



# AGENDA ITEM 7

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## Strategic Plan Update and Adoption

### Item Goals

- Review and approve proposed updates to the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan to ensure alignment with the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA).

### Behavioral Health Landscape

- California voters in March 2024 passed Proposition 1, which includes the Behavioral Health Services Act (Senate Bill 326 (Eggman, Chapter 790, Statutes of 2023)), and the \$6.4 billion Behavioral Health Bond (Assembly Bill (531)(Irwin, Chapter 789, Statutes of 2023)) to support Californians living with the most significant mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) needs. Key elements of the BHSA include:
  - Expanding eligible services to include treatment for SUD alone;
  - Modernizing county allocations to include housing interventions;
  - Prioritizing resources on those with the highest needs and greatest barriers to care;
  - Creating new state-wide, state-led investments including prevention under the California Department of Public Health, workforce under the California Department of Health Care Access and Information, and innovation under the Commission; and
  - New frameworks focusing on outcomes, accountability, and equity.

### Relevant Commission Work

- The Commission approved the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan in January 2024.
- During the January 23, 2026, Commission meeting, the Commission approved establishment of the limited-time Strategic Plan Advisory Committee to update the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan to align with the BHSA.
- The Strategic Plan Advisory Committee noted several opportunities to better align the with the BHSA, including sharpening the focus on priority populations; expanding

beyond prevention and early intervention to address the full continuum of behavioral health services and supports; more explicitly incorporating substance use disorder integration; and clarifying the Commission’s transformative role as an innovator and cross-sector convener.

- The Strategic Plan Advisory Committee recommended focusing on four priorities for 2026–2027 and further advised identifying clear, measurable results for each priority, along with corresponding strategies to guide implementation:
  - Meet the needs of people with the highest behavioral health needs;
  - Ensure substance use disorder is incorporated throughout the Commission’s work;
  - Expand peer behavioral health services; and
  - Build the evidence base for the effectiveness of new and innovative statewide strategies.
- During the April 27, 2026, Strategic Plan Advisory Committee meeting, the committee voted to recommend that the full Commission adopt the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan Update.

## **Proposed Motion**

That the Commission adopt the *Strategic Plan Update, 2026-27*.