



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB)
ACTION ITEM JUNE 1, 2023**

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT STATE YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION REPORTING AND CRISIS RESPONSE PILOT PROGRAM FUNDING, WAIVE BOARD POLICY B-29, AND ISSUE A SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT (DISTRICTS: ALL)

In an effort to continue to address behavioral needs of the region, the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Behavioral Health Services (BHS) continues to pursue funding opportunities to enhance and expand critical mental health programming and services.

On March 1, 2023, the California Department of Public Health Injury and Violence Prevention Branch (CDPH/IVPB) invited BHS to participate in its Youth Suicide Prevention Reporting and Crisis Response Pilot Program (Pilot). San Diego County was among the top impacted counties across the state based on selection criteria for the Pilot, with the second highest youth suicide count and second highest youth suicide rate (per 100,000 residents) for the period examined (2018-2020).

Approval of this action would authorize BHS to accept a tentative allocation of approximately \$4.1 million of one-time funding from CDPH/IVPB to perform planning, coordination, and/or implementation of rapid reporting, crisis response, and/or surveillance activities related to the prevention of suicides and suicide attempts among youth 25 years of age and under. Funds would augment and enhance the County's existing suicide prevention and crisis response efforts, as well as those offered through County partners.

This item supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as the ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities by ensuring youth are engaged and connected to services that promote health, well-being, and resiliency.

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