



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

## AGENDA

### Behavioral Health Board

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**Monday, July 27, 2026**

**4:00 PM**

**1025 Escobar Street, Martinez |  
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#### **Community Awareness Committee Meeting**

**The public may attend this meeting in person at either above location. The public may also attend this meeting remotely via Zoom or call-in.**

Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Roll Call and Introductions
2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).
3. DISCUSS the Purpose of the Community Awareness Committee [26-3220](#)  
**Attachments:** [BHB WIC\\_5604.2](#)
4. REVIEW the Work and Committees of the Former Mental Health Commission and Alcohol and Other Drug Advisory Board [26-3221](#)
  - Discuss the former Alcohol and Other Drug Advisory Board's Programs and Services Committee
  - Discuss the former Mental Health Commission's Quality of Care committee, Justice Systems committee and Finance committee**Attachments:** [AODAB 2023 Goals and Objectives - Updated 12.04.2023](#)  
[CC Mental Health Commission Responsibilities](#)  
[Finance Goals Mission Statement 24-25 DRAFT](#)  
[Att C MHC Quality of Care Committee Projects as of January 2024 3.11.24](#)
5. Preliminary Scope of the New Committee
6. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Priorities

**Adjourn****General Information**

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# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

## Staff Report

1025 ESCOBAR STREET  
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

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**State of California**

**WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE**

**Section 5604.2**

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5604.2. (a) The local behavioral health board shall do all of the following:

(1) Review and evaluate the community's public behavioral health needs, services, facilities, and special problems in a facility within the county or jurisdiction where mental health or substance use disorder evaluations or services are being provided, including, but not limited to, schools, emergency departments, and psychiatric facilities.

(2) (A) Review county agreements entered into pursuant to Section 5650.

(B) The local behavioral health board may make recommendations to the governing body regarding concerns identified within these agreements.

(3) (A) Advise the governing body and the local behavioral health director as to any aspect of the local behavioral health systems.

(B) Local behavioral health boards may request assistance from the local patients' rights advocates when reviewing and advising on mental health or substance use disorder evaluations or services provided in public facilities with limited access.

(4) (A) Review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process.

(B) Involvement shall include individuals with lived experience of mental illness, substance use disorder, or both, and their families, community members, advocacy organizations, and behavioral health professionals. It shall also include other professionals who interact with individuals living with mental illnesses or substance use disorders on a daily basis, such as education, emergency services, employment, health care, housing, public safety, local business owners, social services, older adults, transportation, and veterans.

(5) Submit an annual report to the governing body on the needs and performance of the county's behavioral health system.

(6) (A) Review and make recommendations on applicants for the appointment of a local director of behavioral health services.

(B) The board shall be included in the selection process prior to the vote of the governing body.

(7) Review and comment on the county's performance outcome data and communicate its findings to the California Behavioral Health Planning Council.

(8) This part does not limit the ability of the governing body to transfer additional duties or authority to a behavioral health board.

(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that, as part of its duties pursuant to subdivision (a), the board shall assess the impact of the realignment of services from the state to the county on services delivered to clients and on the local community.

(c) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2025, if amendments to the Mental Health Services Act are approved by the voters at the March 5, 2024, statewide primary election.

(Repealed (in Sec. 18) and added by Stats. 2023, Ch. 790, Sec. 19. (SB 326) Effective April 17, 2024. Approved in Proposition 1 at the March 5, 2024, election. Operative January 1, 2025, by its own provisions.)



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

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# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS ADVISORY BOARD ACTION PLAN

2023

## GOALS

1. Support the reduction of substance use and increase in access to information and treatment
2. Promote and support more interaction between the Board and its constituents to better identify and address needs and opportunities.

### Goal 1.

Support the reduction of Substance Use and Access.

| Activities                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Responsible Committee         | Status                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Timeline      |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct outreach into the community to inform and raise awareness about AOD treatment and prevention services.</li> <li>• Increase cultural competency and outreach in 2023.</li> </ul> | Community Awareness Committee | <p>Created calendar to track events/outreach opportunities for committee/board members</p> <p>Dr. Shires attended community event in Danville: 'Fentanyl is in our community'</p> <p>Need a standard for cultural competency.</p> <p>Dr. Shires is a member of the Social Emotional Well-Being Steering Committee for SRVUSD.</p> <p>Dr. Shires is a member of the Steering Committee for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for SRVUSD.</p> | Ongoing       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support two (2) education events, through tabling, that focus on the general</li> </ul>                                                                                                 | Community Awareness Committee | Cynthia attended the 3 <sup>Rd</sup> Annual Restoring Hope & Community Resource                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | December 2023 |

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| population which includes: youth, adults, and seniors.                                                                                                            |                               | <p>Fair &amp; Free Services event on 2/23/23 in Pittsburg, CA supporting AODS table.</p> <p>Cynthia and Dr. Moore attended the West County Clean Slate Event on 4/28/23 in Richmond, CA supporting AODS table.</p> <p>Do a job fair again at DVC for Addiction Studies Students.</p> <p>Need to create materials for this (and other) events (e.g. pamphlet/flyer) about AODAB</p> <p>AODAB Brochure – update</p> <p>Need to identify available education events</p> |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend 3 out of 9 monthly Prevention Services Meetings at AOD. <b>(4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of month)</b></li> </ul>        | Community Awareness Committee | <p>Dr. Shires plans to attend the November 2023 all staff Prevention Providers System of Care meeting.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | December 2023 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage youth development coalitions and recruit youth leaders to spearhead Alcohol Awareness Month Proclamation</li> </ul> | Community Awareness Committee | <p>Dr. Shires will follow up with relevant coalitions + youth leaders</p> <p>Presentation by Dr. Moore at the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 18, 2023.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | April 2023    |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend 3 of the monthly community environmental prevention coalition meetings (Richmond, Concord, Danville)</li> </ul>                          | Community Awareness Committee | Will add to Community Awareness calendar                                                                                                                                                                                                             | December 2023 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaborate with AODS sub-contracted Prevention Providers to declare a proclamation for Red Ribbon Week by the Board of Supervisors.</li> </ul> | Community Awareness Committee | <p>Committee will be involved in proclamation + public comment</p> <p>Community Awareness Committee made a video for Red Ribbon Week at the end of September 2023.</p> <p>Make Red Ribbon Week Proclamation to BOS – Goal date: October 24, 2023</p> | October 2023  |
| Collaborate with MEDS Coalition to Declare Proclamation of Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month by the Board of Supervisors                                                         | Community Awareness Committee | <p>Community awareness committee member to attend.</p> <p>CCC MEDS Coalition presented proclamation of Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month on March 7, 2023, at Board of Supervisors Meeting.</p>                                                | March 2023    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spearhead efforts for “People Who Make a Difference Award”</li> </ul>                                                                           | Community Awareness Committee | <p>Sent letter to community partners seeking nominations 3/30</p> <p>Community Awareness selected &amp; AODAB made recommendations to BOS for 2022 PWMAD 5/17 &amp; 5/24</p> <p>Cynthia presented PWMAD Recipients at BOS Meeting (6/27/2023)</p>    | June 2023     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocate for an increase in school-based prevention through the Office of Education.</li> </ul>                                                 | Community Awareness Committee | <p>Cynthia contacted Superintendent of Education for Contra Costa County.</p> <p>Meeting was held via Zoom on September 6, 2023, at 2 PM.</p>                                                                                                        | Ongoing       |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                               | Follow up meeting with CCCOE mid-year 2024 (February 2024).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address, assess and educate around root causes of AOD use and abuse.</li> <li>Collect community input and communicate with AOD/Supervisors (what specifically?)</li> </ul>                                                                                 | Community Awareness Committee | <p>Dr. Shires gave a presentation on Teen Fentanyl Prevention February 2023.</p> <p>Dr. Shires is attending the Suicide Youth Prevention Coalition meetings.</p> <p>Target an event at each district throughout the year.</p> <p>Thoughts: Thought exchange, survey, input from community.</p> | Ongoing               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce stigma related to AOD and MH issues – with community as well as funders &amp; decision-makers.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                           | Community Awareness Committee | <p>Need to identify methods for reduction of stigma.</p> <p>Dr. Shires and Shelley attend Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Steering Committee for SRVUSD.</p>                                                                                                                                  | Ongoing               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awareness/Celebration of pioneering AOD services (e.g., Choosing Change)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                        | Community Awareness Committee | Invite service providers to collaborate with Community Awareness.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Ongoing/December 2023 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create &amp; maintain calendar of events &amp; advocacy opportunities for board</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                 | Community Awareness Committee | <p>Calendar created and will be updated monthly.</p> <p>AODS Staff to initiate calendar of events.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                         | Ongoing               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Track legislation and request letters of support or opposition as appropriate.</li> <li>Participate in Measure x proposal and review process.</li> <li>Support the Youth Measure X discussions in East &amp; Central County. (Invite a speaker)</li> </ul> | Full Board                    | <p><b>Provide a support letter to BHCIP</b></p> <p>Community Awareness committee members will either attend one of the Measure X community session discussions and/or complete survey.</p>                                                                                                     | Completed             |

| <b>Goal 2.</b><br>Promote and Support more interaction between the Board and its Constituents to better identify and address needs and opportunities.                                                                       |                                 |                                                             |            |
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| • Activities                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Responsible Committee           | Status                                                      | Timeline   |
| • Request monthly report from staff demonstrating updates in the following areas: youth services, treatment in jails, women's services, behavioral health integration and County Prevention Services.                       | Executive Committee             |                                                             | Monthly    |
| • Hold One Meeting in the Community                                                                                                                                                                                         | Executive Committee             | • Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill or other location. |            |
| • Participate in the AODS/Program-Provider forums and/or Bi-monthly SOC meetings to gather and report information on issues or opportunities to address and build relationships with AODS staff and the Provider community. | Programs and Services Committee | • Logan has participated in SOC meeting.                    | Bi-Monthly |

| <b>KEY PRIORITY AREAS</b>                                                                                                                                                     |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |           |
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| <b>Key Priority 1.</b><br>Increase Board member capacity to address substance use issues in the community.                                                                    |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |           |
| Activities                                                                                                                                                                    | Responsible Committee | Status                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Timeline  |
| • Provide a minimum of four (4) trainings/educational presentations throughout the year inviting providers and different subject matter experts to present to the Full Board. | Executive Committee   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID 19 Related updates-Impact on the Community.</li> <li>• Homeless advocacy and addiction-</li> <li>• Provide Measure X updates.</li> <li>• EHR Updates (Streamline)</li> </ul> | Quarterly |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates for Youth Treatment-funding</li> <li>• Support the Youth Measure X discussions in East &amp; Central County. (Invite a speaker)</li> <li>• Prevention - Updates</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                  |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invite providers to attend a minimum of two (2) full Board meetings throughout the year in which they may bring clients.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                    | Executive Committee             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Semi-Annually |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and try some new methods of increasing awareness of client as well as program perspectives. Surveys, individual conversations, and visits by clients are among options.</li> <li>• Addresses causes of relapse.</li> <li>• Get regular updates on housing grants and SLE status issues.</li> </ul>             | Programs and Services Committee | Need to ascertain what data is available on housing grants and SLE performance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Ongoing       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With AODS staff, gather statistical information on services, utilization, success, needs. Establish a mechanism to get reports from the staff and organizations doing assessment and quality improvement. (Include law enforcement data sources)</li> <li>• Track and support recommendations from programs</li> </ul> | Programs and Services Committee | <p>Have maintained and updated the issues list and need to do better job of keeping current.</p> <p>Treatment effectiveness data (recidivism, incomplete Tx, etc.) needs to be identified, if available. Check for trends</p> <p>P&amp;S Needs to specify with Mark what data is essential and useful to report to AODS<br/>9/28 vo See above notes on Mark M data reports under review.</p> |               |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Track, support, and advocate for further development of women's and adolescent services, LGBTQ+ services, and other underserved populations, Latino/a/x, etc.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                      | Programs and Services Committee | <p>Has been topic of monthly reports, no specific action taken by P&amp;S – Need to add multi-county coalition support to our action list.</p> <p>Presentation by AOD Perinatal Staff at April 2023 P&amp;S Committee meeting.</p> <p>Presentation by Support4Recovery Hispanic Outreach at May 2023 P&amp;S Committee meeting.</p> |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support Transition Team development and success – get ongoing information on progress, assure resources and recognition</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Programs and Services Committee | <p>Has been topic of various discussions, Logan is sitting in on coordination meetings. Transition people are currently filling staffing gaps – needs support.</p> <p>Updates on Transition Team at April 2023 P&amp;S Committee meeting.</p>                                                                                       |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Track, support and advocate for further development of treatment services for incarcerated people including updating and improving. Includes services to Youth.</li> <li>Advocate for cultural competency and holistic (e.g. MH issues) treatment skill development – support CalAim and other HS initiatives. Measure X included.</li> </ul> | Programs and Services Committee | <p>Has been topic of monthly reports, no specific action taken by P&amp;S</p> <p>Adolescent services will have design task force for Juvenile services – we need to support. Make sure resources available. Need to track CalAim and other initiatives.</p>                                                                         |  |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address stigma issues throughout the process.</li> </ul>                                                                  | Programs and Services Committee<br><br>Community Awareness, Program personnel? |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Ongoing                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transportation services for outside appointments, job search etc.</li> <li>Family reunification services, etc.</li> </ul> | Programs and Services Committee                                                | Need to assess status of services in these two issue areas and define problems                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organization Development for AODS</li> </ul>                                                                              | Full Board/Exec                                                                | Need to plan for staff and process development and for successions for Fatima and AODS Leadership.                                                                                                                                                                                           | Ongoing (Check with Fatima) |
| <b>Key Priority 2.</b><br><b>Prepare recommendations for the Board of Supervisor's Legislative Actions</b>                                                       |                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                             |
| Activities                                                                                                                                                       | Responsible Committee                                                          | Status                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Timeline                    |
| <b>Key Priority 3.</b><br><b>Increase awareness about Cannabis trends in County.</b>                                                                             |                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                             |
| Activities                                                                                                                                                       | Responsible Committee                                                          | Status                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Timeline                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess results from environmental scans of prospective Cannabis retailer and/or cultivator locations.</li> </ul>          | Full Board                                                                     | Ongoing as applications are submitted. An environmental scan was completed at two locations in El Sobrante in February and March 2023. An environmental scan was completed for an alcohol license located in Bay Point in June 2023.<br><br>Total of environmental scans in 2023: Three (3). |                             |

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|                                                                                                                                                                    |            | Total of cannabis scans: Zero (0).                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop calendar for regular calendar events.</li> </ul>                                                                    | Full Board |                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess countywide billboard ordinances and explore opportunities to modify them to address cannabis advertising.</li> </ul> | Full Board | At this time there is no plan.                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess existing cannabis prevention advertising and make recommendations for adoption.</li> </ul>                           | Full Board | <p>Explore the funding and commitments that are on their application. Are they keeping their word?</p> <p>AODS staff shared partnership with The Social Changery – Cannabis Decoded.</p> |  |

| Alcohol and Other Drugs Annual Campaigns                                                |                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                        |
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| Activities                                                                              | Responsible Committee         | Status                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Timeline               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alcohol Awareness Month*</li> </ul>              | Community Awareness Committee | Completed in April 2023 at BOS by Dr. Moore.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People Who Make a Difference Awards**</li> </ul> | Full Board                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PWMAD nominees were selected by Community Awareness committee members at a special committee meeting on May 24, 2023.</li> <li>Community Awareness Chair announced recipients of PWMAD 2023 to the full Board at the May 24, 2023, meeting.</li> </ul> | Completed in June 2023 |

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|                                                                               |                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PWMAD nominees received their awards at the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 27, 2023, followed by a brief reception.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                             |                                               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recovery Champion Awards***</li> </ul> | Full Board                    | <p>Recovery Champion Awards released on August 15, 2023.</p> <p>Complete in September 2023.</p> <p>Recipients received proclamations at the AODAB October 25, 2023, meeting.</p>                                                                                                                                        | Completed in September 2023 and October 2023. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Red Ribbon Week *</li> </ul>           | Community Awareness Committee | <p>Community Awareness committee discussed on 8/14/2023 meeting.</p> <p>Community Awareness Committee members recorded a video on September 28, 2023.</p> <p>Red Ribbon Week Presentation scheduled for October 24, 2023, at BOS. Shelley Clark attended BOS on behalf of AODAB with prevention youth-led programs.</p> | Completed in October 2023.                    |

\*These events are celebrated through accepting a proclamation at the Board of Supervisors. A minimum of one (1) Board member will be in attendance.

\*\*The People Who Make a Difference Awards is an opportunity to recognize community members, volunteers, youth, and/or agencies who have made a difference in their community around substance use. Recipients of the award are celebrated at one (1) Board of Supervisors Meeting.

\*\*\*The Recovery Champion Award is an opportunity for Board members to nominate someone who is making a difference in the recovery community. The person is acknowledged during the Board meeting in September in recognition of National Recovery Month.

## **Contra Costa County Mental Health Commission Mandated Responsibilities**

Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5604.2 (a) and (b), as it may be amended from time to time, the Commission shall do all of the following:

- 1) Review and evaluate the County's mental health needs, services, facilities, and special problems.
- 2) Review any County agreements entered into pursuant to Section 5650 of the Welfare & Institutions Code.
- 3) Advise the Board of Supervisors and the Mental Health Director as to any aspect of the County's mental health program.
- 4) Review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process.
- 5) Submit an annual report to the Board of Supervisors on the needs and performance of the county's mental health system.
- 6) Review and make recommendations on applicants for the appointment of a Mental Health Director. The Commission shall be included in the selection process prior to the vote of the Board of Supervisors.
- 7) Review and comment on the County's performance outcome data and communicate its findings to the California Mental Health Planning Council.
- 8) Assess the impact of the realignment of services from the state to the county, on services delivered to clients in this County.
- 9) Perform those additional duties as may be directed by the Board of Supervisors.

Pursuant to Section 5848 (b) and (c) of the Welfare and Institutions Code:

- 1) The Commission shall conduct a public hearing on the draft three-year program and expenditure plan, and annual updates at the close of the required 30-day comment period and review the adopted plan or update and make recommendations to the County Mental Health Director for revisions.

# MHC Finance Committee

## 2024-2025 Proposed Goals

### (DRAFT)

- 1) Review and educate ourselves and the Commission on all revenue streams and expenditures of mental health services.
- 2) The MHSA budget and MHSA program fiscal reviews: educate ourselves and the Commission regarding improvement to consumer outcomes.
- 3) Identify/anticipate gaps in funding or services to continue the improvement of outcomes for consumers.

## Mission Statement

### 2024-2025

### (Proposed)

“The MHC Finance Committee has the primary ongoing fiscal ‘advisory oversight’ and responsibility for financial advocacy for programs that can further help all persons served or should be served by Behavioral Health Services.”

**MHC Quality of Care Committee Projects:  
Project Activity and Action Items as of March, 2024**

1. Review and advocate for Contra Costa K-12 public school mental health services
  - Work 2023:
    - Background literature review on mental health issues, needs and services in K-12 schools at national and state levels
    - Learning about and tracking on the Student Behavioral Health Incentive Program (SBHIP) developments
    - Tracking on the Wellness in Schools Program (WISP) activities
  - Work for 2024 and Action Items:
    - Continue literature review
      - Update research with 2023 developments
      - Bullet key findings as a resource
    - Tracking on the Student Behavioral Health Incentive Program (SBHIP) developments
      - Continue tracking through end of project early 2025
      - Determine objective of advocacy, e.g. for continued funding if needed
      - Determine what to report out and to whom, e.g. update to BHS and BOS
      - Draft report and take advocacy steps (or is this early 2025?)
    - Tracking on the Wellness in Schools Program (WISP) activities
      - Continue tracking and linking in to WISP activities
    - Broaden effort to non-SBHIP K-12 county school districts
      - Determine objectives, contacts, how to research, and action plan
2. Improve protocol and implementation of protocol for finding missing persons/consumers (new project)
  - Work for 2024
    - Review current protocol/process
    - Reach out to stakeholders
    - Identify challenge areas, e.g. understaffing and need for additional training
    - Develop recommendations
3. Continue evolving the MHC Site Visit Program
  - Work 2022 - 2023:
    - Developed purpose, process, and interview questionnaires
    - Obtained inventory of existing county-contracted sites
    - Tested beta program with Hume
    - Conducted three additional site visits: Crestwood Our House, Crestwood Bridge, Hope House
    - Collaborated with MHSA team to conduct and report on student interviews at Vicente High School

- Work for 2024 and Action Items:
    - Assess pro's and con's and best options for continued collaboration with MHSA on research
    - Identify next priority sites
    - Conduct two site visits
    - Refine process for publishing and following up on reports
    - Publish existing reports more broadly, e.g. to BOS, and verify that BHS is reviewing
4. Create plan for routine, annual or semi-annual site visits to Psyche Emergency Services (PES), Children's Crisis Response (CCR), CCRMC Inpatient Psychiatric Services, Martinez Detention (with Justice Committee), West County Detention (with Justice Committee)
- Work 2023:
    - Visited all sites: Psyche Emergency Services (PES), Children's Crisis Response (CCR) (incomplete and external), CCRMC Inpatient Psychiatric Services, Martinez Detention (with Justice Committee), West County Detention (with Justice Committee)
  - Work for 2024 and Action Items:
    - Decide on frequency of visits, minimum number of Commissioners, purpose/objective, minimum report
    - Schedule, recruit and visit sites
5. Lead review of annual EQRO report
- Work for 2024 and Action Items:
    - Complete review process for 2023 report
    - Analyze report and develop questions
    - Follow up on questions and any actions taken
    - Host full Commission EQRO report out, with focus on challenges
6. Continue to advocate for adequate capacity of in-patient treatment beds in county-accessible mental health residential facilities
- Work 2022-2023:
    - Advocated for an inventory of existing placements and a needs analysis
    - Tracked on grant proposals and proposal outcomes
    - Advocated for more resources for grant writing for BHS
  - Work for 2024 and Action Items:
    - Review factors leading to grant proposal performance
    - Track on proposed projects that have funding
    - Track on number of treatment beds actually created
    - Advocate for analysis of assessment of future needs

## 7. Continue to track on Children's Crisis Response Center

- Work 2022-2023:
  - Reviewed plans when made accessible – minimal advocacy possible
  - Toured exterior of incomplete facility
- Work for 2024 and Action Items:
  - Obtain, review and respond to current CCRMC plans for programs and services
  - Track on completion of facility
  - Consider improvements needed once facility launches
  - Track on outcomes once facility opens

## 8. Track on expansion of Psych Emergency Services (PES)

- Work to date years up through 2023:
  - MHC has advocated persistently for over a decade for the expansion of PES and a separate area or facility for children's crisis response
  - In 2023 we heard a few brief, sporadic updates on the current expansion; we had no opportunity for input
- Work for 2024 and Action Items:
  - Organize presentation to full Commission on plans
  - Track on progress through CCRMC
  - Determine desired input and communicate with CCRMC

## 9. Track on Mobile Crisis Response

- Work 2023:
  - Heard presentation from A3 at a full Commission meeting
- Work for 2024 and Action Items:
  - Track on A3 and identify key questions
  - Organize presentation to full Commission

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**Section 5604.2**

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5604.2. (a) The local behavioral health board shall do all of the following:

(1) Review and evaluate the community's public behavioral health needs, services, facilities, and special problems in a facility within the county or jurisdiction where mental health or substance use disorder evaluations or services are being provided, including, but not limited to, schools, emergency departments, and psychiatric facilities.

(2) (A) Review county agreements entered into pursuant to Section 5650.

(B) The local behavioral health board may make recommendations to the governing body regarding concerns identified within these agreements.

(3) (A) Advise the governing body and the local behavioral health director as to any aspect of the local behavioral health systems.

(B) Local behavioral health boards may request assistance from the local patients' rights advocates when reviewing and advising on mental health or substance use disorder evaluations or services provided in public facilities with limited access.

(4) (A) Review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process.

(B) Involvement shall include individuals with lived experience of mental illness, substance use disorder, or both, and their families, community members, advocacy organizations, and behavioral health professionals. It shall also include other professionals who interact with individuals living with mental illnesses or substance use disorders on a daily basis, such as education, emergency services, employment, health care, housing, public safety, local business owners, social services, older adults, transportation, and veterans.

(5) Submit an annual report to the governing body on the needs and performance of the county's behavioral health system.

(6) (A) Review and make recommendations on applicants for the appointment of a local director of behavioral health services.

(B) The board shall be included in the selection process prior to the vote of the governing body.

(7) Review and comment on the county's performance outcome data and communicate its findings to the California Behavioral Health Planning Council.

(8) This part does not limit the ability of the governing body to transfer additional duties or authority to a behavioral health board.

(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that, as part of its duties pursuant to subdivision (a), the board shall assess the impact of the realignment of services from the state to the county on services delivered to clients and on the local community.

(c) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2025, if amendments to the Mental Health Services Act are approved by the voters at the March 5, 2024, statewide primary election.

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