BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB) ACTION ITEM
MAY 1, 2025

RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT ANNUAL UPDATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) provides ongoing dedicated funding to counties to address a broad continuum of mental health service needs, including prevention, early intervention, system development, technology, and training to effectively support the public mental health system. MHSA programs provide services for children and their families, transition age youth, adults, and older adults, with an emphasis on individuals who are unserved or underserved. MHSA is comprised of five components, including 1) Community Services and Supports; 2) Prevention and Early Intervention; 3) Innovation; 4) Workforce Education and Training; and 5) Capital Facilities and Technological Needs.

County of San Diego, Behavioral Health Services is in the third year of implementing the MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan for Fiscal Years (FY) 2023-24 through 2025-26 (Three-Year Plan), previously approved by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) on June 13, 2023 (22). The MHSA FY 2025-26 Annual Update (Annual Update) includes budget and programmatic changes to the Three-Year Plan. A majority of services outlined in the Annual Update are a continuation of programs which were identified in the Three-Year Plan last year and includes MHSA funding of $303.1 million in FY 2025-26. As mandated by the MHSA, the Three-Year Plan and Annual Update require Board approval prior to submission to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the California Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (BHSOAC), previously known as the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC).

The action requests the board receive and approve the Annual Update and submit it to DHCS and the BHSOAC. The item supports the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically for communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities.

It is, THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that BHAB supports the approvals and authorizations needed to implement the above recommendation.