



California Association of Local Behavioral Health
Boards and Commissions

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Itai Danovitch, M.D., Committee Chair
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MHSOAC Research and Evaluation Committee
& Research and Evaluation Committee Members

Dear Chair Danovitch, Vice Chair Berrick and Committee Members,

On behalf of CALBHB/C, we appreciate your focus on outcome measures ([2/24/2021 Research and Evaluation Committee Agenda Item #3](#)). Please consider the following items as you move forward.

- 1) **Currently Reported Data:** Performance Outcome Data culled from MHSA 3-Year Plans and Updates, sorted by:
 - a. Topic: Children & Youth, Criminal Justice, Employment, Hospitalization & Housing
 - b. County/Jurisdiction (All 59. Note that each of CA's 59 mental/behavioral health agencies collect and report on different MHSA performance outcome measures, with some providing meaningful data, and some providing very little performance outcome data.)
- 2) **Data Points** (suggested): [CALBHB/C Issue Brief](#) (attached) [ADA Version](#)
- 3) **Establishment of Performance Measures:** [CA WIC 5848\(c\)](#) specifies that MHSA plans shall include reports on the achievement of performance outcomes to be established jointly by [DHCS](#), [MHSOAC](#), in collaboration with [CBHDA](#) and with the review and approval of the [CA Behavioral Health Planning Council](#). (On the local level, it is the duty of CA's 59 local mental/behavioral health boards and commissions to review and comment on performance outcome data to the CA Behavioral Health Planning Council (WIC 5604.2(7)) (Outlined in: [CALBHB/C Issue Brief](#) [ADA Version](#))

We are glad to stay in communication regarding this important topic. Thank you for your work in this area.

Sincerely,

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PERFORMANCE OUTCOME DATA

It is in the best interest of the state and local communities to know the impact of Mental Health Services Act (“MHSA”, Proposition 63) offerings.

Need to Standardize

Each of CA’s 59 mental/behavioral health agencies collect and report on different MHSA performance outcome data, with some providing meaningful data, and some providing very little performance outcome data.

Suggested Data Points^{1 2}

Children & Youth

- School-based Wellness (Attendance, Grades, Classroom Behavior)
- Standardized Screening / Assessment
- Reporting by Self/Family

Criminal Justice Involvement

- Incarceration/Diversion (# of Days, # of Arrests, Referral/Placement)

Employment

- Competitive
- Sustained

Hospitalizations

- # of Hospitalizations
- Days Hospitalized
- Emergency-Room Visits
- Crisis Psychiatric Visits

Housing/Homelessness

- Permanent Housing
- Days of Homelessness

1. Data should include outcomes specific to culture/race/ethnicity and age.
2. Very small counties may need to report trends instead of numbers.

California Law [WIC 5848\(c\)](#) specifies that MHSA plans shall include reports on the achievement of performance outcomes, to be established jointly by:

Department of Health Care Services
and
Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission

in collaboration with

County Behavioral Health Directors Association of CA

and with the review and approval of the

CA Behavioral Health Planning Council CBHPC is tasked with reviewing and approving the performance outcome measures, and reviewing the performance of mental health and substance use disorder programs based on performance outcome data and other reports from the State Department of Health Care Services and other sources ([WIC 5772](#))

On the local level, it is the duty of:

California’s 59
Local Mental/Behavioral Health
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to review and comment on performance outcome data to the CA Behavioral Health Planning Council.

[\(WIC 5604.2\(7\)\)](#)

PROMISING DATA

The following counties report the most MHSA-related performance outcome data by topic.

Children & Youth

[Nevada County](#)

Criminal Justice

[Los Angeles County](#)

[Merced County](#)

[Sacramento County](#)

[San Diego County](#)

[San Mateo County](#)

[Sonoma County](#)

Employment

[Alameda County](#)

[Los Angeles County](#)

[Solano County](#)

Hospitalization

[Los Angeles County](#)

[Merced County](#)

[Riverside County](#)

[Sacramento County](#)

[Sonoma County](#)

Housing/Homelessness

[Los Angeles County](#)

[Merced County](#)

[Placer County](#)

[Sonoma County](#)

ALL COUNTIES

Links to performance outcome data for all counties/jurisdictions (Medi-Cal, SAMHSA and MHSA).

[Alameda](#)

[Alpine](#)

[Amador](#)

[City of Berkeley](#)

[Butte](#)

[Calaveras](#)

[Colusa](#)

[Contra Costa](#)

[Del Norte](#)

[El Dorado](#)

[Fresno](#)

[Glenn](#)

[Humboldt](#)

[Imperial](#)

[Inyo](#)

[Kern](#)

[Kings](#)

[Lake](#)

[Lassen](#)

[Los Angeles](#)

[Madera](#)

[Marin](#)

[Mariposa](#)

[Mendocino](#)

[Merced](#)

[Modoc](#)

[Mono](#)

[Monterey](#)

[Napa](#)

[Nevada](#)

[Orange](#)

[Placer](#)

[Plumas](#)

[Riverside](#)

[Sacramento](#)

[San Benito](#)

[San Bernardino](#)

[San Diego](#)

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[San Luis Obispo](#)

[San Mateo](#)

[Santa Barbara](#)

[Santa Clara](#)

[Santa Cruz](#)

[Shasta](#)

[Sierra](#)

[Siskiyou](#)

[Solano](#)

[Sonoma](#)

[Stanislaus](#)

[Sutter-Yuba](#)

[Tehama](#)

[Tri-City](#)

[Trinity](#)

[Tulare](#)

[Tuolumne](#)

[Ventura](#)

[Yolo](#)