



Mental Health Wellness Act: Portfolio Overview

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A vertical photograph on the left side of the slide shows a mountain landscape at sunset. The foreground is a rocky, light-colored path or ledge. In the middle ground, there are dark green evergreen trees. The background shows rolling mountain ranges under a warm, orange and yellow sky, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a soft glow over the scene.

MHWA Overview

- Established by Senate Bill 82, Governor Jerry Brown signed the investment in the MHWA into law in June 2013. It provides grant funds to improve access to and capacity for behavioral health crisis services, including crisis intervention, stabilization, treatment, rehabilitative services, and mobile crisis support teams.
- The Commission identified six areas of focus for funding, and grants focus on those priorities. Multiple programs in various stages of development, funding, and build-out fall under the MHWA at the Commission.

EmPATH

*Emergency Psychiatric
Assessment, Treatment
and Healing*



EmPATH

Investment: \$20 Million

Grantees: 10 Grantees across the state

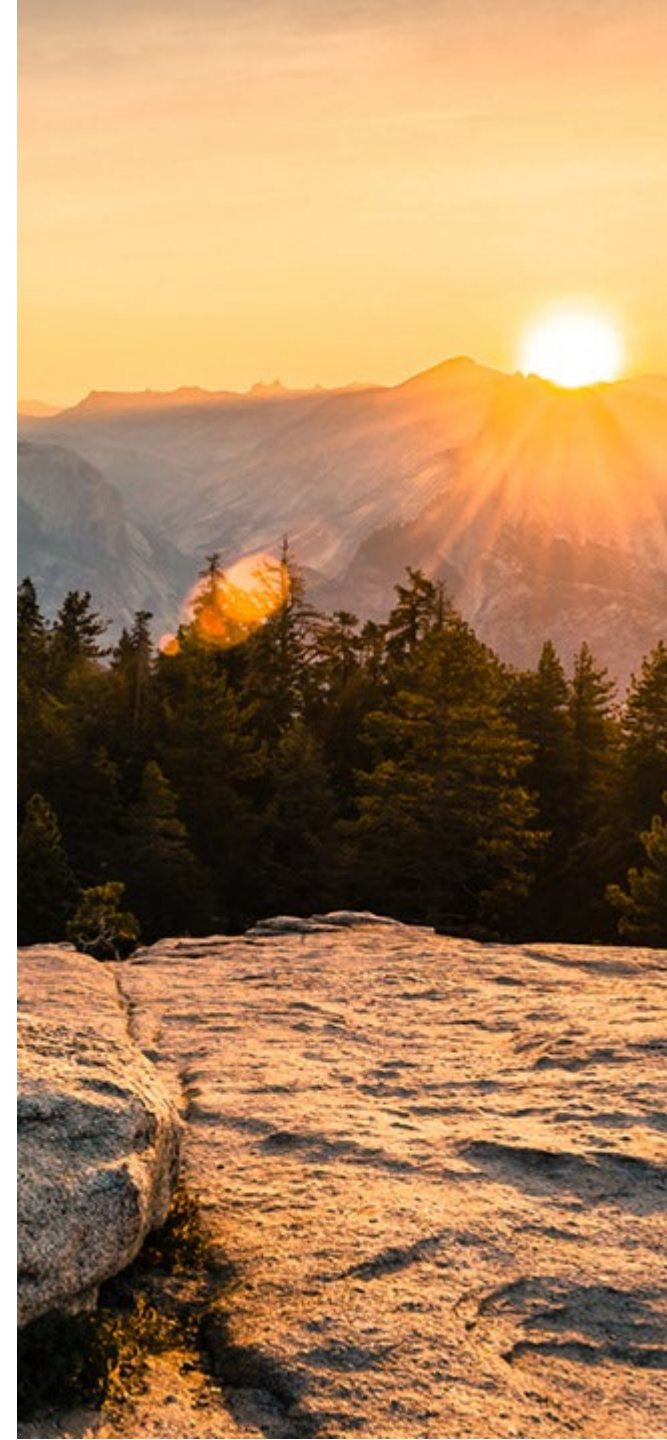
Contractor: MACE, TA provider

Status: Implementation phase. Construction/ soft launch

Evaluation:

CBH evaluation oversight

MACE process evaluation and report



Older Adults

Age Wise / PEARLS



PEARLS

Investment: \$20 Million

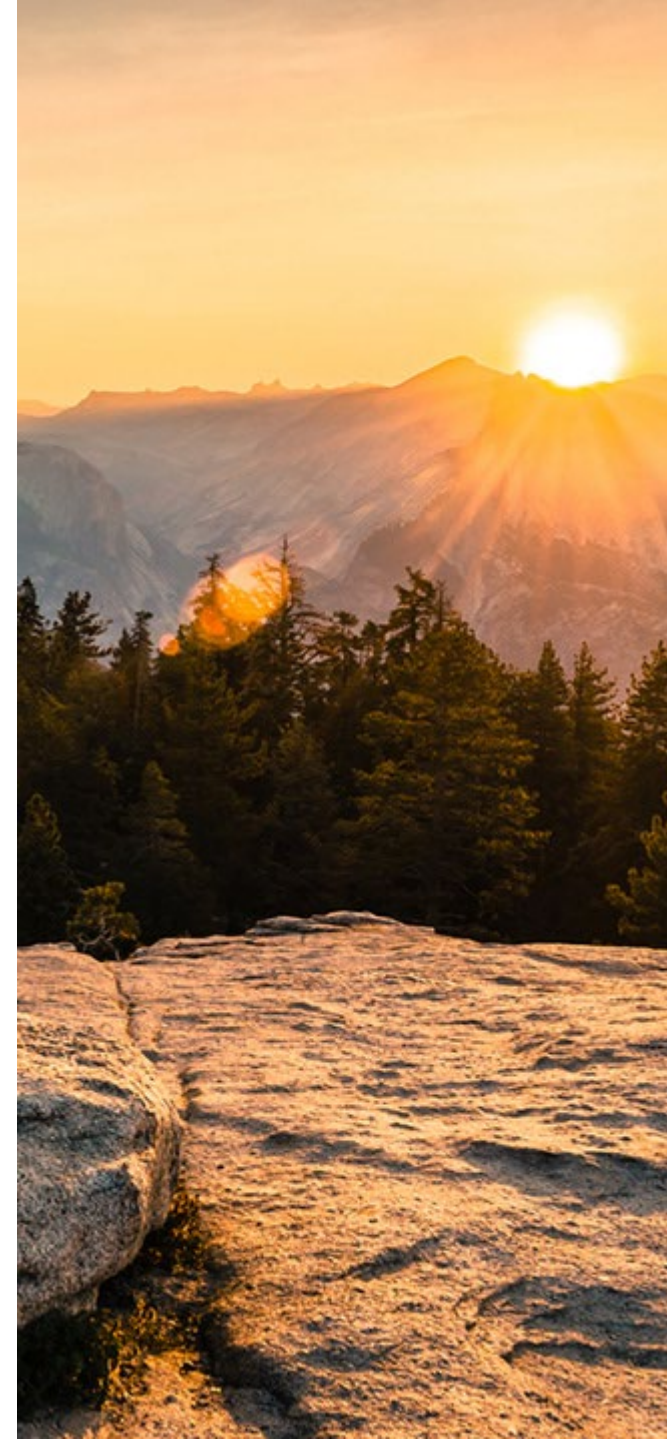
Grantees: 11 Grantees across the state

Contractor: None

Status: Ending June 30th, 2026

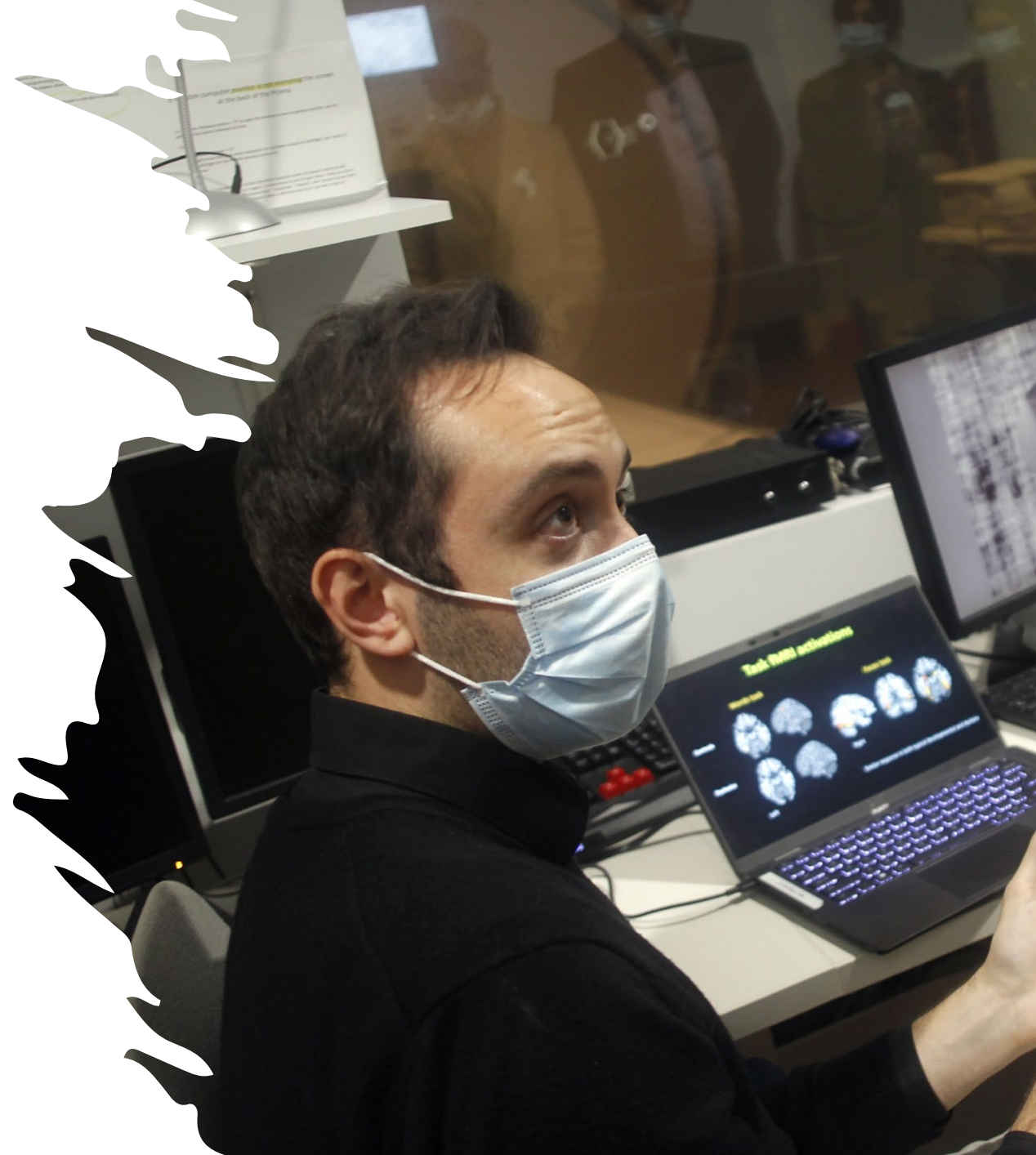
Evaluation:

Minimal. Potential MHWA learnings brief.



SUD

*Medications for
Addiction
Treatment*



SUD (Medications for Addiction Treatment)

Investment: \$20 Million

Grantees: 3 Grantees (Los Angeles, Marin, Nevada)

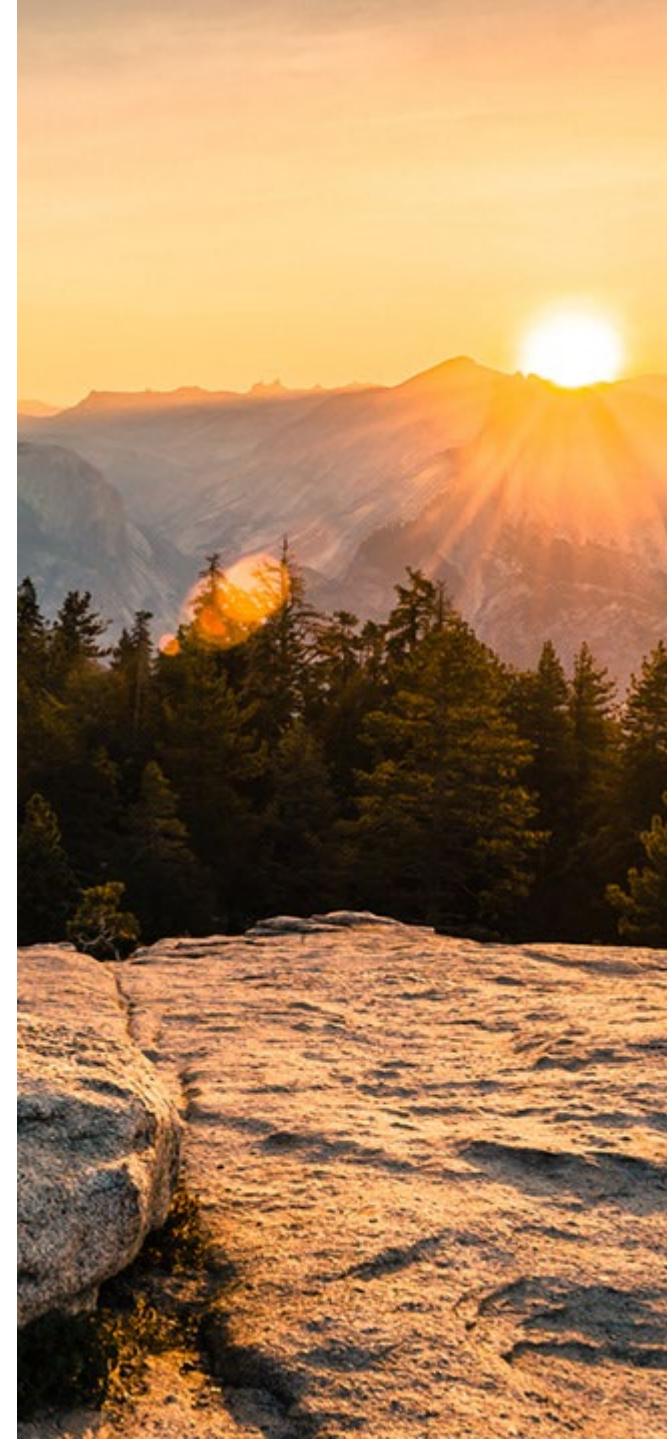
Contractors:

- Project Coordinator (Jett and Associates)
- TA (CIBHS)
- Evaluation (UCLA ISAP)

Status: Implementation phase. Beginning data collection.

Evaluation:

CBH evaluation oversight
UCLA evaluation support



0-5
*Maternal
Behavioral Health*



0 – 5 (Maternal Behavioral Health)

Investment: \$20 Million

Grantees: 6 Core partners

Contractors: Core partners

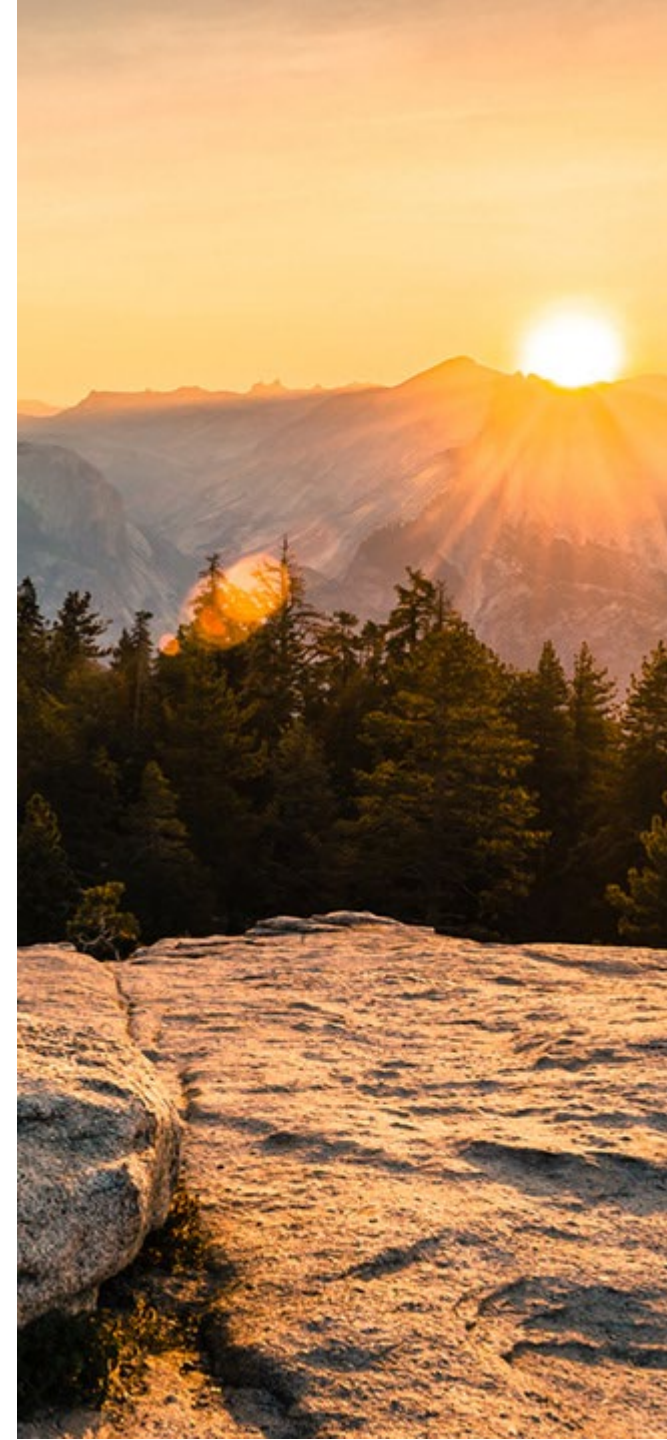
- UCSF, evaluation support and TA
- Public Health Institute, TA

Status: Project launch. Baseline data collection and TA support.

Evaluation:

CBH: Mixed methods internal evaluation

UCSF: Evaluation support



Peer Respite



Peer Respite

Investment: \$20 Million

Phase 1: Planning phase to launch Peer Respite
Securing a location, developing operational and sustainability plans.

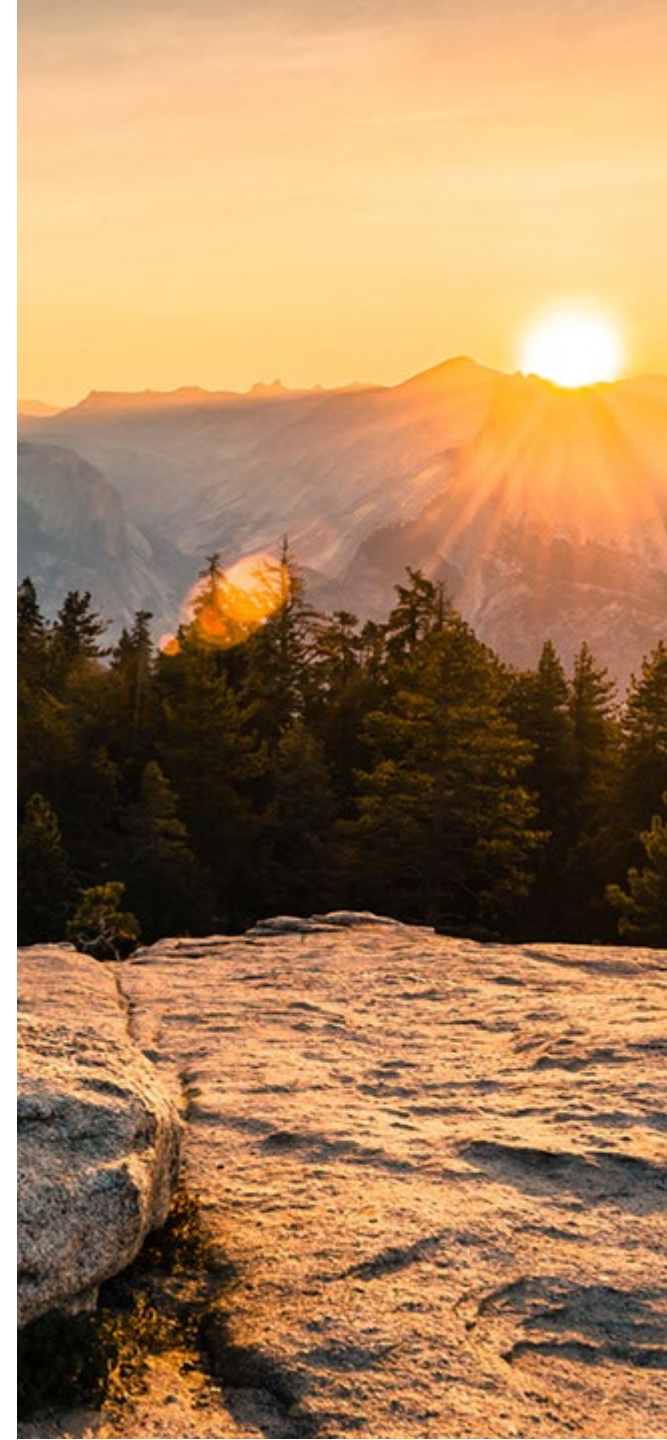
Phase 2: Tailored funding and continued learning
New and existing grantees. Infrastructure, renovation, and enhancements.

Grantees: Peer Run Organizations. TBD.

Contractor: TA provider. TBD.

Status: RFA and RFP under development

Evaluation: CBH holds internally



FSP

Performance Management



FSP (Performance Management)

Investment: \$10 Million

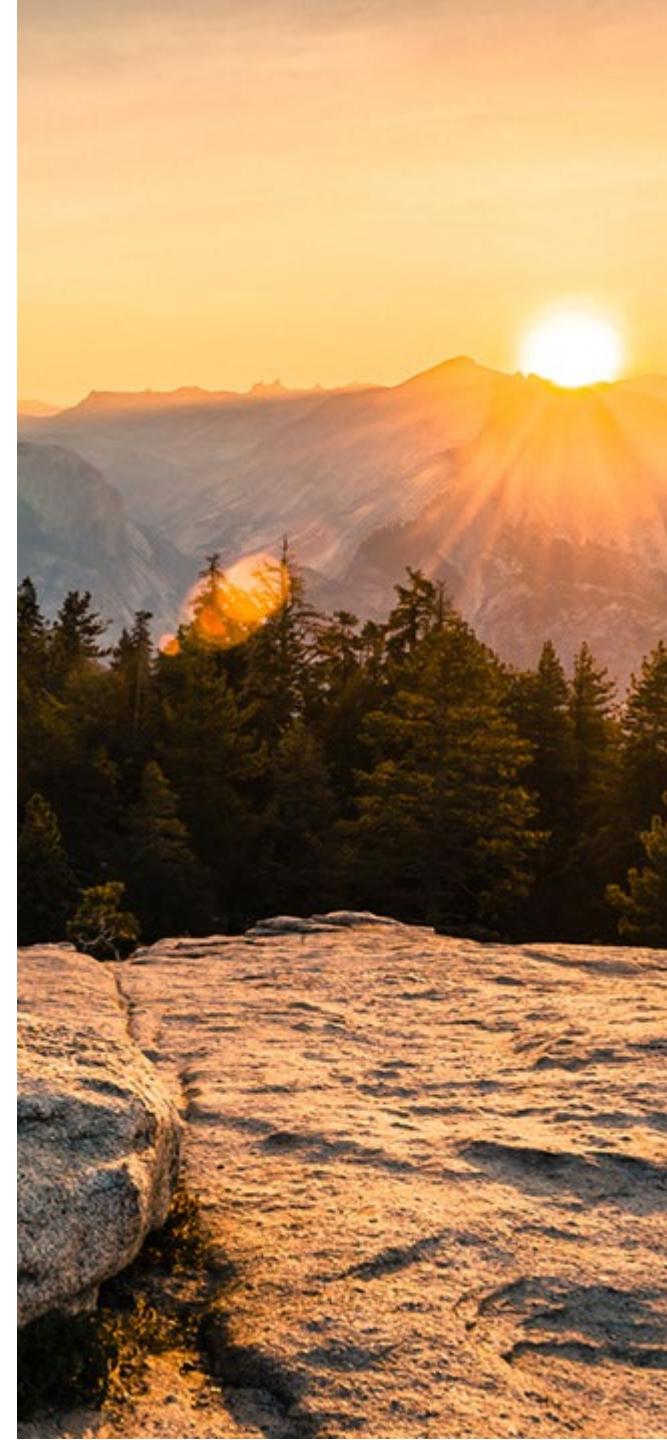
Contractor: Third Sector Capital Partners

TA to between 15 and 40 FSP providers in at least 8 counties

Status: Planning / Contract development

Evaluation:

CBH: Hold mixed methods evaluation internally






Full Service Partnerships: Options and Opportunities

RFA/P Engagement Strategy

6 to 9-month process




**Key
Informant
Interviews &
Targeted
Outreach**



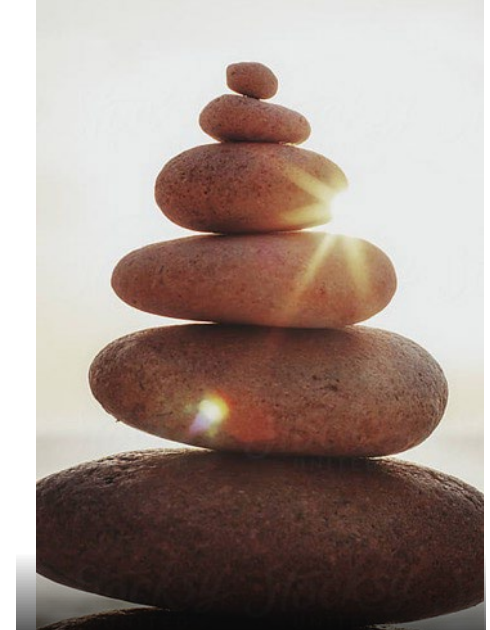
**Community
Forums &
Focus Groups**



**Survey &
Analysis**



**Internal
Review &
External
Feedback**



**Develop
RFP**

FSP: Our Learning Efforts



Public Hearings
Focus Groups
Listening Sessions

Interviews
Research

Site Visits

Statewide Survey

County Deep Dives

\$20 million
MHWA funds
(previously set aside)

In February 2024, the Commission approved the setting aside of \$20 million in MHWA funds to address the following in FSPs:

- **Sustainable funding:** Restructure current funding models to increase efficiency and impact
- **Workforce and capabilities:** Supporting innovative workforce development solutions
- **Accountability:** Define success, develop metrics, and identify key client outcomes; and improve data collection and standardize reporting statewide
- **Infrastructure:** Strengthen current service delivery models connected to the broader continuum of care

Key Activities & Future Opportunities

Focus Area	Key Activities & Future Opportunities
Sustainable Funding / Outcome Based Contracting	CBH: Performance Management Project Future Products: CBH brief or FSP report chapter; Performance Management training module
Workforce Solutions	Opportunity: Peer Support Models
Accountability / Data	Product: 2024 FSP report
Infrastructure / Service Models	Opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrating SUD • Integrating and leveraging housing supports

Future
\$10 million
MHWA funds
(previously set aside)

Goals

- Support the aims of the BHSA by focusing on improving county programs.
- Invest in areas that reflect the CBH's strategic plan.
- Invest in areas currently underdeveloped in the CBH portfolio.

The Commission suggests releasing one or more request for applications to invest in FSPs (local assistance, technical assistance, and/or research) in the following categories:

Infrastructure

- Standard of Care
 - Identify and document common patterns in FSP service delivery that affect care quality
- SUD
 - Conduct a landscape analysis to identify strengths, gaps, barriers and opportunities in integrating SUD treatment into FSPs.
- Housing
 - Examine and document how housing placement decisions are made for individuals served in FSPs, including the factors, constraints, and service considerations that influence housing stability

Future
\$10 million
MHWA funds
(previously set aside)

Workforce

- Leverage Peers to support current workforce challenges
 - Local assistance, technical assistance and research

Recommendation Vote

That the Program Advisory Committee recommend the Full Commission reaffirm its existing commitment to use \$10M of Mental Health Wellness Act (MHWA) funds to support technical assistance, grants, and research related to Full Service Partnerships, in the areas of infrastructure and workforce.

Next Steps:

Future
\$10 million
MHWA funds
(previously set aside)

- **Develop and implement a stakeholder engagement plan** to inform an outline for a competitive procurement process around workforce and infrastructure. *(April – October, 2026)*
- **Present an outline of the RFA/P***, based on learning from previously conducted engagement efforts, to the PAC and full Commission *(November- December, 2026)*
- **Release RFA/P** (January, 2027)
- **Announce Intent to Award** (March, 2027)
- **Execute contracts** (July 1, 2027)

*May have multiple procurements to support different efforts