



AGENDA ITEM 5

Action

Strategic Plan Update & Formation of Time-Limited Advisory Committee

Item Goals

- Open a discussion on a refreshed strategic plan for 2024-2027, beginning with the Behavioral Health Services Act's (BHSA) impact on the Commission, the Commission's roles, and questions to consider in updating the strategic plan.
- Establish a time-limited Strategic Plan Advisory Committee to support deeper engagement with the public and to streamline the development of an updated strategic plan.
- The Commission is updating its strategic plan to align its work with the broader California behavioral health landscape and help the Commission establish and track progress on identified priorities.

Behavioral Health Landscape

- The BHSA made several changes that impact the Commission and its work directly, as follows:
- Refocuses the public behavioral health system to support Californians with the highest behavioral health needs (i.e., those with severe mental illness, serious emotional disturbances, substance use disorder, and co-occurring disorders).
 - Defines its priority populations as people who are:
 - Chronically homeless or are at risk of homelessness,
 - Involved in or at risk of entering the criminal justice system,
 - Reentering the community from prison or jail,
 - Or in the child welfare system, at risk of conservatorship, or at risk of institutionalization.

Relevant Commission Work

- The Commission approved the 2024-2027 strategic plan in January 2024.
- The Commission's duty to review and approve or reject county innovation plans will conclude on June 30, 2026. The Commission is preparing to implement the Innovation Partnership Fund, which will support innovative solutions to behavioral health system challenges, beginning with available funds on July 1, 2026.
- In 2025, the Commission established four advisory committees – Budget and Fiscal, Legislative and External Affairs, Program, and Workforce Optimization.

Proposed Motion

That the Commission establish a new time-limited Advisory Committee – the Strategic Plan Advisory Committee – pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code § 5845(f)(4) and Commission Rules of Procedure 6.1(B).