

-COMMUNICATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR-

Date: December 18, 2025
To: ACBHD Contracted Providers, Partner Organizations, & Stakeholders
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Subject: Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Planning – **NEW January 14, 2026, Webinar**

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

This memorandum has been provided to further communicate with you regarding the upcoming Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) transition to **Proposition 1 and the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)** beginning on July 1, 2026.

As previously shared during a prior county system webinar (Wednesday, October 8, 2025), the transition to BHSA will impact our county and the entire behavioral health system. This change affects *all counties* across the State of California as their respective Behavioral Health Departments plan for the services and new delivery system that will emerge in the new Fiscal Year (*effective July 1, 2026*).

As has been indicated in prior communications, the Department is providing this update to ensure timely notification prior to the end of this Month. Please be advised that as of the date of this letter, ACBHD will begin issuing formal notification letters directly to community-based organizations and agencies who will be impacted by this change. The information included in those letters will demonstrate both the funding impacts (by organization) and any next steps that will be integral to the to ensure the least amount of disruption possible. We encourage you to consider attending this system **Webinar on Wednesday, January 14, 2026**, where we will provide additional details and any potential changes we anticipate in the horizon.

Given the significant historical investments, critical programs, and innovative services that have been developed here within Alameda County through support from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), we invite you to attend and participate to the extent possible. At that time, we will be in a position to share far greater detail and updates relative to this process and a transparent discussion of our system.

To register for the **Wednesday, January 14, 2026 @ 10am-12pm**, webinar please feel free to use the link provided in this communication: **WEBINAR LINK - REGISTER HERE** and/or you may reach out to our BHSA Division Team Members with any questions through the following email address: **BHSATransition@acgov.org**. We hope that your organization (or the appropriate designee) will register at your earliest convenience.

We know full well that these impacts are historic for our county. We plan to work diligently with our various partners on behalf of our shared system, community populations, clients, and families. Please know that our Department remains steadfast and in partnership with you as we all adapt to this upcoming change.

Thank you for your time and consideration in advance.