

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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CalAIM Justice Involved Initiative

- California was the first state to receive a federal waiver allowing Medi-Cal reimbursable services for incarcerated people
- Up to 90 days pre-release
- Includes physical and behavioral health (both mental health and SUD) and pre-release care coordination
- BHRS went live with Behavioral Health Linkages in Fall of 2024
- Correctional Facilities went live October 1, 2026

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CalAIM Justice Involved Initiative (2)

- Under the JI Initiative, BHRS will provide in-custody mental health and SUD services in the Adult Jail and Juvenile Hall
- Probation staff positions (PORTAL team) are moving to BHRS
- Need for new functionality of the existing Electronic Health Record to support billing, currently preparing an RFP for a new Electronic Health Record

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BHSA Prevention Funding

- Under BHSA, 4% of the total amount that used to go to Counties was redirected to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
- CDPH announced a Request for Applications for BHSA Prevention Funding – Community-Driven Behavioral Health Initiative (CDBHI)
  - $30 million total, individual grant awards $400k to $1 million
  - Open to non-profits and tribal entities only
  - Applications due 11/6/2026

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BHSA Prevention Funding

- Under the 2026 Budget Act, funding for CDPH to implement this Prevention Plan has been reduced by 16 percent in FY26/27 and 47 percent in FY27/28
- This is being used to offset state general fund losses

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Behavioral Health Accountability Set

- DHCS examined specific quality measures for Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery Services (DMC-ODS)
- BHRS met all standards for SMHS
- BHRS did not meet 2 of the 5 DMC-ODS standards, triggering sanctions
  - Initiation and Engagement of SUD Treatment
  - Use of Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder
- BHRS filed a meet and confer request to appeal the sanctions due to data quality issues
- Total sanction - $6,000

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Board/Commission Sunset Review

- BOS approved a process to develop a consolidation plan with the AOD Advisory Board
- Clerk's office will come to this meeting in the next few months to solicit ideas
- Consideration of a shared retreat
- Bylaws revision concurrently

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