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Family and Human Services Committee

SB 326: Board Guidelines

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Proposition 1: Modernization of Mental Health Services Act

- Passed in March 2024
- Requires all counties to have a combined Behavioral Health Advisory Board beginning 1/1/25
- Restructures the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) also known as “millionaire’s tax”
- Focus on Housing and related services, Intensive Wraparound Care (Full-Service Partnerships)
- Allows expanded use of MHSA funds to include Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services, in addition to Mental Health care.
- MHSA becomes Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)
- Full implementation to begin with the 2026-29 Three-Year Plan (7/1/26)

Functions will include:

- Review and evaluate the local public mental health system
- Review and evaluate the local public substance use disorder treatment system
- Advise the governing body on community mental health and substance use disorder services
- Review and evaluate the community's public behavioral health needs, services, facilities, and special problems where services are being provided
- Review county agreements
- Advise the governing body and the local behavioral health director
- Ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages
- Submit and annual report
- Review and recommend appointment of the local director of behavioral health services
- Review and comment on county's performance outcome date
- Assess the impact of the realignment of services
- Conduct a public hearing on the draft three-year program and expenditure plan and annual updates at the close of the 30-day comment period required by subdivision.
- Review adopted BHSA plan and make recommendations to the local behavioral health agency.
 - Provide an annual report of written explanations to the local governing body and DHCS

Proposition 1: Local Stakeholder Involvement BHSA “Integrated Plan” Changes	
MHSA	BHSA
Stakeholder involvement on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health policy • Program planning and implementation • Monitoring • Quality improvement • Evaluation • Budget allocations Requires participation from unserved/underserved populations, individuals with SMI or SED and their families; providers of mental health, physical health, and/or social services; educators or their reps; law enforcement.	Stakeholder involvement on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health and substance use disorder policy • Program planning and implementation • Monitoring • Workforce • Quality improvement • Health equity • Evaluation • Budget allocation Also requires sufficient participation from diverse groups
30-day comment, public hearing, and annual report on recommendations not included in plan	30-day comment, public hearing, and annual report on recommendations not included in plan

Development of bylaws include:

- A specific number of members
- Quorum be one person more than one-half of members
- Establish the chairperson of the behavioral health board be in consultation with the local behavioral health director
- Establish that there may be an executive committee of the behavioral health board

The Behavioral Health Board will Consist of:

- 10 to 15 members
- 50% consumers, or the parents, spouses, siblings, or adult children of consumers
 - One of these members will be 25 years of age or younger
- 20% will be consumers
- 20% will be families of consumers
- One member will be a veteran or veteran advocate
- One member will be an employee of a local education agency
- One member of the governing body (the Board of Supervisors)
- Term of three years
- Appointments will be staggered

Exceptions:

- Member of the board, or their spouse, shall not be a county employee of a county mental health or substance use disorder service, an employee of the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), or an employee, or paid member, of the governing board of a mental health or substance use disorder contract agency
- Exception: a consumer of behavioral health services who has obtained employment in any of the above and holds a positions in which the consumer does not have an interest, influence, or authority over a financial or contractual matter shall
 - abstain from voting on a financial or contractual issue concerning the member's employer

Membership Proposal

Required Seat	Proposed Commission Seats	Recommendation Body
Board of Supervisor Member	1	Chair of the Board of Supervisors
Consumer/family member younger than 26	1	Behavioral Health/ Family and Human Services Committee
Veteran or veteran Advocate	1	Behavioral Health/ Family and Human Services Committee
Employee of a local education agency	1	Behavioral Health/ Family and Human Services Committee
Consumer seat	5	Board of Supervisors
Family Seat	5	Board of Supervisors
At – large	1	Behavioral Health/ Family and Human Services Committee
Total	15	

Questions and Answers



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