlier than previously planned by investing \$100 million Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds (GGRF) and \$30 million General Fund in 2019-20; with \$130 million continuously appropriated on an ongoing basis until 2030
- Use the GGRF for safe drinking water to advance the state's climate resiliency goals by helping to secure water resources statewide and advance the state's climate change priorities by supporting and providing benefits to disadvantaged communities most impacted by climate change

Criminal Justice


The Budget prioritizes public safety, while helping to make the state's criminal system more humane and just – focusing on rehabilitation and successful reentry.

- Moves youth correctional facilities from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to a new department under the Health and Human Services Agency to enable the state to better provide youth offenders with services and support reentry
- Provides local law enforcement training on use of force and de-escalation, while restoring funding to maintain training and improve competency for local correctional and law enforcement personnel
- **Overhauls the substance use disorder programs in prison, including integrating medically assisted treatment and reentry services as appropriate**

The budget and related acts signed by the Governor today include:

- AB 74 by Assemblymember Philip Ting – Budget Act of 2019. Line-item vetoes can be found [here](#).
- SB 78 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Health.
- **SB 79 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Mental health.**
- SB 80 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Human services omnibus.
- SB 81 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Developmental services.
- SB 82 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – State Government.
- SB 83 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Employment.
- SB 84 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Political Reform Act of 1974: online filing system.
- SB 85 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Public resources: omnibus trailer bill.
- SB 87 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Transportation.
- SB 90 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Public employees' retirement.
- SB 92 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Taxation.
- SB 93 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Budget Act of 2018: augmentation.
- SB 94 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Public Safety: omnibus.
- SB 95 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Courts.
- SB 105 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Corrections facilities: financing.

For full text of these bills, visit: www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov.



Together We Can
**Reducing Criminal Justice Involvement
for People with Mental Illness**

CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards
& Commissions
Webinar Presentation on August 1, 2019
Sacramento, CA

WELLNESS • RECOVERY • RESILIENCE

Presenter

Ashley Mills, MS

- MHSOAC Senior Researcher
- Criminal Justice and Mental Health Project Staff Lead



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About the Commission

- Created to provide oversight, accountability, and leadership to guide transformational change of the community-based mental health system
- Commission “Tools”
 - Innovation
 - Prevention and Early Intervention
 - Plan Review
 - Incentivizing Grants
 - Data and Analytics
 - Advocacy
 - Policy Research Projects



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About the Project

- Criminal Justice and Mental Health Project Subcommittee
- Project activities:
 - Subcommittee Meetings
 - Public Hearings
 - Community Forums
 - Site Visits
 - Local and National Initiatives
 - Small Group Discussions
 - And more



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Problem

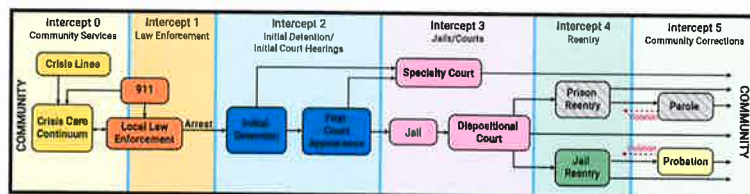
- Increase in the number of people with mental health needs in the criminal justice system
 - What are the potential drivers of this increase?



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Findings in Support of Diversion


- Opportunities for Diversion
 - Organizing a system that diverts people with mental health needs at various criminal justice “touch points”



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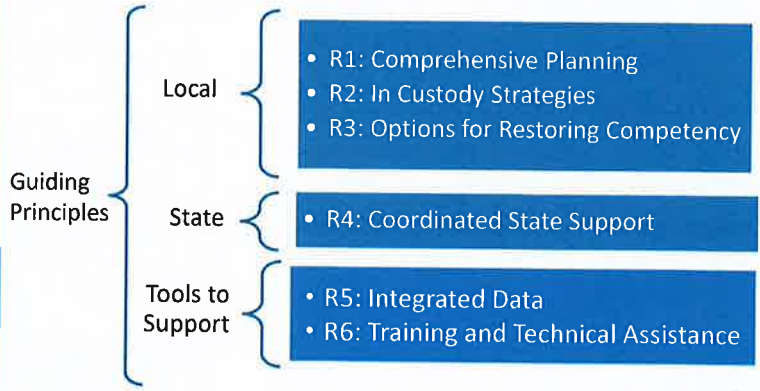
Findings in Support of Prevention

- Opportunities for Prevention
 - Preventing criminal justice contact from happening in the first place
 - ◆ Leadership
 - ◆ Capacity
 - ◆ Collaboration
 - ◆ Equity
 - ◆ Integration




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Report Overview: Findings and Recommendations




Guiding Principles

- Local
 - R1: Comprehensive Planning
 - R2: In Custody Strategies
 - R3: Options for Restoring Competency
- State
 - R4: Coordinated State Support
- Tools to Support
 - R5: Integrated Data
 - R6: Training and Technical Assistance



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■ FINDING ONE

- Too many mental health consumers, particularly those from African American, Latino, Native American, and LGBTQ communities, end up in jail because of unmet needs and system inequities.
- A robust, prevention-oriented system can reduce this unnecessary harm.

■ RECOMMENDATION ONE

- California's mental health agencies, in partnership with law enforcement and others, should have a comprehensive prevention-focused plan that reduces the incarceration of mental health consumers in their communities.

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■ FINDING TWO

- California's jails are not equipped to serve mental health consumers.
- Diversion should be prioritized but counties need more effective in-custody options to ensure they can provide appropriate and necessary services for those who cannot be diverted.

■ RECOMMENDATION TWO

- The Board of State and Community Corrections should facilitate a collaborative effort with counties to identify, develop, and deploy services and strategies that improve outcomes for mental health consumers in jail, including universal screening for mental health needs at booking and enhanced training for custody staff.

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■ **FINDING THREE**

- A large and growing number of people found incompetent to stand trial because of unmet mental health needs are forced to spend months in jail awaiting services necessary for their cases to proceed.

■ **RECOMMENDATION THREE**

- To reduce the backlog of people found incompetent to stand trial, California must maximize diversion from the criminal justice system.
- For people who cannot be diverted and are found incompetent to stand trial, the state and counties should expand options for restoring competency.

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■ **FINDING FOUR**

- California has not put in place a statewide, systemic approach for prevention and diversion to reduce criminal justice involvement for mental health consumers and improve outcomes.

■ **RECOMMENDATION FOUR**

- The Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health should fortify its efforts to champion collaboration among state agencies to support local prevention and diversion of mental health consumers from the criminal justice system.

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■ FINDING FIVE

- Data is a critical tool in decision-making and service delivery, but state and local agencies are not effectively harnessing its power to improve outcomes for those in need.

■ RECOMMENDATION FIVE

- The California Health and Human Services Agency should reduce or eliminate barriers so that data and information technology are used to drive decision-making, identify service gaps, and guide investments in programs to reduce the number of people with mental health needs in the criminal justice system.

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■ FINDING SIX

- To build effective prevention and diversion systems, criminal justice and mental health professionals will need new knowledge, skills, and abilities to better serve mental health consumers and their communities.

■ RECOMMENDATION SIX

- The State, in partnership with the counties, should expand technical assistance resources to improve cross-professional training, increase the use of data and evaluation, and the dissemination of best practices, including community-driven and evidence-based practices.

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Update

- What's happened since the report was released?



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Thank you!

Additional questions?

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