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Behavioral Health Board BHRS Director's Report December 9, 2025

Staffing Updates

- Jessica Diaz France, LSCW started as Division Director for Adult and Older Adult Services yesterday
- Current recruitment for two Program Manager positions
 - Crisis and Justice Involved – CSU and Mobile Crisis
 - Adult and Older Adult – Full-Service Partnerships

BHSA Update

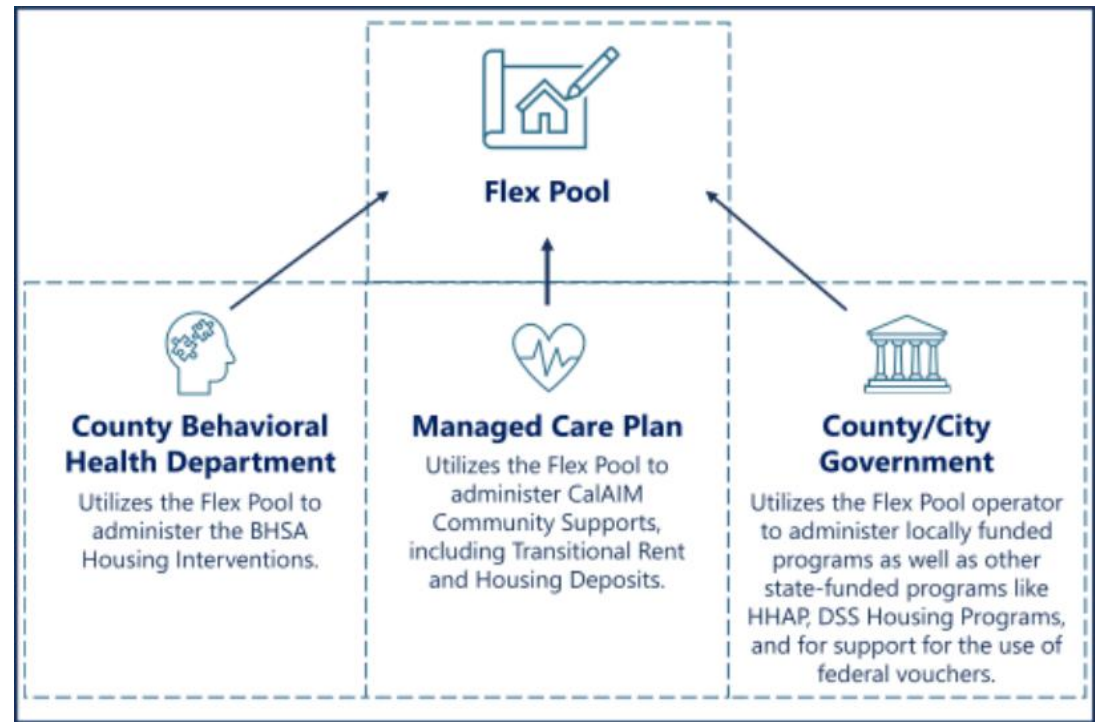
- BHSA Three-Year Integrated Plan approved by the Board of Supervisors this morning
- Request for Proposals (RFP) planning underway, expect to release ~15 RFPs in January 2026. Includes:
 - *Family partnership*
 - *Peer support*
 - *Scattered site housing*
 - *Early intervention (multiple)*
 - *Supported employment*
 - *MAT / housing outreach and engagement*
 - *Transition Age Youth Full-Service Partnership*
- Later RFP for Peer Respite and Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool

Transitional Rent

- Transitional rent is a new Community Support benefit under CalAIM by the Managed Care Plans
- Up to 6 months of rental assistance and support for Medi-Cal members who are homeless or at risk of homelessness
- Required proactive coordination with BHRS for a housing support plan after 6 months
- Goes into effect January 1, 2026
- Homelessness and Coordinated Care (HCC) division of HHS is the lead entity coordinating with the Managed Care Plans, likely to be subcontracted to a community-based organization
- Benefit will only be available for individuals for whom a housing support plan after 6 months is feasible, so it will be a limited benefit. Options after 6 months include: housing vouchers, BHBH program, other existing BHRS programs

Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool

- Flex Pools are a model for administering and coordinating multiple streams of funding for rental and housing subsidies and engaging landlords
- Will include funding from BHRS (BHSA Housing), Managed Care Plans (Transitional Rent), and HCC (Homelessness Flex Funds)
- Marin intends to pursue a Flex Pool model in 2026
- Currently exploring the DHCS Technical Assistance marketplace for help designing, contracting, budgeting, and implementing a Flex Pool



SB 43

- Updated LPS law, expands definition of “grave disability” to include individuals with severe substance use disorders in addition to severe mental illnesses, and to include individuals who cannot take care of food, clothing, shelter, medical needs, and personal safety.
- Marin will go live with the new definition on January 1, 2026
- Plan to present to BHB in January

HUD Continuum of Care Funding

- HUD recently released a Notice of Funding Opportunity for Continuum of Care (CoC) funding. This is a major shift in federal policy away from *Housing First*.
- Only 30% of funding could be used for Permanent Supportive Housing, the remainder for other housing options including temporary housing and housing with mandated treatment
- This places ~\$3 million in Marin County funding at risk, currently used for Permanent Supportive Housing
- The NOFO was pulled yesterday. TBD next steps.