



AGENDA ITEM 13

Information

Update on Strategic Plan Refresh

Item Goals

- An update on the progress made to refresh the Commission's 2024-2027 Strategic Plan to align with the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), which includes a focus on the BHSA priority populations.

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.
 - Eliminates innovation at the county level and tasks the Commission with oversight of the newly developed Innovation Partnership Fund (IPF) grant program.
 - Innovation Partnership Fund (IPF) grant is \$20 million annually starting in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 through FY 2030-31 (\$100 million over 5 years).
 - FY 2031-32 and beyond: the Commission will have to advocate the Legislature for future funding.

- Integrates Substance Use Disorder (SUD) into the Commission’s portfolio of work.

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 pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code § 5845(f)(4) and Commission Rules of Procedure 6.1(B).
- The Strategic Plan Advisory Committee met on February 26, 2026, to begin working to update the CBH Strategic Plan.