



AGENDA ITEM 15

Action

Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Advocacy Grant

Item Goals

- Review and consider approval of the outline for the TAY Advocacy Grant Request for Proposal (RFP).

Behavioral Health Landscape

- Advocacy programs originated from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), which prioritized a transparent and collaborative community planning processes to identify mental health needs and services for specific populations, including TAY. The BHSA carries this forward and further emphasizes an expanded, inclusive community planning process to engage diverse stakeholders and prioritize the needs of TAY and other key populations.
- TAY are anyone between 16-25 years-old, and as of 2023, comprise of approximately 5 million people in California – about 13% of its population.
- 51 percent of the funds for Early Intervention Programs must be used to serve BHSA eligible individuals who are 25 years of age and younger.
- The BHSA added a peer TAY to serve on the Commission, ensuring youth representation in decision-making.

Relevant Commission Work

- CBH advocacy contracts help marginalized and vulnerable communities like TAY ensure their voices are heard at the state and local level through advocacy, engagement and outreach, and training and education.
- The most recent TAY grantee, [California Youth Empowerment Network](#) (CAYEN) was chosen by RFP in Dec. 2022 as the CBH's TAY advocacy contractor with a \$2M, three-year contract that ends in 2025.

Proposed Motion

- That the Commission approve moving forward with the Request for Proposal for the TAY Advocacy Grant in the amount of \$670,000 for three years, totaling \$2,010,000.