

Board of Supervisors Certification

Certification

1. Sonoma County Board of Supervisors certifies the following:
 - Sonoma County** Board of Supervisors has reviewed and approved this Integrated Plan for the period of **FY 2026 - 2029**
 - County will meet its realignment obligations pursuant to W&I Code section 14197, including but not limited to time or distance standards and appointment time standards set forth in W&I Code section 14197 or other applicable guidance, without utilizing waitlists
2. Does the county wish to disclose any implementation challenges or concerns with these requirements?
 - Yes
 - No
- a. If answered yes above, please describe any implementation challenges or concerns with their realignment obligations (optional)

Sonoma County Behavioral Health Plan was placed on Corrective Action Plans (CAP) for appointment time standards for FY 2023–24, 2024–25, and 2025–26. The County acknowledges ongoing implementation challenges related to significant fiscal constraints and workforce capacity limitations amid increasing client demand. Elevated caseload sizes and persistent recruitment and retention challenges have impacted the County’s ability to hire and fully staff programs at levels necessary to consistently meet appointment time standards. Fiscal constraints have materially limited workforce expansion. The County is actively analyzing caseloads and staffing ratios to identify hiring needs and align workforce capacity with service demand. Timely access remains a priority within the Plan’s Performance Improvement Project (PIP) and Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) Team Workplan, with ongoing monitoring, leadership oversight, and targeted system improvements to strengthen compliance with W&I Code section 14197 without the use of waitlists.

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The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors' certification that the County 'will meet' the requirements of Welfare & Institutions Code section 14197, including time and distance and appointment time standards without utilizing waitlists, is made consistent with DHCS's interpretation that the County is either currently meeting these requirements or is actively working toward full compliance through an approved Corrective Action Plan (CAP). The County is presently implementing such a CAP for appointment time standards and continues to face workforce and fiscal constraints that affect full compliance. This certification is not intended, and shall not be construed, as a representation that all standards are currently met, but rather as a commitment that the County will continue to execute the CAP in good faith to achieve compliance.

Signature

3. Printed name

4. Title

5. Date

6. Signature