



BHSA BHSS Workgroup Summary

DATE: August 4, 2025

TIME: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Behavioral Health Training Center:
750 The City Dr. S., Suite #130, Orange CA 92868

1. Welcome and Recap of Kick-Off – 1st in person meeting – Lorry
2. Overview of Target Population – Michelle Smith

BHSA definitions are narrower and more specific than MHSA

- Children & Youth and Adults & older adults who meet BHSA eligibility criteria and specialty mental health access criteria
 - 25 and under and have at least one diagnosis of a moderate or severe substance use disorder and/or a specialty mental health criterion
 - 26 and over and have at least one diagnosis of a moderate or severe substance use disorder and/or a specialty mental health criterion
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=14184.402.&lawCode=WIC
 - 21 and over and meet one or both distress, disability or disfunction and/or suspected MH diagnosis that interferes with level of functioning
 - Under 21 significant impairment, reasonable probability of increased impairment and diagnosis of disorder or suspected, at risk of future MH condition, as assessed by licensed MH professional.
 - Those experiencing homelessness, chronically homeless, or at risk of homelessness
3. Managed Care Responsibility – CalOptima unable to attend today, will be invited to a future meeting.
 - 21+ mild to moderate impairment
 - Under 21 regardless of level of stress or impairment
 - 4a. Update from FSP Workgroup – Chi Lam
 - Additional requirements and staffing required under BHSA
 - Providers will be coming to future FSP workgroup meetings to share services provided as well as insights and identification of gaps in services

- FSP meetings 2nd & 4th Wed 2-3:30 at Behavioral Health Training Center

4b. Update from Housing Workgroup – Christina Weckerle

- Still taking in all inputs, reviewing housing interventions and what's allowable.
- SUD and housing exists in 2 places on system of care maps, under multiple funding sources
- CalAIM initiatives – must be exhausted 1st
- Next Meeting Aug 14, 2025, 9:30 – 11:00 AM, at Behavioral Health Training Center

5. Review Children's Mental Health System of Care Map – Alicia Lemire

- Population served, services provided, funding
- In reviewing on your own, note key on bottom right

6. Next Meeting – August 18, 2025, in-person – Lorry and Annette

- Virtual Listen-in only option
- Important to have providers present, those with County contracts or without, and those that hope to provide services. Services are changing
- SUD and Adult / Older Adult Mental Health System of maps to be shared
- Re-invite CalOptima

Q&A - Michelle

Can you revisit workgroup timeline?

- Draft plan for BHSS category by Dec 2025, submit entire Behavioral Health Integrated Plan (BHIP) to DHCS mid Jan 2026 and sync with public comment period, public hearing April 2026, approved by Board of Supervisors by June 2026

How is the planning being done for early childhood being included?

- HCA has a partnership with 1st Five for identifying infant, child, family continuum for expanded 0-8 population