

-COMMUNICATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR-

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To: ACBHD Contracted Providers & Partner Organizations
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Subject: Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Planning Update

Greetings Alameda County Behavioral Health Department (ACBHD) System Partners:

This memorandum has been provided in order to invite you, as a contracted provider or partner organization, to attend an upcoming [Webinar](#) focused on our current departmental planning efforts in preparation for the transition from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to [Proposition 1 and the Behavioral Health Services Act \(BHSA\)](#).

As you may already be aware, this planning process will impact eligible services funded by BHSA effective **July 1, 2026**; and as a result, requires that all California counties review their current programs, contracts, and services funded through MHSA in order to successfully comply with the requirements of this new legislation.

We plan to share up-to-date budgetary impacts, how programs will be considered, and key criteria and priorities that will be informing departmental decisions relative to these services. We will also invite your input as we approach a critical decision-making stage that will ultimately inform the development of a comprehensive three (3) year draft Integrated BHSA Plan. ACBHD will be developing this plan through January 2026 in order to complete all BHSA required program and budget documents and approvals before submission of the draft Plan to the State of California in March 2026.

Our department has been monitoring and will continue to monitor local and state alternatives that might mitigate any programmatic or financial impacts. In any case, and in the spirit of transparency, it is our hope that your organization will consider attending this webinar as these changes will impact current MHSA funded programs *as well as the broader Alameda County behavioral health system*.

The link to register for this **Wednesday, October 8, 2025 @ 10am-12pm** event has been included above and [HERE](#) for your consideration. Please feel free to distribute the accompanying flyer across your provider networks. If you would like to receive additional information regarding MHSA or the transition to BHSA in advance of this event please feel free to visit [Alameda County's MHSA/BHSA Website](#) or email BHSA@acgov.org.

We look forward to you partnering with us through this significant and transformative change in our behavioral health system. We are all in this together.