



▶▶ DMH's Legislative Update for the  
Mental Health Commission

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## ▶▶ State Budget 2024-2025

- Governor's May Revise included several major cuts to behavioral and physical health which would impact DMH, DPH and DHS:
  - Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH): proposal to cut Rounds 3 and 4 for a potential savings of \$340M over 2024-25 and 2025-26. **Included in final budget deal.**
  - Healthcare workforce initiative: proposal to cut over \$1B in funding over a five-year period. **Final budget deal includes cut of \$746M over five years.**
  - Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP): proposal to eliminate Round 6 entirely, for a savings of \$450M. **Final budget deal cuts \$326 M in 24-35 and \$710M in 2025-26 in SGF, backfilling with Prop 1 funds.**

**NOTE: text in blue reflects reports of final state budget deal as of 6/27/24**

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  - CalWORKs MH and SUD Services: proposal to cut \$126.6M in FY 24-25 and ongoing. Final budget deal cuts are smaller (\$26M - \$37M/year), and multi-year but temporary.
  - Major changes to MCO Tax
  - SB 525 delayed until at least October 1, 2024

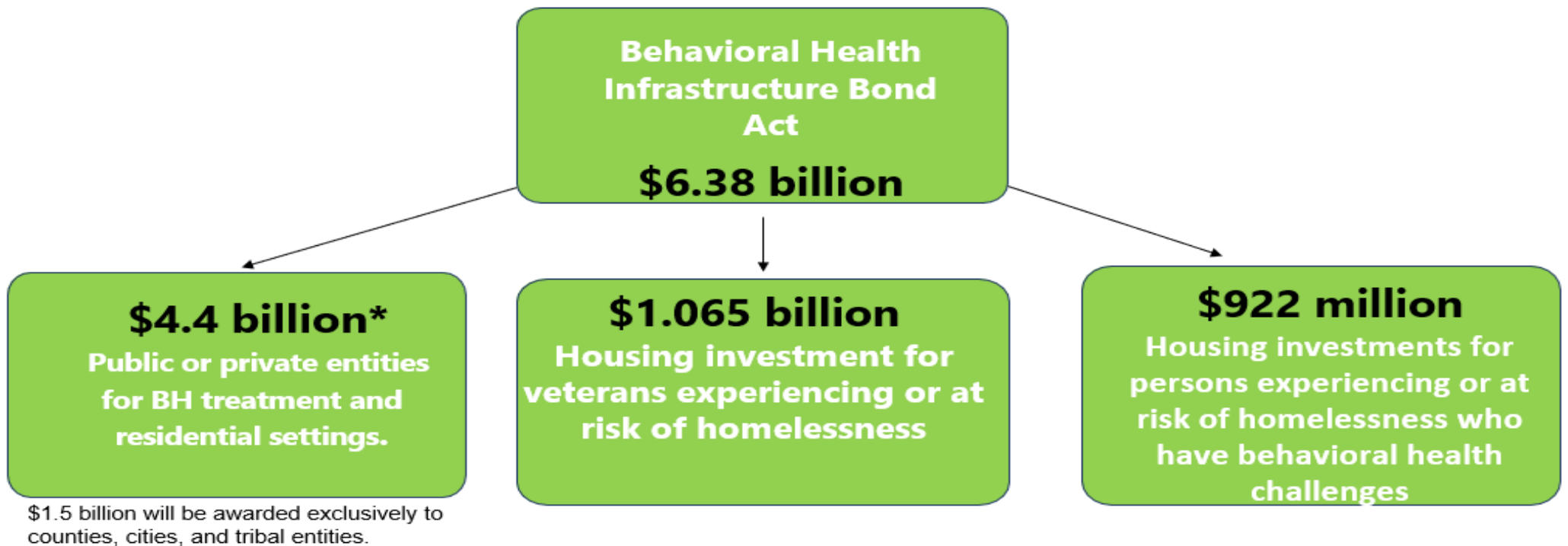
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## ▶▶ State Budget 2024-2025

- In the coming days, CEO and County departments will be analyzing budget trailer bill language to understand the impact
- In weeks ahead, we will be looking for more information about:
  - November 2024 ballot initiatives
  - Details about how SB 525 (healthcare minimum wage) will be implemented
  - Details about budget cuts to health programs

# ▶▶ Prop 1 Implementation – AB 531, the Bond

- The Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act (BHIBA) (AB 531) is a \$6.38 billion general obligation bond to develop a wide range of behavioral health treatment, residential care settings, and supportive housing to help provide appropriate care facilities for Californians experiencing mental health conditions and substance use disorders.



## ▶▶ Prop 1 Implementation – AB 531, the Bond

Bond BHCIP – Round 1 Launch Ready, first request for applications to be released in July 2024, due in Fall 2024, and will be awarded in early 2025.

More Information Here: [Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2024](#)

These rounds will be for an "array of behavioral health treatment, residential care settings, and supportive housing to help provide appropriate care facilities for individuals experiencing mental health and substance use disorders"

Permanent supportive housing investments for veterans and individuals who are unhoused will be managed by the Department of Housing and Community Development and released at a later date

DMH will reach out to local provider network to meet community needs and promote collaboration

## ▶▶ Planning for Prop 1/BHSA Implementation – SB 326

- Challenge: Not a lot of new policy/administrative updates from the State. County needs additional details and clarity from the State asap.
- DHCS Planning Committee – Dr. Wong is on the planning committee, and is one of 6 County Directors on the Committee
- Los Angeles County will participate in the California Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) workgroups on Prevention, EBPs, Housing, Strategy, Reporting and Outcomes, and Finance
- DMH has committed to begin regular meetings with a dedicated workgroup of interested providers and stakeholders and welcomes input

## ▶▶ Planning for Prop 1/BHSA Implementation – SB 326

- LACDMH working on preliminary analysis to identify all existing MHSA funded programs and the potential to fund under new BHSA categories where the fit is obvious. Examples include shifting housing costs into Housing and linkage programs serving the FSP target populations under FSP.
- No program eliminations being planned or announced at this time
  - Need to develop principles and criteria for decision making
    - DMH has begun engaging providers and stakeholders for input



## ▶▶ BHSA Reporting and Planning

- Major change with Prop 1: Expanded planning and reporting requirements – including **all** funding sources and programming for Mental Health and Substance Use and planning and reporting requirements on health Disparities.
- Los Angeles County will be able to use MHSA funds to plan for and meet BHSA requirements in January 2025.
- LACDMH will kick off formal Three-Year plan planning in the early months of calendar year 2025.
- Expansion of the MH Commission begins in January 2025

## ▶▶ State Level Stakeholder Opportunities

Mental Health for All Website: <https://mentalhealth.ca.gov>

- Updates on Proposition 1
- State Dashboards
- Current MHSA County Plans

Stakeholder Engagement Information:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/BHT/Pages/Stakeholder-Engagement.aspx>

- Listening Sessions
- Stakeholder Advisory Committees

## ▶▶ Priority Legislation

- AB 2557 (Ortega): Local Agencies, Contracts for Special Services
  - Status: Senate Committee on Labor, Public Employment, and Retirement
  - County position: oppose
  - CBHDA position: oppose
  - DMH comments: expressing concerns

DMH is concerned that AB 2557 would severely limit the Department's ability to efficiently contract out for services. The Department also believes that the bill would create an enormous administrative burden without any accompanying benefit to the Department or the taxpayers.

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- AB 2561 (McKinnor): Local Public Employees: Vacant Positions
  - Status: Senate Committee on Labor, Public Employment, and Retirement
  - County position: watching
  - CBHDA position: oppose
  - DMH comments: expressing concerns

DMH is greatly concerned

## ▶▶ Additional Bills of Interest

- SB 402 (Wahab): Involuntary Commitment
  - CBHDA has oppose position
- AB 1316 (Irwin): Emergency Services: Psychiatric Emergency Medical Conditions
  - CSAP has oppose unless amended position
- SB 26 (Umberg): Mental Health Professions: CARE Scholarship Program
  - CBHDA has support if amended position

# ▶▶ California Community School Partnership Program (CCSPP)

- CCSPP is a grant program from the California Department of Education which funds local education agencies (LEAs)
- Goal of CCSPP is to support the creation of partnerships between schools, families, and community organizations that provide a wide array of services to students and their families
- Community schools often include four evidence-informed programmatic features:
  - Integrated support services;
  - Family and community engagement;
  - Collaborative leadership and practices for educators and administrators; and
  - Extended learning time and opportunities.

## ▶▶ California Community School Partnership Program (CCSPP)

- A Community School is any school serving pre-Kindergarten through high school students using a “whole-child” approach, with “an integrated focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development, and community engagement.”
- From the California Community Schools Partnership Program Framework

# ▶▶ California Community School Partnership Program (CCSPP) in LA County

- In LA County, several school districts receive CCSPP grants directly from the state
- Other school districts receive grants through LACOE
  - In these LACOE-supported schools, DMH partners to provide supplementary resources to ensure that the school has a core team of staff including:
    - Community school specialist
    - Psychiatric social worker
    - Education community worker
  - Allocation in FY 23-24 was \$8.4M in MHSA funds, which supported 31 staff



# Questions?



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