



**Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and  
Public Health – Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (DPH-SAPC)  
Behavioral Health Commission Meeting  
June 11, 2026**

**Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Update**

The Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Public Health – Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (DPH-SAPC) have the following BHSA updates:

- **BHSA Community Planning Process (CPP)**
  - Upon the execution of the BHSA Integrated Plan (estimated on or before July 1, 2026), DMH and DPH-SAPC will transition the Community Planning Process (CPP) from a focus on planning to implementation and monitoring of programs and services within the Integrated Plan as part of the Behavioral Health (BH) Continuum of Care. The meeting structure of the CPP will transition from monthly planning meetings of the Community Planning Team (CPT) to quarterly meetings with interim forums and workgroups.
    - Quarterly meetings will focus on reporting progress to the CPT and receiving feedback on implementation and monitoring of programs and services across the BH Continuum of Care.
    - Forums will be subject specific informational sessions that provide in-depth information and clarification of areas of the Integrated Plan (IP) and the BH Continuum of Care.
    - Workgroups will focus on the implementation details of specific programs/services within the BH Continuum of Care (to include BHSA funded programs and services) and/or topics that impact multiple programs/services across the BH Continuum of Care (i.e. Cross-cutting topics).
  - Proposed topics for forums and work groups will include integrated behavioral health care, workforce, cultural competency, and data equity, levels of care across the behavioral health continuum, and key metrics to track progress.
  - DMH and DPH-SAPC will discuss and solicit feedback on meeting topics for forums and workgroups, meeting cadence, and structure during scheduled CPT meetings.
  - DMH and DPH-SAPC will provide monthly BHSA updates to the Behavioral Health Commission on progress, success, and challenges.

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- **Integrated Plan**

- The IP is pending hearing and approval by the County Board of Supervisors (BOS) at this time. Upon Board approval, the IP will be submitted to the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). The submission deadline is June 30, 2026.
- The pending IP will guide implementation of BHSA funded programs and services for three fiscal years, including FY 2026-27, FY 2027-28, and FY 2028-29. During this three-year period, DMH and DPH-SAPC will engage stakeholders concerning Mid-Year adjustments needed, as well as Annual Updates to the IP required for FY 2027-28 and FY 2028-29.

- **Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs) and Managed Care Plans (MCPs)**

- DMH and DPH-SAPC are planning with LHJs and MCPs for future Community Health Assessments (CHAs) and Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIPs), to ensure the inclusion of behavioral health priorities, and are also aligning on areas of community reinvestment planning.