
From: Behavioral Health Commission
Subject: BHC 5.20.26 Public Comment #4

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To: Behavioral Health Commission <BehavioralHealthCommission@saccounty.gov>
Subject: Public Comment: Support for 988 & our Behavioral Health Crisis Coordinated System of Care

Dear Sacramento County Behavioral Health Commission,

My name is Adrianna and I live in District 1. I **urge you to approve the Crisis & Justice Involved Continuum Committee's draft letter of recommendations regarding Sacramento County's Behavioral Health Coordinated System of Crisis Care. I strongly agree with the recommendations listed in the letter.** Our Behavioral Health Crisis Coordinated System of Care only works if it is prioritized with appropriate funding and promotion. Now is not the time to cut funding from these important programs that save lives and keep people out of jail.

Personally, I regularly volunteer with people recently released from jail and with homeless populations. I have called 988 when I encountered someone whose mental health needs exceeded what I could support as a volunteer, and I worried that calling 911 might endanger that person's life if their mental health crisis was not handled properly. We need mental health solutions for mental health problems - police should not respond to everything!

I am writing to express my strong support for these actions:

- I want Sacramento County Behavioral Health Services to restore the \$915,000 annual contract for 988 WellSpace Health by utilizing BHSA Early Intervention funding. I also want BHSA Early Intervention funding to be used to restore the Mental Health Urgent Care Clinic to 24/7/365 operation, as well as to increase support to Crisis Receiving for Behavioral Health.
- I want the Sacramento County Behavioral Health Services-staffed CWRT Call Center to be consolidated into the existing 988 call center. Much of the work currently performed by the CWRT Call Center is already being handled through 988 operations.
- I want people to get the care they need instead of going to jail. I want Sacramento County to work with law enforcement partners to develop clear diversion and referral guidelines for utilization of the Mental Health Urgent Care Clinic (MHUCC) and Crisis Receiving for Behavioral Health (CRBH) in appropriate mental health and substance use crisis situations, with the goal of increasing diversion to behavioral health crisis services while reducing jail bookings. I want the reductions in bookings and other justice system impacts associated with these diversions to be tracked and I want the related cost savings to be reinvested to sustain and strengthen MHUCC and CRBH services and other programs within Sacramento County's Behavioral Health Coordinated System of Crisis Care.

Thank you,
Adrianna Lucero