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DIRECTOR'S UPDATE:
MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
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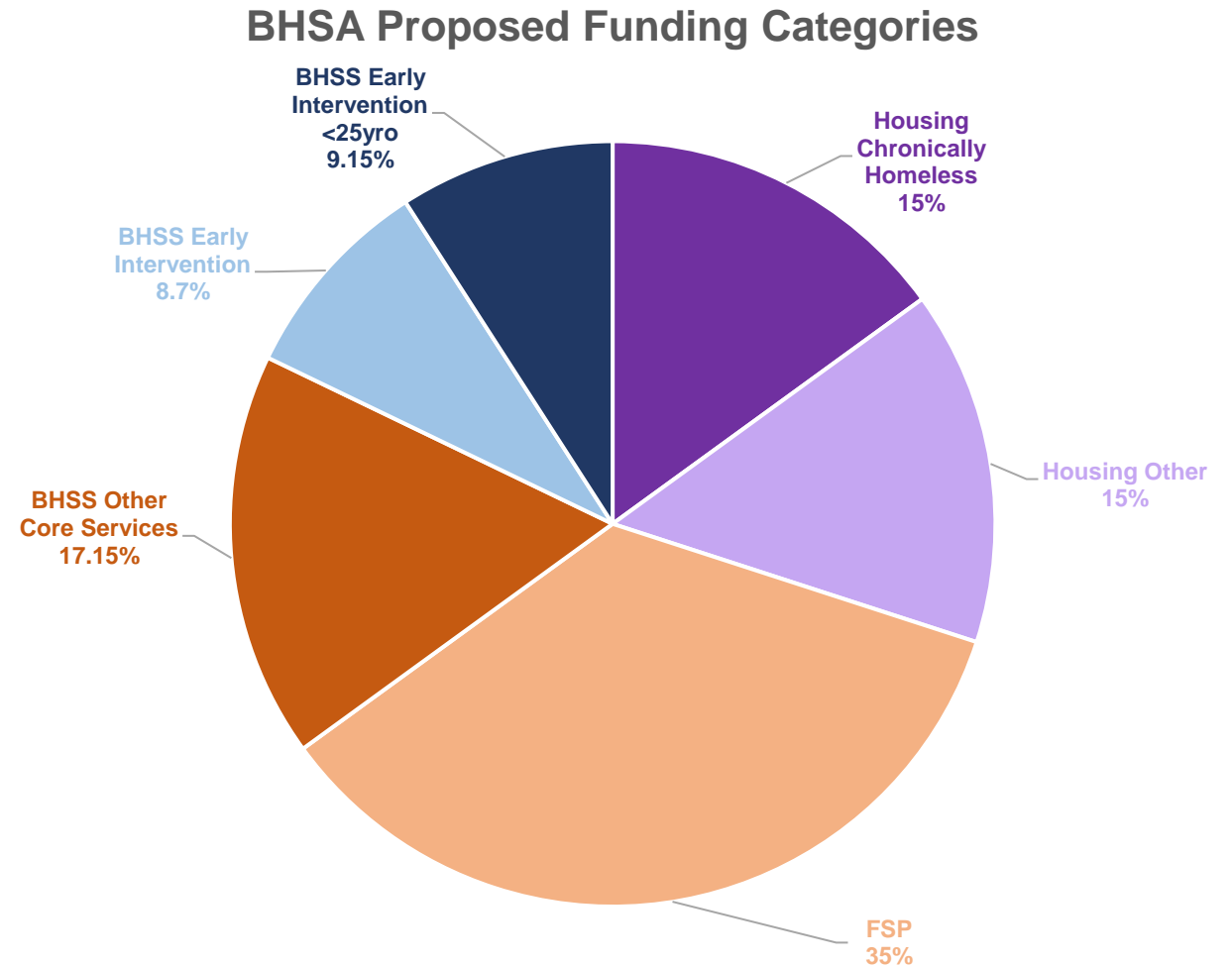
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▶▶ Proposition 1 Behavioral Health Services Act

- Renames Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)
- Effective July 2026
- Adds a \$6.3B Housing bond to fund new residential treatment beds and housing units
- Proposes significant shifts in MHSA allocations, impacting funding from core mental health services (Outpatient, Crisis, Linkage) to create a new housing category.

►► Proposition 1 Behavioral Health Services Act Updates

- New: Allocations include
 - Housing: 30%;
 - FSP: 35%;
 - Behavioral Health Services and Supports (BHSS) 35%
 - Flexible : 17.15%;
 - Early Intervention: 17.85%
- Allows for a 7% shift from a single category with a maximum shift of 14% total with State approval.



▶▶ Proposition 1 Behavioral Health Services Act Updates

- Requires counties to provide new Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services to SUD-only populations, no additional funding will be added
- No specific allocation for Prevention, Suicide Prevention, Anti Stigma, Workforce Education and Training, and Capital Facilities and Technological Needs
- Prevention and Workforce Education and Training will be State administered
 - State-led Workforce Initiative
 - Revenue Stabilization Workgroup

▶▶ Proposition 1 Behavioral Health Services Act Next Steps

- Pending additional guidance from the State
 - Definitions and guidelines for new funding categories
 - Clarification on State administration of Prevention and capital bond funds
- Consistent Engagement and Communication with Stakeholders

▶▶ Proposition 1 Behavioral Health Services Act Local Impacts and Challenges

- 30% less funding for mental health services
- Compensating by:
 - ◁ Utilizing other funding streams
 - ◁ Modifying programs
- Addressing workforce shortages

▶▶ CARE Metrics: As of April 12, 2024

- Petitions filed with Court: 122
 - ◁ 117 filed by family members
 - ◁ 3 non-family initiated
 - ◁ 2 DMH initiated
- Active petitions today: 97
 - ◁ 51 hearings scheduled
- Petitions dismissed: 26
- Individuals who have housing: 77
- Individuals with housing needs: 45



Thank you



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