

# Sacramento County

## Department of Health Services, Behavioral Health Services

### Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Steering Committee

#### Our Mission

*To provide a culturally competent system of care that promotes holistic recovery, optimum health, and resiliency.*

#### Our Vision

*We envision a community where persons from diverse backgrounds across the life continuum have the opportunity to experience optimum wellness.*

#### Our Values

*Respect, Compassion, Integrity • Client and/or Family Driven • Equal Access for Diverse Populations • Culturally Competent, Adaptive, Responsive and Meaningful • Prevention and Early Intervention • Full Community Integration and Collaboration • Coordinated Near Home and in Natural Settings • Strength-Based Integrated and Evidence-Based Practices • Innovative and Outcome-Driven Practices and Systems • Wellness, Recovery, and Resilience Focus*

March 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes		
Time: 6:00-8:00 PM		Location: Virtually (Zoom) and phone conference
Meeting Attendees - General Public and MHSA Steering Committee members:		
Stakeholder Group	Primary	Alternate
Mental Health Board	x Patricia Wentzel	Brad Lueth/Keisha Harris
Mental Health Director	x Ryan Quist	x Jane Ann Zakhary
Service Provider - Children	x Laurie Clothier (River Oak)	Mary Sheppard (Uplift Family Svcs)
Service Provider - Adults	x Marilyn Sepulveda (Hope Cooperative)	x Alexis Bernard (Turning Point)
Service Provider - Older Adults	Genelle Cazares	Cindy Xiong
Law Enforcement	Corey Jackson	Laura Mueller
Senior and Adult Services	x Melissa Jacobs	Mary Parker
Education	Christopher Williams	Brent Malicote
Department of Human Assistance	Julie Field	Carmen Briscoe
Substance Use Prevention and Treatment	x Lori Miller	x Kimberly Grimes/Pamela Hawkins
Cultural Competence	x Lakshmi Malrouu	Jessie Armenta
Child Welfare	x Melissa Lloyd	Kim Pearson
Primary Health	Andrew Mendonsa	Noel Vargas
Public Health	x Olivia Kasirye	Staci Syas
Juvenile Court	Andi Mudryk	Sarah Davis
Probation	x Lynsey Semon	David Linden
Veterans	Rochelle Arnold	Michael Restivo
Consumer - TAY	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
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Consumer - Adult	Christeana Zamora	<b>Vacant</b>
Consumer - Adult	Clarissa Laguardia	Chezia Tarleton
Consumer - Older Adult	x Janet Green	<b>Vacant</b>
Consumer - Older Adult	x Sharon Jennings	<b>Vacant</b>
Family Member/Caregiver of Child age 0-17 Yrs	Chris Marzan	<b>Vacant</b>
Family Member/Caregiver of Child age 0-17 Yrs	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
Family Member/Caregiver of Adult age 18-59 Yrs	Susan McCrea- <b>LOA</b>	Ellen King
Family Member/Caregiver of Adult age 18-59 Yrs	Ryan McClinton	x Diana Burdick
Family Member/Caregiver of Older Adult age 60+ Yrs	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
Family Member/Caregiver of Older Adult age 60+ Yrs	x Anatoliy Gridyushko	<b>Vacant</b>
Family Member/Consumer At-large	<b>Vacant</b>	Evin Johnson

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<b>I. Welcome and Member Introductions</b>	The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. MHSA Steering Committee (SC) co-chairs and members introduced themselves.
<b>II. Agenda Review</b>	The agenda was reviewed. No changes were made.
<b>III. Review of Prior Meeting Minutes</b>	The <b>February 2025</b> draft meeting minutes were reviewed. No changes were made.
<b>IV. Announcements</b>	<p><b>Melissa Jacobs</b>, SC Member:  Sacramento County Senior and Adult Services (SAS) presented their Local Age and Disability-Friendly Action Plan (LADAP) to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, and the BOS approved the LADAP.</p> <p><b>Marylyn Sepulveda</b>, SC Member:  Powell’s Landing and Hope Landing are permanent supportive housing (PSH) projects that are opening and accepting new residents. Hope Landing, the complex providing housing to formerly homeless adults 55 and over, has received clearance to occupy. Residents can begin moving in the week of March 24, 2025. The second property, Powell’s Landing, is expected to begin accepting residents either at the end of March 2025 or the beginning of April 2025. Staff and community partners are encouraged to check the status of individuals on the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) list and ensure all required documents are submitted for eligibility. This will facilitate placement into one of the nearly 200 new PSH units coming online with these projects.</p> <p><b><u>Announcements from the Public</u></b>  None.</p>
<b>V. Executive Committee / MHSA Updates</b>	<p><b>Executive Committee Updates:</b>  None</p> <p><b>MHSA Updates:</b>  <b>Ryan Quist</b>, Behavioral Health Director and SC Member:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CARE Court went live on December 1, 2024, in Sacramento County. CARE Court is a new program available to individuals aged 18 and older who are diagnosed with a schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorder, currently experiencing behaviors and symptoms associated with severe mental illness (SMI), unable to stabilize through existing voluntary treatment, and unlikely to survive safely in the community without supervision. A petition must be filed with the Sacramento Superior Court to enroll into this program. Individuals who are qualified to file a petition include family members, first responders, and behavioral health providers. The Sacramento Superior Court provides legal</li> </ul>

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	<p>technical assistance for individuals wanting to file a petition through their self-help center. Sacramento County BHS also has a team available to provide support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>California Senate Bill (SB) 43 went into effect January 1, 2025. SB 43 expanded the definition of “grave disability” to include those individuals who are unable to care for their basic needs for health and safety due to a severe substance use disorder, or a co-occurring mental health disorder, and a severe substance use disorder. SB 43 also expands the definition of “basic needs” to include a person’s ability to obtain necessary medical care, personal safety, food, weather appropriate clothing, and/or shelter.</li> <li>Proposition 36, a voter initiative, went live in December 2024. Prop 36 increases felony charges and sentences for certain drug and theft crimes, while creating a new treatment-focused court process for some drug possession crimes. Since implementation, there has been an influx of misdemeanor cases; no felony cases have been reported thus far. Efforts are still ramping up, and there is ongoing collaboration with partners in the courts regarding the implementation of this initiative.</li> </ul> <p><b>Jane Ann Zakhary</b>, BHS Division Manager</p> <p>Reminder for all Steering Committee members that with your support, MHSA has invested some of our MHSA housing dollars to secure dedicated units for behavioral health at both Powell’s Landing and Hope Landing. Each property will have 30 dedicated units, marking an important partnership with HOPE Cooperative to expand the portfolio of PSH units. El Hogar will be providing services at both sites. This achievement is something to celebrate, and more details about this work can be found in the Draft MHSA FY 2025-2026 Annual Update. It will also be highlighted in tonight’s presentation.</p>
<p><b>VI. DRAFT MHSA Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Annual Update Presentation</b></p>	<p><b>Overview of the DRAFT MHSA FY 2025-2026 Annual Update</b></p> <p><b>Neeki Gilani</b>, MHSA Program Planner, and <b>Andrea Crook</b> , MHSA Health Program Manager presented an overview of the Draft MHSA MHSA FY 2025-2026 Annual Update. See <a href="#">Attachment A – DRAFT MHSA FY 2025-2026 Annual Update Overview</a></p> <p>The Draft Annual Update (AU) was posted online for a 30-day period of public review and comment, from March 3 through April 2, 2025. In addition to this presentation to the SC, the Draft AU will be presented to the Cultural Competence Committee on March 25, 2025. At the end of the 30-day public review and comment period, on April 2, 2025, the Draft AU will also be presented to the Mental Health Board, after which the Mental Health Board will conduct a Public Hearing on this Draft AU.</p> <p>Comments from members of the public may be submitted in several ways. Written or emailed comments may be submitted at any time during the 30-day review period and verbal comments may be provided at the Public Hearing on April 2, 2025. A</p>

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	<p>summary of all substantive comments received will be included in the final AU together with the Division’s response and explanation of changes made to the AU as a result.</p> <p>The overview [see Attachment A] summarizes and provides highlights of the Draft AU. The top right corner of each slide contains a box showing the page number of the corresponding section of the Draft AU described on that slide.</p> <p><b><u>Member Questions, Discussion, and Collective Comment:</u></b></p> <p><i>The SC was asked to address the questions below:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Overall, is the MHSA Steering Committee in support of moving the MHSA Annual Update forward?</i></li> <li>2. <i>Is there additional feedback that should be considered?</i></li> <li>3. <i>Is there feedback regarding the general format?</i></li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does MHSA define Transitional Aged Youth (TAY)?  <i>MHSA defines TAY as ages 16-25 (answered during the meeting)</i></li> <li>• Does the reported 18.5% of older adults served apply to all Full Service Partnerships (FSPs) or is it for all the programs?</li> <li>• How many older adults has the Community Justice Innovation Project served to date?</li> <li>• I would like to see more services for Older Adults.</li> <li>• I support the array of services currently being provided and covered by the MHSA Annual Update. I would like to see more services for older adults.</li> <li>• If someone is incarcerated and goes through the courts, they can now be offered either jail time or a CORE program. How can I find out more information about this?</li> </ul> <p><u>Public Comment</u>  <b>Dr. Diane Wolfe</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Could you talk about the wait list length for Full-Service partnerships, mental health housing and the outpatient programs.</li> <li>2. What are the hours and days of the Mobile Crisis Support team.</li> <li>3. When does BHSA officially start?</li> <li>4. Do we lose control of PEI funds with this transition. Do we lose innovation funds?</li> </ol> <p>The MHSA SC provided its support to move the AU forward.</p>

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<b>VII. General Steering Committee Comment</b>	None
<b>VIII. General Public Comment</b>	None
<b>IX. Adjournment/ Upcoming Meetings</b>	<b>Upcoming Meetings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• April 17, 2025</li><li>• May 15, 2025</li></ul>