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Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Overview

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES (BHS)

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Proposition 1 Overview



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California voters approved Proposition 1 on March 5, 2024

- Behavioral Health Services Act (SB 326) – modifies the Mental Health Services Act
- Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act (AB 531) – establishes \$6.38 billion general obligation bond for new treatment beds and supportive housing

Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)

- Makes significant changes to the Mental Health Services Act across several areas
- Expands eligible services to people with substance use only
- Mandates a shift from clinical care to housing
- Changes will take effect on July 1, 2026

BHSA Before & After



Before Prop 1

After Prop 1

Services

Funds services for people with a mental health or co-occurring condition

Funds services for people with a mental health, **substance use only**, or co-occurring condition

Components

- Community Services and Supports
- Prevention and Early Intervention
- Innovation
- Capital Facilities and Technological Needs
- Workforce Education and Training

- Housing (30%)
- Full Service Partnership (35%)
- Behavioral Health Services and Supports (35%)

State Allocation

5% of total MHSA funds

10% of total BHSA funds

County Allocation

95% of total MHSA funds

90% of total BHSA funds

Outcomes & Reporting

MHSA Three-Year Plan

- Reports on all MHSA funds

County **Integrated Plan** for Behavioral Health Services & Outcomes and County **Behavioral Health Outcomes, Accountability and Transparency Report**

- Must report on all funding sources
- Enhanced service utilization and outcomes reporting with health equity lens

Engagement

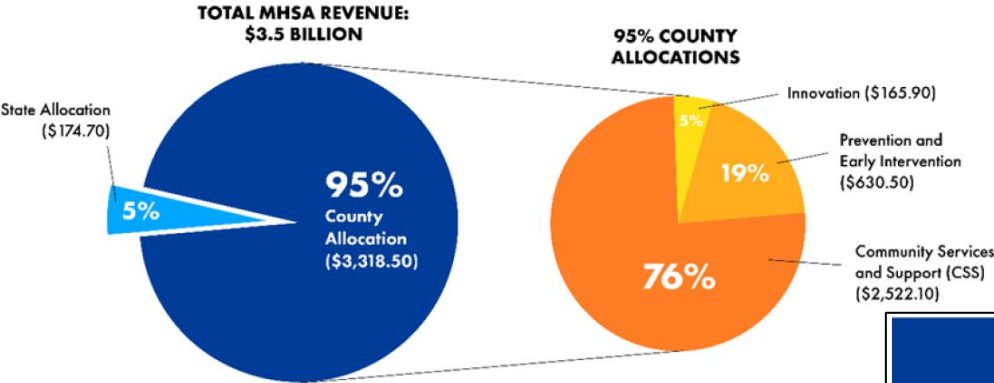
- 11 priority populations
- Focus on stakeholders with mental illness
- Share information on MHSA funding

- 29 priority populations
- Collaborate with local Managed Care Plans and local health plans
- Expand engagement to stakeholders in recovery from substance use disorder
- Share information on all funding sources
- Collect and analyze data on disparities and priority populations

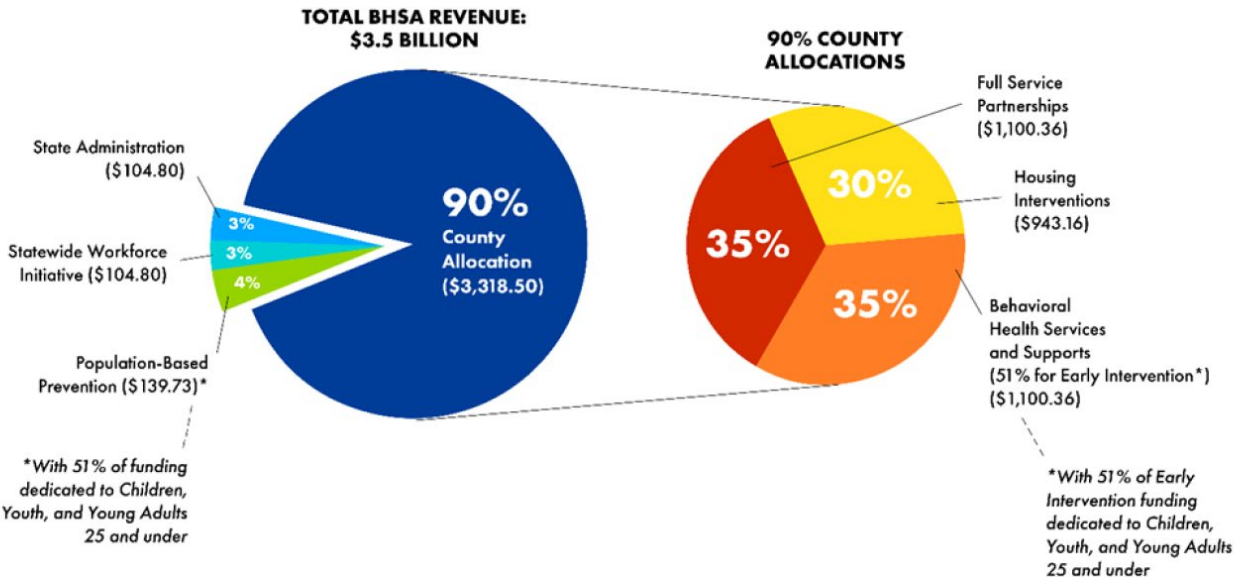
Change in BHSA Allocations



CURRENT ALLOCATION

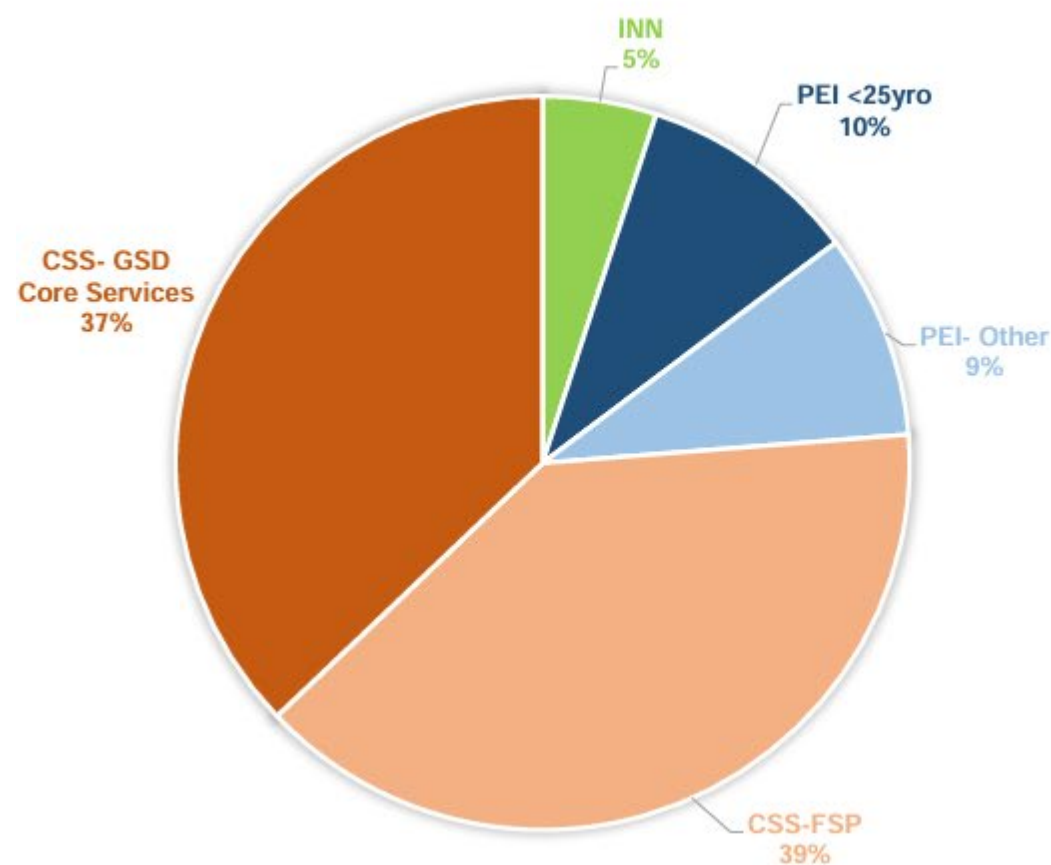


PROPOSED ALLOCATION

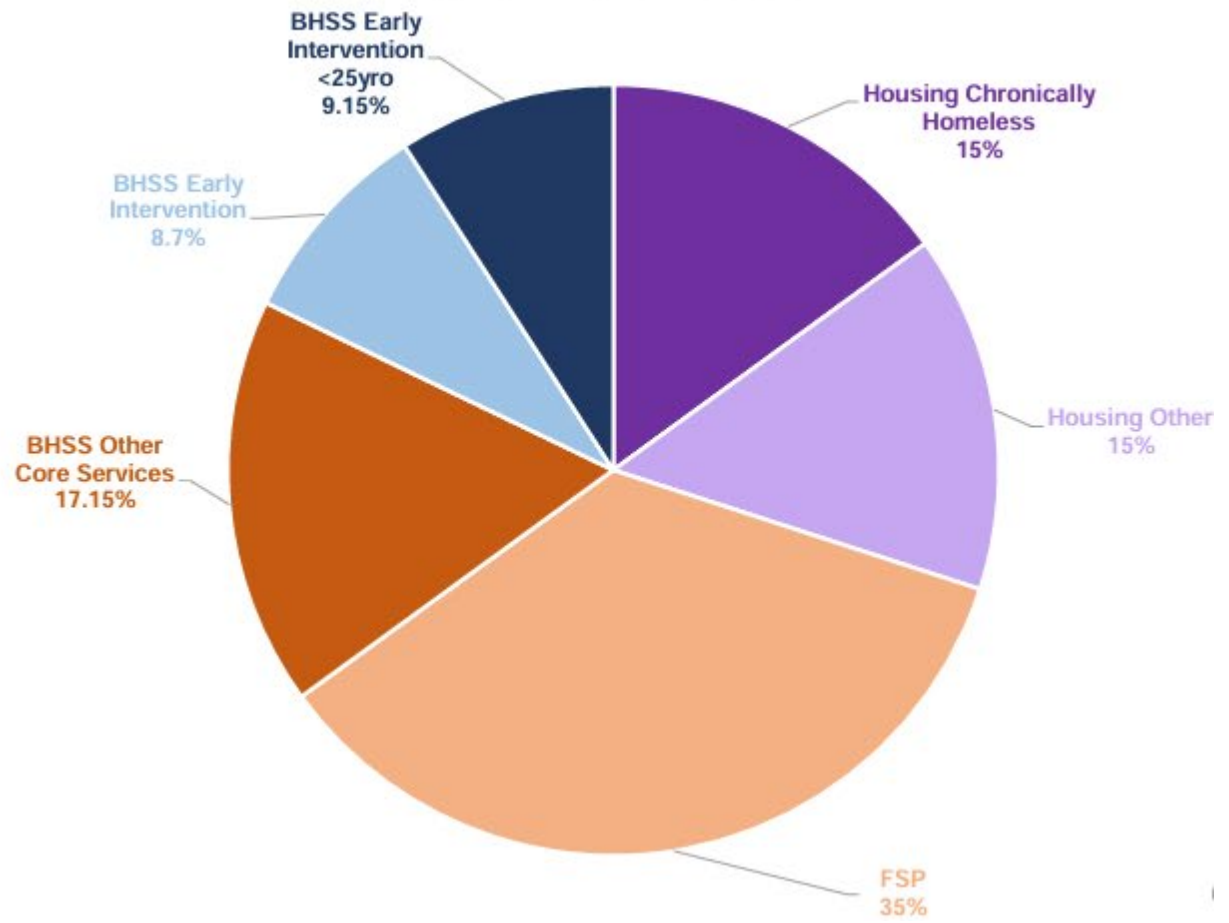


MHSA Components vs BHSA Categories

Current MHSA Funding Components



BHSA Proposed Funding Categories per SB 326 8/15 Amendments



Listening Session

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Discussion Questions:

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 - Where do you see opportunities for more flexibility or improvement?
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Next Steps and Upcoming Opportunities



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Other Planned Discussions



(estimated timing; subject to change)

- **May 2025:**
 - Training/Technical Assistance for CBOs Interested in Medi-Cal Provider Certification
- **June 2025:**
 - 6/5 Housing Council Meeting
- **July 2025:**
 - BHSA: Community-Defined Evidence Practices