

Behavioral Health Advisory Board Public Hearing

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)
Annual Update for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26

April 9, 2025



Agenda



- **Call to Order**
- **General Public Comment**
- **Open MHSA Public Hearing**
 - Behavioral Health Services Opening Remarks
 - Overview of MHSA Community Program Planning Process in accordance with statute
 - Public Comment
- **Close MHSA Public Hearing**
 - Vote to affirm adherence to community program planning process outlined in statute
- **Announcements**

Note: Submission of any substantive recommendations from BHAB should be submitted to the BHS Director by April 25, 2025, for inclusion in Annual Update and submission by BHS to BOS and DHCS.

Mental Health Services Act

- The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), Prop 63, was passed by California voters in November 2004 and went into effect in January 2005.
- The MHSA provides increased funding for mental health programs across the state.
- The MHSA is funded by a 1% tax surcharge on personal income over \$1 million per year.
- Fluctuations in tax payments impact fiscal projections and available funding.

(9 CCR § 3310; WIC §5847; WIC §5848)

Mental Health Services Act Purpose

Per the California Department of Mental Health Vision Statement and Guiding Principles (2005):

To create a culturally competent system that promotes recovery/wellness for adults and older adults with serious mental illness, resiliency for children with severe emotional disturbance, and their families.

MHSA Annual Update for FY 2025-26

The California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) § 5847 and California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 9 Section 3310 state that a Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan, including subsequent updates, shall address each component:

- Community Services and Supports (CSS) (WIC § 5800, 5850)
- Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) (WIC § 5840)
- Innovation (INN) (WIC § 5830)
- Workforce Education and Training (WET) (WIC § 5820)
- Capital Facilities and Technological Needs (CFTN) (WIC § 5847)

MHSA Annual Update for FY 2025-26 (cont'd)

Further, the county must:

- Update the MHSA Plan annually;
- Address elements that have changed; and
- Include estimated expenditure projections for each component per fiscal year.

(9 CCR § 3310)

Why Are We Having a Public Hearing?

- The MHSA Plan/Update shall be prepared and circulated for review and comment for at least 30 days to representatives of stakeholder interests.
- The Mental Health Board shall conduct a Public Hearing on the Draft Three-Year Plan or Annual Update at the close of the 30-day comment period.

(WIC § 5848)

Who Should be Included in the Stakeholder Process?

Each Three-Year Plan and Annual Update shall be developed with local stakeholders, including consumers, families, service providers, law enforcement agencies, educators, social services agencies, veterans and veteran representatives, providers of alcohol and drug services, and health care organizations (WIC § 5848).

Additionally, stakeholders include:

- Representatives of unserved and/or underserved populations and family members
- Stakeholders who represent the diverse demographics of the county including, but not limited to, age, gender, race/ethnicity, and location
- Consumers living with serious mental illness and/or serious emotional disturbance and their family members (9 CCR § 3300)

What Should be Included in the Stakeholder Process (cont.)?

WIC § 5848 states that counties shall work with constituents and stakeholders throughout the process that includes stakeholder involvement in:

- Mental Health Policy
- Program Planning
- Implementation
- Monitoring
- Quality Improvement
- Evaluation
- Budget Allocations



CCR Title 9 Section 3300 requires involvement of consumers and their family members in all aspects of the community planning process and states training shall be offered as needed, to stakeholders, consumers, and consumers' families who are participating in the process.

Standards

Counties shall adopt the following standards in planning, implementing, and evaluating programs:

- Community collaboration
- Cultural competence
- Client-driven
- Wellness, recovery, and resilience focused
- Integrated service experiences for clients and their families.

How BHS Reaches Out

A variety of types of communication are used to regularly inform stakeholders and the public of MHSA/Behavioral Health policy, activities, services and programs, postings, and stakeholder engagement opportunities throughout the year. In addition, we reach out through community events.

- From July 2024 through February 2025, BHS has hosted or attended 504 community events.
- Distribution of email to lists of nearly 1,500 individuals
- Inclusion in cross systems newsletters
- Creation of flyers for posting and distribution
- Conference presentations
- Participation in panel discussions
- Interviews and news articles
- Distribution to media outlets

How BHS Reaches Out

Throughout the year, regular stakeholder meetings are held.

Examples include:

- MHSA Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)
- Behavioral Health Equity Committee (BHEC) and workgroups
- Community Suicide Prevention Committee (CSPC)
- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Steering Committee
- Innovation Planning Meetings
- BHS Contracted Provider Meetings
- Community Quality Improvement Committee (CQIC)
- Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) and subcommittees
- In partnership with First 5-Orange County, Families, Infant, and Early Childhood Mental Health (FIECMH) Collaborative.

How BHS Reaches Out

Throughout the year, BHS participates in system planning meetings.

Examples include but are not limited to:

- CalOptima/HCA Collaborative Meeting
- OC Department of Education Superintendent Mental Health Planning Meetings
- Veterans Collaborative
- Housing Provider Meeting
- Master Plan on Aging
- Street Outreach Team Meetings
- Orange County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council
- Continuum of Care Reform System of Care Coordination Steering Committee
- First 5 Technical Advisory Committee
- Home Visitation Collaborative
- Child Welfare System Improvement Plan Committee
- MHSA Internal Planning Committee
- County Health Improvement Project Mental Health, Substance Use, and Housing Committees; Steering Committees, and Executive Committee

How BHS Reaches Out: Annual Update

BHS conducted outreach to promote the Annual Update stakeholder process and reach diverse populations.

Information was disseminated through:

- Informational release to **2,669** media contacts
- Email and flyer with a link/QR code to access the plan, executive summary in threshold languages, MHSA Plan Overview meetings, and the video distributed to:
 - MHSA email distribution list of over **1,200** people,
 - Community partners,
 - Community and contracted organizations,
 - County of Orange (County) Agencies,
 - Behavioral Health Equity Committee, subcommittees and coalitions, and
 - Regularly scheduled stakeholder meetings
- Posting on HCA website and HCA social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter
- Regular announcements in meetings
- Posted video providing an overview of the proposed Annual Update

How BHS Reaches Out: Annual Update


A series of meetings were hosted prior to and throughout the 30-day posting period to provide an overview of the draft plan.

The MHSA Policy Advisory Committee meeting was held:
January 30, 2025, from 10:00am to 2:00 pm to review the funding changes.

Three virtual meetings were held at different times to allow a variety of times and opportunities for participation.		
MHSA Annual Update FY 25/26 Overview	03/19/2025	9:00 am – 10:00 am
	03/24/2025	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
	03/26/2025	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Special internal sessions included:		
BHS Ops Meeting:	03/18/2025	3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
BHSA Internal Planning Meeting:	04/02/2025	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

How BHS Reaches Out: Annual Update

Plan and Public Comment forms, along with posting notices were available on HCA website and advertised via listserv and social media – comments remained open through **April 7, 2025, at 9:00 am.**



MHSA Plan Update FY 2025-2026

30 Day Public Comment Period will be from Wednesday, March 5, 2025 to Friday, April 4, 2025 (at 12:00 p.m.)

[MHSA Public Comment Form](#) (All Languages Available)

[Executive Summary Translated](#)

- [Arabic](#)
- [Chinese](#)
- [Farsi](#)
- [Korean](#)
- [Russian](#)
- [Spanish](#)
- [Vietnamese](#)

Orange County
Mental Health Services Act

Plan Update
Fiscal Year 2025-26

Snippet of website posting



Orange County Mental Health Services Act

Plan Update
Fiscal Year 2025-26

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oc_hca We are pleased to announce that the Orange County Mental Health Services Act Plan Update for FY 2025-26 has been posted for a 30-Day Public Comment Period.

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Snippet of social media posting


How BHS Reaches Out: Annual Update

Flyers were distributed to promote Posting



Behavioral Health Services Act

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The Plan website will have a list of upcoming Community Planning Meetings to learn more about the changes in the Plan Update as they are announced. We hope you can join virtually to one of these meetings.

The 30-day Public Comment period will close on Friday, April 4, 2025.



Scan QR Code to Subscribe to our Email List

If you need any special accommodations such as language assistance to participate, please contact us 72-hours prior to the meeting. For additional information, please call (714) 834-3104 (dial 7-1-1 for TTY users) or email: blsa@ochca.com.

MHSA PLAN REVIEW MEETINGS

Please join us for one of the virtual meetings below on
Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87355615565>

Wednesday, March 19, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

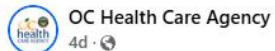
Monday, March 24, 2025
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 26, 2025
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

How BHS Reaches Out: Annual Update

Plan Update for public comment was featured on Social Media

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<https://ochealthinfo.com/.../quality.../mental-health-20...>

The 30 Day Public Comment Period will be from Wednesda... See more



 **1,723**
Views

 **1,222**
Reach

twitter



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Follow

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 **2,272**
Impressions

Instagram



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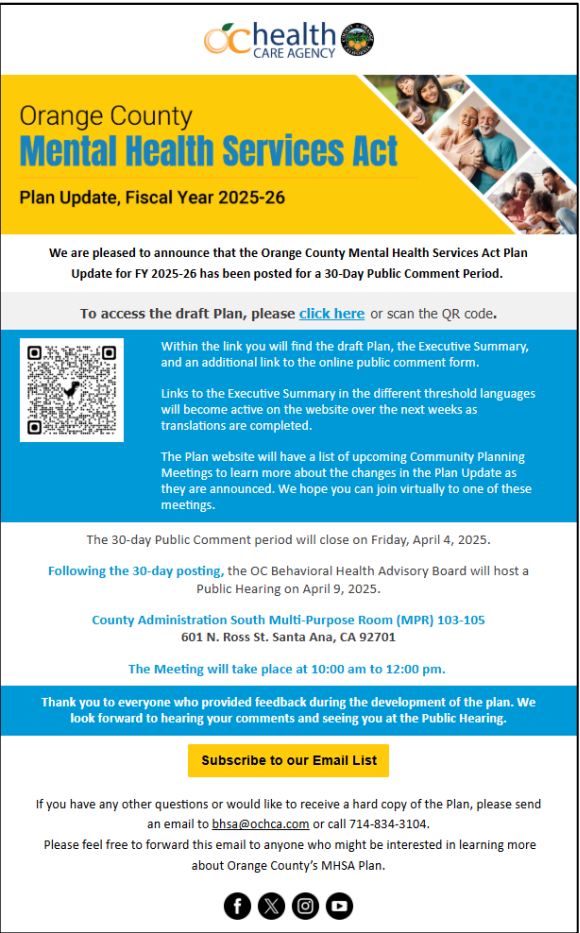
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 **2,351**
Views

How BHS Reaches Out: Annual Update

Email blast sent to all stakeholders



 **1,248**
Email Sent


 **45.9%**
Open Rate

Opens524
Successful Deliveries1141
Bounces107
Desktop Open Percentage.....96.5%
Mobile Open Percentage.....3.5%
Did Not Open617
Unsubscribed2

Emailed March 5, 2025

How BHS Reaches Out: Community Meetings

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Orange County
Mental Health Services Act
Plan Update, Fiscal Year 2025-26

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Subscribe to our Email List

If you have any other questions or would like to receive a hard copy of the Plan, please send an email to bhsa@ochca.com or call 714-834-3104.
Please feel free to forward this email to anyone who might be interested in learning more about Orange County's MHSA Plan.





1,248

Email Sent



46.8%

Open Rate

Opens	536
Successful Deliveries	1145
Bounces	103
Desktop Open Percentage.....	96.4%
Mobile Open Percentage	3.6%
Did Not Open	609
Unsubscribed	0

Emailed March 17, 2025

How BHS Reaches Out: Public Hearing

Flyers were distributed to promote Public Hearing

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CARE AGENCY

BHAB Public Hearing for

Mental Health Services Act

FY 2025-26 Plan Update

The OC Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) will host a Public Hearing on **April 9, 2025** from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

The 30-day Public Comment period closed on **April 5, 2025**.

The Public Hearing will be held at the Westminster Community Center:

County Administration South Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) 103-105
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

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How BHS Reaches Out: Public Hearing

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1,252
Email Sent



43.9%
Open Rate

Opens	500
Successful Deliveries	1140
Bounces	112
Desktop Open Percentage.....	97.1%
Mobile Open Percentage	2.9%
Did Not Open	640
Unsubscribed	3

Emailed March 31, 2025

Public Review Period

**The 30-day Public
Posting and
Comment Period
was
March 4, 2025,
through April 7,
2024, for a total
of 33 days**

Copies of the draft MHSA Annual Update Plan for Fiscal Year 2025-26 were available in the following formats:

- Online for electronic viewing at www.ocalthinfo.com/mhsa.
- Hard Copies were available upon request.
- Stakeholders were provided with several options for submission of comments including:
 - email
 - in-person
 - telephonic
 - live survey/chat (for virtual meetings) and
 - online survey
- Comment Forms and surveys were available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, Arabic, Russian, and Farsi and hard copy versions were available upon request.
- The Executive Summary was available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, Arabic, Russian, and Farsi and posted as received.

Community Program Planning

Starting in August 2024, MHSA Program Planning and Administration began collecting data and information related to BHS hosted stakeholder engagement meetings for FY 2024/25. The data do not include meetings that were hosted in collaboration with other entities and covers July 2024 through March 2025.

FY 2023/24

1,236

participants

FY 2024/25

977

participants

Note: numbers reflect three additional months

FY 24/25

6,346

Social Media Impressions

FY 24/25

513

Views of the posted draft plan

Community Program Planning

Who Participated

COUNTY REGION



25% North
37% Central
18% South
20% Other/Decline

CONSUMER/FAMILY MEMBER

23%
Family
Members



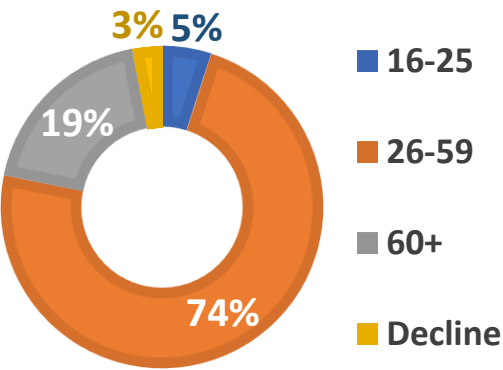
38%
Consumer

MILITARY SERVICE

4% Current
10% Previous
83% None
3% Decline



AGES (YEARS)



LANGUAGE

73% English
7% Spanish
11% Vietnamese
1% Farsi
1% Korean
1% Chinese
2% Khmer
4% Other



GENDER IDENTITY

33%
Male



62%
Female



>1%
Transgender



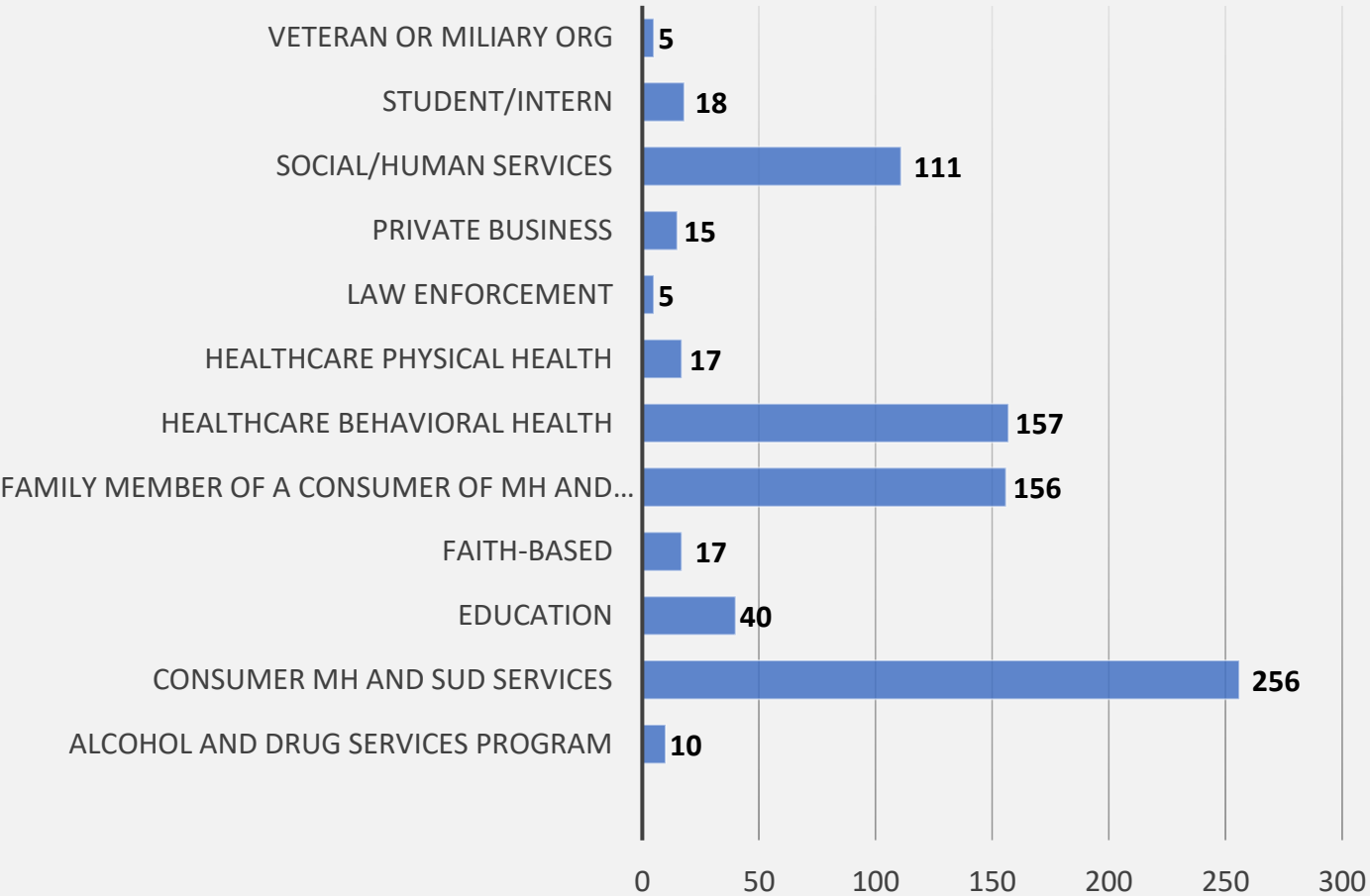
1%
Nonbinary



Community Program Planning

Who Participated

STAKEHOLDER GROUPS



Race/Ethnicity



- 4% African American/Black
- 23% Asian
- 34% Caucasian/White
- 21% Hispanic/Latino
- 4% Native American
- 3% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- 7% More than One Race
- 5% Declined

Community Program Planning

Behavioral Health Equity Committee (BHEC)

BHEC includes the following sub-committees:

- Spirituality
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Black/African-American
- LGBTQI+
- Latinx
- Asian and Pacific Islander
- Substance Use Disorder
- Native/Indigenous

FY 2024-2025 Results:



Monthly Meetings



120 unduplicated attendees



47 Community Organizations

Types of Organizations:

- Community
- Managed Care Plan
- Behavioral Health Providers
- Hospitals
- Cultural/Ethnic Communities
- Child Serving Organizations
- Homeless Services Organizations
- Faith-Based Organizations
- Families
- LGBTQI+
- Consumer
- Education

Overview of Public Comments

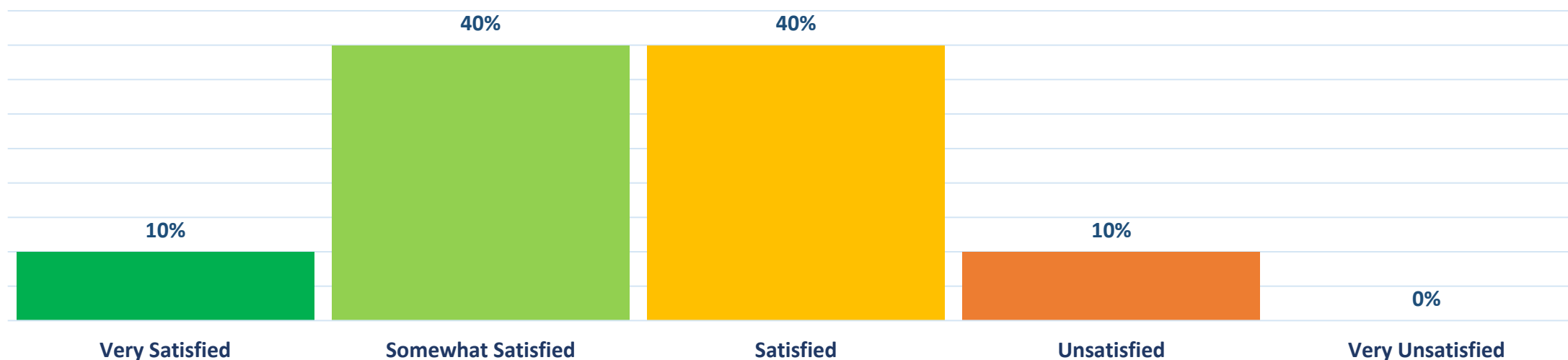
FY 2024-25 Planning Year Results

451 stakeholders completed a stakeholder comment form as a result of attending a stakeholder session and/or responding to the 30-day Public Comment and Posting.

10 respondents provided written comment to the MHSA Annual Update specifically during the 30-day public posting.

Overall, **90%** of stakeholders who responded to the posting indicated they were very satisfied to satisfied with the MHSA Annual Update Plan for FY 2025/26.

STAKEHOLDER PLAN SATISFACTION



Overview of Public Comments

Summary of Comments During Posting Period:

BHS provided BHAB with written copies of the written public comments received during the posting period.

- Significant concerns around the reduced funding available for Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) component programs and impact of Proposition 1
- Wanting to know how much money will be available under BHSA for programs/understand the changes over the next few years.
- Desire to know how to become an FSP provider, how to apply for funds, and how to partner with the BHSOAC.
- Requests to align data and correct typos.
- Information about the Community Planning Process.
- Acknowledgment of MHSA team efforts around transparency.

Public Comment

We welcome you to come forward to provide the Behavioral Health Advisory Board with your comments.

Your input is important to us!

Please submit your comments *in writing* to be included in the public record. We will be taking note of your comments, and an overview of comments will be included in the Community Program Planning section of the final version of the MHSA Plan. In addition, the written comments will be included in the Appendices of the Plan.

Additionally, the information provided will be incorporated into future community planning for consideration in the development of the Behavioral Health Integrated Plan.

**Please limit
your verbal
comments to
three (3)
minutes**

Next Steps

- The next step is to ask the Behavioral Health Advisory Board to affirm that the stakeholder process was conducted to meet the regulations.

Upon Affirmation

- The MHSA Annual Update Plan for FY 2025-26 is *tentatively* scheduled to be presented to the OC Board of Supervisors (BOS) on May 20, 2025, for approval.
- The Final MHSA Annual Update Plan for FY 2025-26 will be posted on the HCA website and submitted to the Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) and the Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (BHSOAC) within 30 days of BOS approval.

Thank you for your participation

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Stay Connected!

