

# ACBH DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION NOTICE:

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**TO:** ACBH Partners & Stakeholders  
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**SUBJECT:** **PROPOSITION 1 - Operational Impacts, Information, & Planning**  
This notice has been provided in the spirit of transparency and to ensure timely flow of information to our systemwide team members and partners.

## Overview

On the ballot in March 2024, Proposition 1 allows for the implementation of a two-part measure that would 1) amend California's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and 2) create a \$6.38 billion general obligation bond for treatment facilities and housing support, with a particular carve out for Veterans.

## Methodology

**Planning Updates:** ACBH is committed to supporting services that meet the needs of clients, family members, and the general community in a manner that both meets regulatory requirements and statutory obligations. Should Proposition 1 be passed, we recognize that the current MHSA Plan and funding allocations may be changed. As a result, the Department will partner with impacted programs or services and will, consistent with county approved protocols, initiate timely discussions regarding potential changes to funding, operations, and programs. The department will also offer opportunities for collaborative planning to assist with the appropriate transitions of care for clients as needed. More information and updates will be provided in the coming weeks. *This methodology represents the following planning framework:*

**Regulatory Requirements | Fiscal Sustainability | Stakeholder Input  
Minimizing System or Service Delivery Disruption | Alignment with Other New Legislation or Requirements**

## \*Frequently Asked Questions\*

### How Would Prop. 1 Change Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Spending?

Prop. 1 proposes significant revisions to the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), which include:

- Expanding its scope to encompass treatment for substance use disorders.
- Modifying how MHSA funds are allocated, and introducing changes related to oversight, accountability, and reporting on *all* county funding streams.
- Changing its name to the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA).

### What are the Areas that Counties will be able to Fund if Prop 1 Passes?

If Prop. 1, there will be three funding components or "buckets" for specific uses, these include:

- **30% for Housing Interventions;**
- **35% for Full Service Partnership Programs, and**
- **35% for Behavioral Health Services & Supports (BHSS).**
- **Flexibility:** BHSA would allow counties, with state approval, to transfer up to a maximum of 14% between components/buckets. This allowed transfer percent decreases over time.

### How will Prevention and Workforce Activities be Implemented under BHSA?

Prop. 1 would shift a small percentage of dollars from counties to the state so that the *state will be responsible to implement both prevention and workforce programming* as follows:

- At least 3% will be allocated to the Department of Health Care Access and Information section, to implement a *statewide* behavioral health workforce initiative.
- At least 4% will be allocated to the California Department of Public Health for population-based mental health and substance use disorder prevention programs.

### What Can We Expect from the Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond?

The Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond would create a \$6.38 billion general obligation bond for:

- Infrastructure development of treatment and residential care facilities, and
- Supportive housing units for veterans and other Californians with serious mental health conditions and substance use disorders.
- It's estimated that it will create 4,350 housing units, with 2,350 set aside for veterans, and 6,800 mental health and substance use treatment places.