



MHSA Planning – Next Steps

Community Planning Team

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►► We Have Recommendations, Now What?

LACDMH will take these recommendations for use of one-time funds (i.e., funds are not ongoing and end in two years) and align them with:

- Board priorities and initiatives
- Department identified needs and gaps
- Equity data to identify where resources are needed most
- Planning and funding strategies in anticipation of Proposition 1 (Prop 1)
- Departmental resources to implement and sustain programming

▶▶ Board Priorities and Initiatives

Homelessness and Housing

- In January 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved a Proclamation of a Local Emergency for Homelessness in the County of Los Angeles.
 - Prioritization of Services and Supports to address the Homeless Crisis, including supports and directives to County Departments to act.
 - Includes language to include the County's Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion (ARDI) Equity tools in taking the necessary steps for the protection of life, health, and safety of people experiencing homelessness.

▶▶ Board Priorities and Initiatives

Prevention, Children, and Youth

- In August 2022, Governor Newsom announced California's Master Plan for Kids' Mental Health – with the Children and Youth Behavioral Initiative at the core of the master plan.
 - Foundation of equity and accessibility
 - Promoting greater alignment and integration of systems of care
 - Increasing access to all Californians ages birth to 25 for MHS and SUD
- In January 2019, and amended in February 2022, the Board of Supervisors passed the Ensuring the Community School Initiative has Access to the Most Accurate Data Board Motion for the funding and expansion of the CSI

►► Board Priorities and Initiatives Prevention, Children, and Youth

- In November 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved the Assessing the Mental Health Resources and Supports Available to Students Board Motion
- In 2020, the Board of Supervisors established the Youth Commission, a youth-led organization that promotes youth participation in county affairs and policy development.
- In July 2022 the Board passed a motion, Enhancing School District Capacity to Protect Student Safety.

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- In October 2022, the Board of supervisors passed the Empowering Schools and Youth to Respond to the Drug Overdose Epidemic
- In December 2022, The Board of Supervisors passed the Mentorship for At-Risk Black Girls in Los Angeles County Board Motion
- In June 2023, the Protecting Los Angeles County Youth from Negative Impacts of Social Media Board Motion.

▶▶ Department Needs and Gaps

- Investing in our workforce – addressing shortages
 - ◀ Outreach and incentives for a diverse workforce reflective of the County of Los Angeles
 - ◀ Training opportunities to address cultural competence
- Building out service capacity at all levels of care
 - ◀ Expand PMRT, HOME, justice-involved programs, services in schools
- Advancing the work on Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion (ARDI)
- Strengthening Prevention efforts by utilizing communications and marketing strategies

►► Equity Data to Identify Regions and Populations in Need

- Use of a population needs assessment
- Identify concentrations of need for regions and populations:
 - ◁ Lens of Homelessness
 - ◁ Lens of Vulnerability/Poverty
 - ◁ Lens of rate of Child Welfare Involvement
- Ensure all regions have access and concentrate resources where they are needed most. Where resources are limited, prioritize high need communities.

►► Proposition 1: What is it?

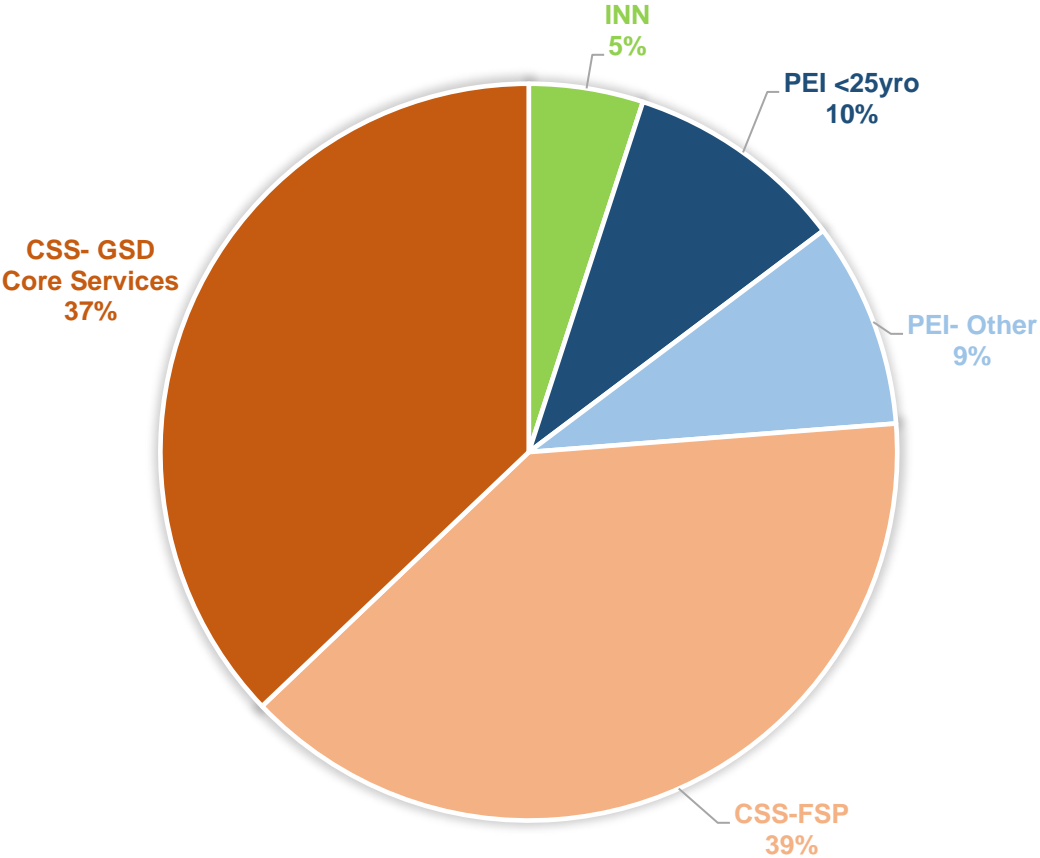
- Proposed by California State Legislature, supports Governor Newsom's vision to "modernize behavioral health."
- Senate Bill (SB) 326 which changes the Mental Health Services Act and Assembly Bill (AB) 531 which adds a General Obligation bond for housing has passed legislature and were signed by Governor Newsom on October 12, 2023. Combined they become **Proposition (Prop) 1** on the March 2024 ballot.
- If passed, programmatic changes will begin in July 2026.
- Proposes significant shift in MHSA allocations, impacting funding from core mental health services (Outpatient, Crisis, Linkage) to create a new housing category (SB 326).

►► Proposition 1 Behavioral Health Services Act Updates (Formerly SB 326)

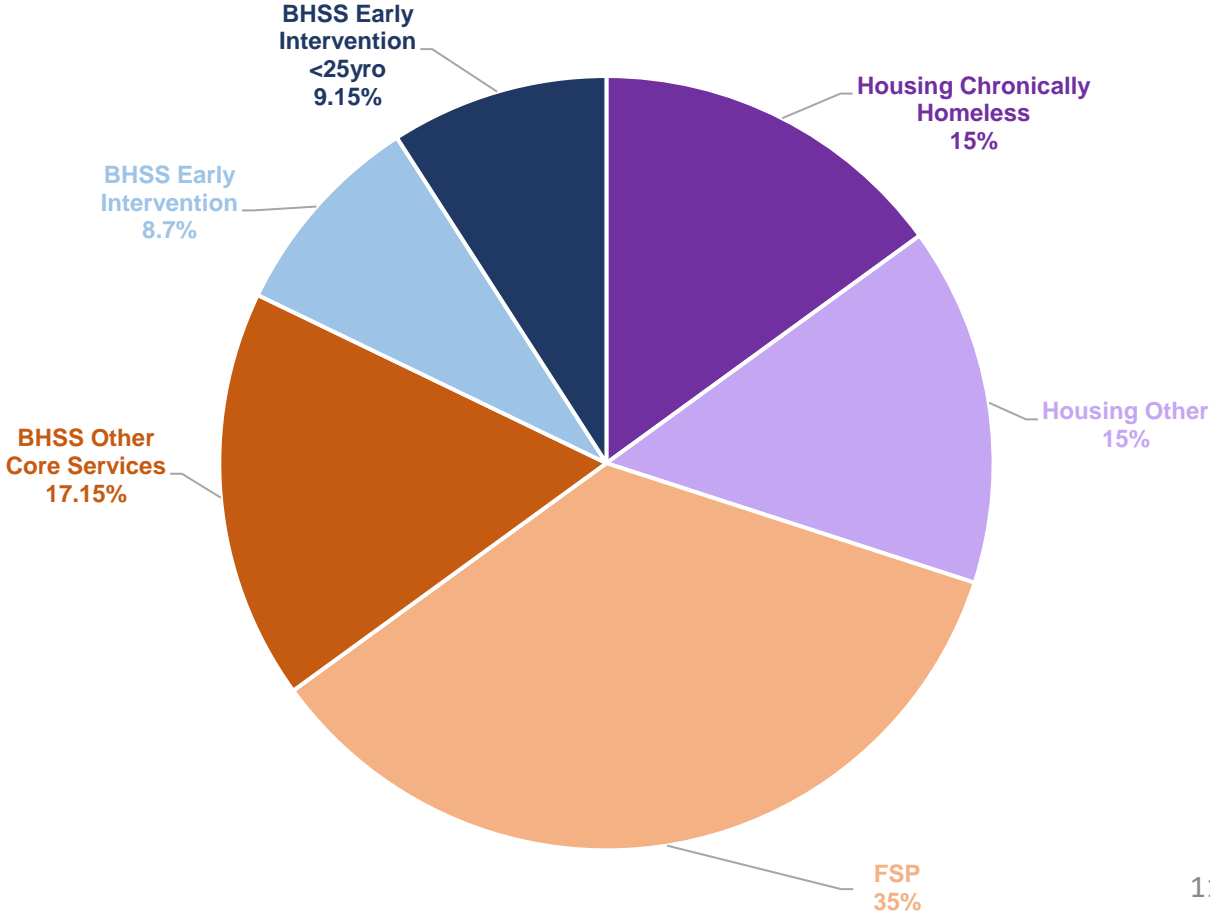
- New: Proposed Allocations include
 - Housing: 30%
 - FSP: 35%
 - Behavioral Health Services and Supports (BHSS) 35%
 - Flexible: 17.15%
 - Early Intervention: Child: 9.15%
 - Early Intervention: All Age: 8.75%
- Allows for a 7% shift from a single category with a maximum shift of 14% total with State approval.
- No specific allocation for Prevention, Suicide Prevention, Anti-Stigma, Workforce Education and Training, and Capital Facilities and Technological Needs which are current funding categories under MHSA.

MHSA Components vs. BHSA Categories

Current MHSA Funding Components



BHSA Proposed Funding Categories per SB 326 8/15 Amendments



►► Impact of Proposition 1

- While we don't know the outcome of the vote, we should plan out investments strategically.
 - ◁ One Time-Funds over a period of 2 years
 - ◁ Housing – Largest area of growth
 - ◁ FSP – Area of growth for FSP and FSP-related services
 - ◁ Prevention will be State-administered if Prop 1 passes
 - Prevention projects reviewed for transition to Early Intervention
 - Prevention projects time limited to the 2-Year plan

►► Budget Application

- Finalize assessment of available one-time funding
 - ◁ Initial estimates of
 - \$50M per year for PEI/Prevention for 2 years
 - \$70M per year for CSS – includes Housing, FSP, Navigation, Media Outreach, Peer Services, etc.
- Formal analysis needed for submission to County Executive Office (CEO)

▶▶ Next Steps

- 30-Day Public Posting Period: Engage Your Stakeholders
- Commission Hearing March 2024: Attend the Session
- Board approval May/June 2024: Attend the Session
- County Executive Office (CEO): Approval of Budget
- Equity will be part of planning and implementation

Questions?



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