



AGENDA ITEM 10

Information

CBH Data Framework

Item Goals

- Understand the Commission's data reporting responsibilities under the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA).
- Review CBH's data capabilities and current portfolio.
- Consider how data supports the Commission's role as it relates to BHSA priority populations.

Behavioral Health Landscape

- The BHSA requires counties to complete a county Integrated Plan for behavioral health services and outcomes, which will include information on all local behavioral health funding and services, including Medi-Cal and non-Medi-Cal specialty behavioral health programs and funding streams.
- The BHSA also requires counties to complete an annual county Behavioral Health Outcomes, Accountability, and Transparency Report (BHOATR) to provide public visibility into county spending, disparities, and results.
- CBH's data strategy is designed to support the BHSA, including efforts by DHCS to develop a population behavioral health approach to make data-informed decisions to meet the needs of individuals across the state.
- This work is tied to our overarching accountability and transparency efforts and offers support to community partners around the state.

Relevant Commission Work

- The Commission has a long history of using data to drive transparency, accountability, and transformational change in California's behavioral health system.
- First released in 2017, the **Transparency Suite** is part of the Commission's dedicated efforts to improving transparency around mental health funding, programming, and outcomes. It is a set of data dashboards publicly [available on the Commission's website](#), providing high-level statistics showing county and statewide demand for

mental health service programs, where money gets spent, programs offered, and associated outcomes. Currently available dashboards include:

- Fiscal Transparency
 - Allocation
 - Criminal Justice
 - CSI Demographics
 - Full Service Partnership (FSP) Demographics
 - Highlighting Disparities
 - Suicide Incidence
- The Commission continually updates the Transparency Suite with the most recent county data via six (6) **data use agreements** with:
 1. California Department of Public Health (CDPH) – Vital Health
 2. Employment Development Department (EDD) – Employment
 3. Department of Justice – Justice
 4. California Department of Education (CDE) – Education
 5. Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) – Behavioral Health
 6. California Department of Healthcare Access and Information (HCAI) – Hospital
 - Over time, the Commission worked in partnership with consumers, counties, and other community members, seeking input through virtual forums and interviews to learn how the tool could be better designed to support public awareness and understanding of mental health outcomes, priorities, programs, and services across California.
 - The Commission also uses its **data warehouse and Transparency Suite** to research program efficacy and inform policy change. Much of the analysis in the Commission’s biannual report to the Legislature on FSPs (as directed by SB 465), comes from the data warehouse and our data use agreements with state agency departments such as HCAI and DHCS.
 - The Commission is preparing two new dashboards for review and release:
 - Population Behavioral Health Measures
 - Educational Characteristics of Youth Receiving MHSFSA Funded Services
 - As the Commission adjusts to its new roles under the BHSO, there is an opportunity to revisit its data strategy and priorities.