

MISSION STATEMENT: The MHSA/Finance Committee will review and assess the county's mental health funding for the Mental Health Commission to ensure effective mental health programs. This committee will prepare the Commission to fulfill its role of providing the yearly public hearing of the MHSA Plan

**Mental Health Commission
MHSA-Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 16, 2020, 1:30-3:00pm
At: 1220 Morello Avenue, Suite 101 Conference Room, Martinez, CA**

AGENDA

- I. Call to order/Introductions**
- II. Public comments**
- III. Commissioner comments**
- IV. APPROVE minutes from December 19th, 2019 joint meeting**
- V. DISCUSS 2019 MHSA-Finance Committee Accomplishments**
- VI. DISCUSS 2020 MHSA-Finance Committee Goals**
- VII. DISCUSS Meeting days and times for 2020 MHSA-Finance Committee meetings**
- VIII. Adjourn**



In accordance with the Brown Act, if a member of the public addresses an item not on the agenda, no response, discussion or action on the item may occur. In the interest of time and equal opportunity, speakers are requested to observe a 3-minute time limit. If special accommodations are required to attend any meeting, due to a disability, please contact the Executive Assistant of the Mental Health Commission, at: (925) 957-2619

Mental Health Commission MHS-A-Finance Committee 2019 Accomplishments

\$7-\$10M Adult Locked Facilities Budget “Overage”

Due to the Ad Hoc Data Committee work, found out reasons Adult System Locked Facility Care has been running \$7M-\$10M over budget:

- Lack of available Institute of Mental Diseases (IMD) beds due to explosion of Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) cases in Contra Costa County. Result:
- State Hospital beds for forensic patients (persons involved in criminal justice system) (20 beds at \$5.5M yr./\$754/day—Napa State Hospital (Napa, CA) and Metropolitan State Hospital (Downey, CA)
- LPS (mental health) out-of-county locked facility Conservatorship beds (120-150 at \$300-\$600/day based on level of treatment). Also, longer Conservatorship stays because of lack of appropriate “step down” community based programs.
- Forced high use of non CCRMC psychiatric ward beds at \$1,500 or more/day.

Regulatory Financial reasons for adult Locked Facilities budget “overage”:

- IMD Medi-Cal reimbursement exclusion for persons 21-64 years of age
- Up to 30 day Federal waiver currently available. Dept. of Health Care services must be persuaded to file for this waiver in its upcoming 1115 Waiver application.
- National Assn. of Attorneys General (NAAG) letter signed by 39 state AG’s (incl. Xavier Bacera of CA) asking Congress to permanently repeal the IMD Medicaid (Medi-Cal) reimbursement exclusion.

Financial result of federal IMD Medi-Cal reimbursement Exclusion

- Adult locked facility overage paid from state budget limited Realignment funds.
- When budgeted Realignment funds exhausted, additional county general funds will be needed to pay for this “overage.”

Housing—Kept abreast of:

- 5 filed building applications for 62 units, so far, of Permanent Supportive Housing totaling \$62M of available 2 rounds, so far, of No Place Like Home competitive bid funding.
- Use of \$1.73M in state returned MHS-A Special Needs Housing funds to preserve 29 units of Special Needs Housing in central county.

Children, Adolescent, and Transition Age Youth (TAY) Mental Health: Kept abreast of :

- Changing Short-Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP) Youth Homes refurbishing plans for 6 county very high acuity youth (ages 13-17) using \$3M of MHS-A to do so.
- At the county Oak Grove property in Concord, moving forward with plans to demolish and then reconstruct on the existing foundation 20 units of Permanent Supportive Housing for very high acuity youth. Using \$6.2M in competitive No Place Like Home Funding to do so.
- Moving forward with establishing a 75 person Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program for very high acuity youth at the county Concord Oak Grove site using an existing building.

Mental Health Commission MHSA-Finance Committee 2020 Goals

AB 1810/SB 215 “At Risk of Incompetency” Pre-Trial Jail Diversion Program

- Monitor establishment and operation of up to 25 person pre-trial diversion \$.1.25M/year Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) program. Track the costs and the number of persons admitted to this program. Also track classes of persons (self-identified gender and ethnicities) admitted and length of stay (up to 2 years) for each.

\$7-\$10M Adult Locked Facilities Budget “Overage”

Work with county Behavioral Health leadership to explore treatment and services enhancing ways to reduce and then eliminate this budget “overage.” Ideas:

- Continue to strongly advocate for the Board of Supervisors, through the California State Assn. of Counties (CSAC), to encourage DHCS to file for the up to 30 day federal IMD Demonstration Medi-Cal Reimbursement Waiver in its Sept., 2020 1115 Waiver application renewal.
- Strongly advocate for the Board of Supervisors to ask the California State Assn. of Counties (CSAC) to encourage the Dept. of Health Care Services (DHCS) to ask the federal government to permanently repeal the IMD Medicaid (Medi-Cal) Reimbursement Exclusion for persons 21-64 years of age.
- Using existing as well as new state and possible MHSA funding (SB 389), for persons coming from locked criminal justice facilities or state hospital parole or competency restoration situations, establish well designed “step down” diversion Forensic Assertive Community (FACT) programs with Supportive Housing.
- Using MHSA funding, for persons discharging from locked LPS conservatorship facilities, establish well designed “step down” Assertive Community (FACT) programs with Supportive Housing.

Adult No Place Like Home applied for projects: Monitor

- Progress of the 5 filed building applications for 62 units, so far, of Permanent Supportive Housing.
- Progress in using \$1.73M in state returned MHSA Special Needs Housing funds for preserving 29 units of housing in central county.

Children, Adolescent, and Transition Age Youth (TAY) Mental Health: Monitor:

- Establishment and setup of the 6 person Short-Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP).
- Oak Grove \$6.2M 20 unit apartments reconstruction project (using No Place Like Home [NPLH] funds for high acuity youth (ages 13-16).
- Program Design and setup of the Oak Grove 75 person Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program.

Juvenile Hall and Byron Ranch Mental Health Care

- Financial effect of SB 439 on level of Juvenile Hall and Byron Ranch Mental Health operations.
- Mental Health care effect of Juvenile Hall and Byron Ranch staff cutbacks.