BHSA FSP Workgroup Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, November 12, 2025

TIME: 2:00 PM –4:00 PM

LOCATION: Behavioral Health Training Center

Meeting Summary

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1. **Updates & Follow-Up**

   - Michelle Smith, BHSA Senior Manager will be speaking at the final FSP Workgroup meeting, taking place on 12/10/25.
   - The Center of Excellence Meeting with Orange County for ACT/FACT will take place in early December.
   - HCA shared that they are working on the Behavioral Health Integrated Plan (IP) and encouraged FSP Workgroup members to search online for submission from another County posted to review the template.
   - Five Regional Community Forums will be conducted at the end of January to share information and themes collected from HCA's CPP work. More information will be added to the BHSA webpage, however the following dates and locations have been secured:
     - South- 1/21/26 from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM at the Laguna Hills Community Center
     - Central- 1/22/26 from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM at the Behavioral Health Training Center
     - North- 1/26/26 from 12:00 PM -2:00 PM at the Brea Community Center
     - Virtual AM- 1/29/26 from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM via Zoom
     - Virtual PM- 1/27/26 from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM via Zoom

2. **Housing Interventions**

   - Christina Weckerly Ramirez, HCA Co-Chair for the Housing Interventions Workgroup and Senior Health Services Manager for Adult and Older Adult Services, attended to provide an overview of BHSA Housing Interventions. She discussed the workgroup's efforts to identify housing system gaps and shared recommendations for system-level improvements, including potential areas for development and consideration.
   - Christina encouraged FSP Workgroup members to refer to Page 175 in the BHSA policy manual for Housing Interventions definitions and allowable settings.

3. **Breakout Group Activity**

- Groups were divided by population represented/served (Children, TAY, Adult, Older Adult, Forensic).
- Questions for discussion:
  - What will a successful transition to the new process look like? How might this look different for your group's target population?
  - What barriers might arise during implementation (e.g., administrative capacity, provider readiness, data systems, etc.)?
  - What kind of support or training will staff and providers need to adapt?

- Some feedback shared out from the groups included:
  - Older Adults group shared that they are looking for a successful transition to ensure that with the July 1 BHSA funding change no one becomes homeless, with potential barriers such as habitability being new, and looking for long term solutions with assisted living facilities.
  - Adult group stated that a successful transition would include understanding how things like days and months housed will be counted to help adjust expectations and suggested developing workflows to navigate housing services based on different funding (i.e., CalAIM Community Supports, BHSA Housing Interventions). Anticipated barriers could be the amount of lag time for reimbursement and system issues with other unknowns such as approval from authorizations timeline. Solutions to help would be to offer training and technical assistance to help providers understand the changes and fill in missing information.
  - Forensics looked toward systems issues with housing such as individuals requiring immediate housing when released from incarceration, however settings offered may not support safety and recovery for the individuals, leading to recidivism. Solution could be clinically appropriate SUD stabilization services while ensuring housing can be maintained or provided immediately.
  - Children/TAY combined group agreed with what was said by previous groups, with an emphasis on increased need for training staff due to the nuances of TAY population such as moving toward adulthood and having different needs. Solutions offered included ensuring visuals for training are provided as well as applicable scenarios/examples.

4. **Next Meeting-** Wednesday, December 10th from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM ***in-person only*** at the Behavioral Health Training Center. *This date will be our final FSP Workgroup Meeting.*