



Behavioral Health Transformation: Monthly Update on Proposition 1 Action and Impact July 2024

We are pleased to issue the first "Mental Health for All" newsletter. Every month, California agencies and departments will provide updates on their efforts to implement [Proposition 1](#) to deliver mental health for all. Proposition 1 will modernize California's behavioral health system and support up to \$6.4 billion in bonds to build behavioral health housing, residential care, and outpatient service settings across the state.

California is coming together to:

1. Urgently deliver treatment and housing to the most seriously ill and vulnerable Californians, with innovations like Full Service Partnerships, the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act, and conservatorship reform.
2. Build new treatment sites and supportive housing, with new sites opening every month and new funds from Proposition 1 releasing this summer and winter.
3. Plan for a transformed, unified behavioral health service system launching July 1, 2026.

Please visit and encourage others to visit the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) [website](#) and sign up to receive this and future updates on implementation.

WHAT IS PROPOSITION 1?

Proposition 1 was passed by California voters in March 2024. The two-bill package proposed statewide efforts to reform and expand California's behavioral health system and was put on the ballot by Governor Gavin Newsom and the Legislature. It is composed of two parts: the Behavioral Health Services Act, an expansion of the Mental Health Services Act to include substance use disorder, and the Behavioral Health Bond, which authorized \$6.4 billion in bonds to finance

behavioral health treatment beds, supportive housing, community sites, and funding for housing veterans with behavioral health needs.

Implementation of Proposition 1, referred to as [Behavioral Health Transformation](#) by DHCS, is being carried out by DHCS and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI), California Health & Human Services Agency (CalHHS), California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency (BCSHA), and California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet).

TOP NEWS



Bond Funding Accelerated

Governor Newsom announced the acceleration of the [first round of Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program \(BHCIP\) bond funding](#) grants for behavioral health treatment facilities, made available by Proposition 1. This round will account for \$3.3 billion in “Launch Ready” projects, or 75 percent of the total \$4.4 billion for BHCIP projects. The Request for Application will be posted this summer and awarded by early 2025.

- » Watch the Governor’s [announcement](#).
- » Watch coverage of the announcement on [ABC 7 San Francisco](#).



Spotlight – Alice and Alfredo, Project Homekey

HCD is sharing the first-person stories of Californians, like Alice and Alfredo, whose lives have been transformed by the stability of permanent affordable housing and supportive services. HCD [invites you to subscribe](#) and follow the journey as we share more stories from Californians helped by programs like No Place Like Home and Project Homekey.



Quote of the Month

“This was my dream, my vision, when I returned home after my years of addiction almost 30 years ago – to provide a place of healing, care, and support for those society has neglected and forgotten. I wanted to get our community trained in jobs that can sustain them and support their families, be able to give those who are coming home hope, knowing that there are people here in their corner to help them move through the steps of reintegrating into their communities and families.” – Janie Hodge, founder and executive director of Paving the Way Foundation, during a [ribbon-cutting ceremony](#), which was funded in part by a grant from DHCS’ BHCIP.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- » On July 30, 2024, from 1-2 p.m., DHCS will host a [public listening session](#) on substance use disorder services under the Behavioral Health Services Act. During the session, which is open to the public, participants may comment on the guidance DHCS is developing. [Advance registration is required.](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

- » On April 19, DHCS held the first of regular Behavioral Health Transformation public listening sessions on the Behavioral Health Bond. [Watch the recording.](#)
- » Throughout spring and into summer, DHCS and community partners have celebrated groundbreakings of behavioral health treatment facilities throughout the state. These community treatment sites are under construction with support from BHCIP funding. More sites will be funded and built, thanks to approved Proposition 1 bonds. Read about these transformative projects in [Los Angeles County](#), [Oakland](#), [Modesto](#), [Riverside](#), [Santa Cruz](#), [Indio](#), and [Napa](#).
- » On May 29, DHCS convened the [Stakeholder Advisory Committee \(SAC\)/Behavioral Health-SAC](#) hybrid [meeting](#), which included an update on Proposition 1 implementation.
- » On May 30, DHCS hosted a second Behavioral Health Transformation [public listening session](#) on the County Integrated Plan for Behavioral Health Services and Outcomes. [Watch the recording.](#)
- » On June 3, the California Health & Human Services Agency hosted an [“all comer” webinar](#) for the public to learn more about Proposition 1 provisions, major milestones, and available resources.

RESOURCE CENTER

We're pleased to share these resources about the Behavioral Health Transformation work led by DHCS. We refreshed our fact sheets, frequently asked questions, and other materials to help you and your stakeholders engage:

- » [Proposition 1: An Overview](#): Frequently asked questions (FAQs) about Proposition 1, California's Behavioral Health Transformation.
- » [Behavioral Health Services Act](#): FAQs about the Behavioral Health Services Act, which reforms behavioral health care funding to prioritize services for people with the most significant mental health needs while adding the treatment of substance use disorders, expanding housing interventions, and increasing the behavioral health workforce.
- » [Behavioral Health Bond](#): FAQs about the Behavioral Health Bond, which authorizes \$6.4 billion in bonds to finance behavioral health treatment beds, supportive housing, community sites, and funding for housing veterans with behavioral health needs.

- » [Behavioral Health Services Act: Maximizing Funding Opportunities \(July 2024\)](#): An infographic highlighting Behavioral Health Services Act funding opportunities.
- » [Behavioral Health Bond Act: BHCIP Round 1 and 2 website](#): A source for all relevant information related to BHCIP funding grant rounds, including awardees and upcoming opportunities.
- » [Event Presentations](#): Presentation slides for past webinars and conferences.
- » [MentalHealth.CA.Gov](#): This new website helps Californians access mental health and substance use disorder treatment and helps provide transparency and accountability on Proposition 1 and Behavioral Health Transformation.

Contact Us

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