



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB) ACTION ITEM
MAY 2, 2024**

RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) ANNUAL UPDATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 (DISTRICTS: ALL)

Under the leadership of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board), the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) continues making strides to advance the transformation of the behavioral health system with regionally distributed services that are accessible to all individuals and families in need.

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) provides funding to counties to address a broad continuum of mental health service needs, including prevention, early intervention, and system development; and to address the necessary infrastructure, 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:

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

BHS is in the second year of implementing the MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan: Fiscal Years (FY) 2023-24 through 2025-26 (Three-Year Plan), approved by the Board on June 13, 2023 (22). The MHSA FY 2024-25 Annual Update (Annual Update) presented today includes budget and programmatic changes to the Three-Year Plan. The majority of services outlined in the Annual Update are a continuation of programs previously approved by the Board in the Three-Year Plan. As mandated by the MHSA, the Three-Year Plan and subsequent Annual Updates require approval by the Board prior to submission to the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) and the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

This action requests the Board receive and approve the Mental Health Services Act Annual Update for Fiscal Year 2024-25, and to submit the Annual Update to the MHSOAC and the DHCS, if approved. The Annual Update includes MHSA funding of \$299.7 million in FY 2024-25. It also includes \$400,000 dedicated to the California Mental Health Services Authority, to continue participation in statewide prevention and early intervention campaigns and local initiatives.

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