



## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD ACTION ITEM - JUNE 6, 2019**

### **STRATEGIC PLAN TO ADDRESS OPIOID AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG MISUSE BOARD LETTER**

A comprehensive update to the County of San Diego Prescription Drug Abuse Plan, developed by BHS in partnership with the Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force (PDATF) was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on December 7, 2010. The County of San Diego Prescription Drug Abuse Plan was originally developed to provide a framework for PDATF activities and as such, continually evolves its scope to align with community needs as informed by cross-sector and timely data analysis. As the opioid crisis emerged, the relationship between prescription drug misuse and the broader nationwide opioid problem became evident.

Although the PDATF retains its name, the County of San Diego Prescription Drug Abuse Plan has been updated to reflect the broader scope of countywide efforts, including the PDATF's activities and future aims for opioid and prescription drug misuse prevention. Additionally, the plan has been updated to reflect how the PDATF activities link to other community efforts to prevent, screen, and provide treatment for substance use disorders. The County of San Diego's Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System transformation is one such multi-sector collaborative effort.

On October 9, 2018, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to update the County of San Diego Prescription Drug Abuse Plan and return to the Board in 2019 for approval of the updated plan.

**It is THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that your Board vote to support these recommendations to update the Prescription Drug Abuse Plan, renamed the Strategic Plan to Address Opioid and Prescription Drug Misuse.**