

Behavioral Health Board
BHRS Director's Report
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MARIN HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Health, Well-being & Safety

COUNTY OF MARIN

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Marin County Budget

- Marin County Board of Supervisors approved a ~$900,000,000 budget at yesterday's meeting
- $1.5 million for HR1 impacts, TBD how it will be distributed
- Lengthy discussion of how HR1 will impact Marin County Medi-Cal recipients and those with unsatisfactory immigration status (UIS).

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Boards and Commissions Actions

- At the May 19, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting, the Office of the County Executive presented a number of proposed changes to the Boards and Commissions process. This includes:
  - Formal Sunset Review Framework
  - Pausing appointments to Boards and Commissions until the Sunset Review Framework is completed
  - Shift all Bylaws to a standardized template
- Recent Bylaws revisions (to add a Secretary) are on hold
- HHS staff is currently working on crosswalking the existing Bylaws with the new template. We will bring these back to the BHB for review and approval.

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Boards and Commissions Actions

- Sunset Review Framework: 6 step process
  1. Legal mandate: Is it required by law?
  2. Activity: Number of vacancies, meeting frequency and cancellation, biennial survey completion
  3. Public engagement: Attendance and relevance to the community
  4. Overlap and duplication: Is it redundant with other bodies or department staff
  5. Cost: Staff time and operational costs
  6. Alignment with county priorities

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CBO Fiscal Concerns

- Multiple concerns raised by CBOs about fiscal sustainability of behavioral health services, including new requirements under BHSA, reduced revenues due to HR1, and other challenges
- Several CBOs have announced behavioral health program closures or reduced services
- Example: Canal Alliance (shared with permission)
  - Effective July 1, 2026, Canal Alliance announced closure of their behavioral health programs.
  - Canal Alliance cites changing behavioral health landscape, federal funding shifts, and new requirements to operate within complex Medi-Cal billing, compliance, and accountability frameworks
  - Looking for alternative providers for the 60-70 clients they serve in outpatient behavioral health services

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Status of BHSA RFPs

- Nearly all RFPs completed. Yet to complete: SUD outreach and field based initiation services and peer respite.
- Data from BHSA Early Intervention and BHSA Other (excluding housing-related contracts and those maintained as sole/single source)
  - Reduction of $750k in awarded amounts
  - 20 organizations funded under MHSA, 17 under BHSA
  - 10 organizations had increased funding under BHSA, 14 had reduced funding
  - 2 organizations were awarded RFPs but declined

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Cultural Competence Plan Refresh

- County Behavioral Health Plans have had a requirement to complete an annual Cultural Competence Plan (CCP) for many years. In Marin, this is titled the Cultural Humility and Responsivity Plan (CHRP).
- Under BHSA, CCP requirements will be integrated into the BHSA Integrated Plan and Annual Updates.
- Counties will continue to emphasize community engagement, quantitative metrics, disparities data, and accountability.

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BH-CONNECT

- Behavioral Health Community Based Organization Networks of Equitable Care and Treatment (BH-CONNECT) Initiative
- BH-CONNECT is a five-year Medicaid 1115 demonstration to expand coverage of evidence based-practices under Medi-Cal
- Marin County initially opted into the *Access, Reform and Outcomes Incentive Program.* This rewards behavioral health plans for demonstrating improvements in access to behavioral health services and outcomes. We are eligible for up to $12 million (though likely much less). Based on meeting the first deliverable, we received $305k (with a County match).
- Effective July 1, 2026, we are opting into two evidence-based practices and will be eligible for a bundled rate:
  - Clubhouse Services
  - IPS Supported Employment

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Transitional Rent

- Transitional Rent is a Community Support benefit through the managed care plans allowing up to 6 months of rental support, plus a month 7 and beyond housing support plan through BHRS
- BHRS and Homelessness & Coordinated Care divisions of HHS continue to work with Partnership Health Plan and Kaiser to establish Transitional Rent in Marin County.
- Targeting September 1, 2026 for launch
- Planning for 10-20 clients eligible during the first year

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