

FY 2026–2029 Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Integrated Plan

Sonoma County Behavioral Health Division
Board of Supervisors
June 2, 2026

Overview of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) transitioning to BHSA

Funded by 1% tax on incomes over \$1M annually.

MHSA was developed to transform and augment the mental health system from a medical model to a recovery-oriented model with additional services and supports including peers.

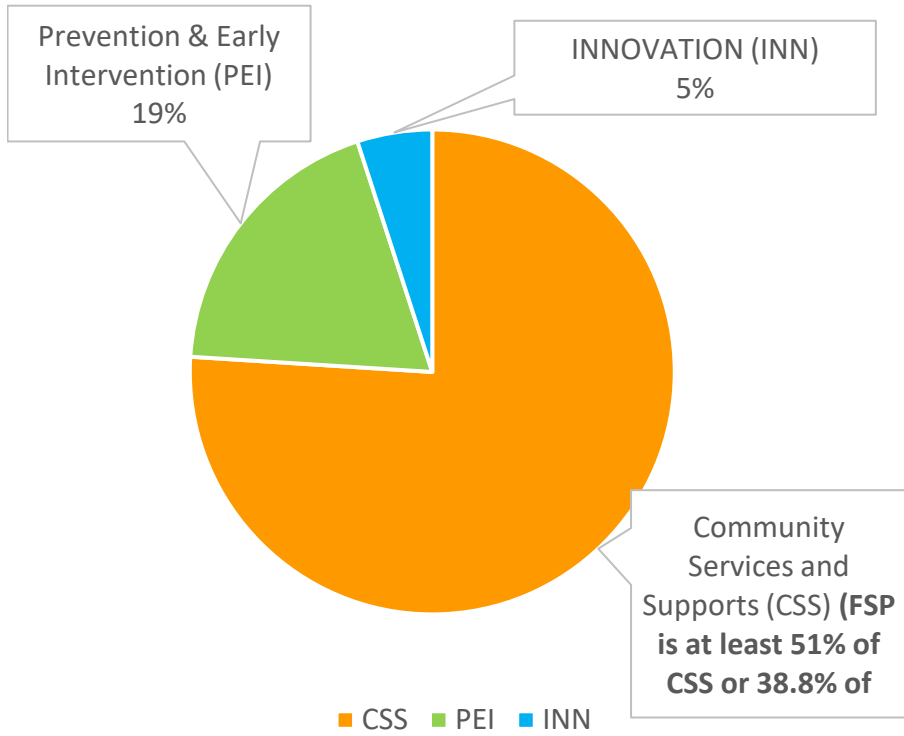
Proposition 1 passed in March 2024. MHSA is becoming BHSA as of July 1, 2026. The funding remains the same, however the components the funds are allocated to have changed.

This includes: New housing component, individuals with substance use only disorders, greater emphasis on Full Service Partnerships (FSPs) with evidenced based practices, local funding for prevention is no longer available.

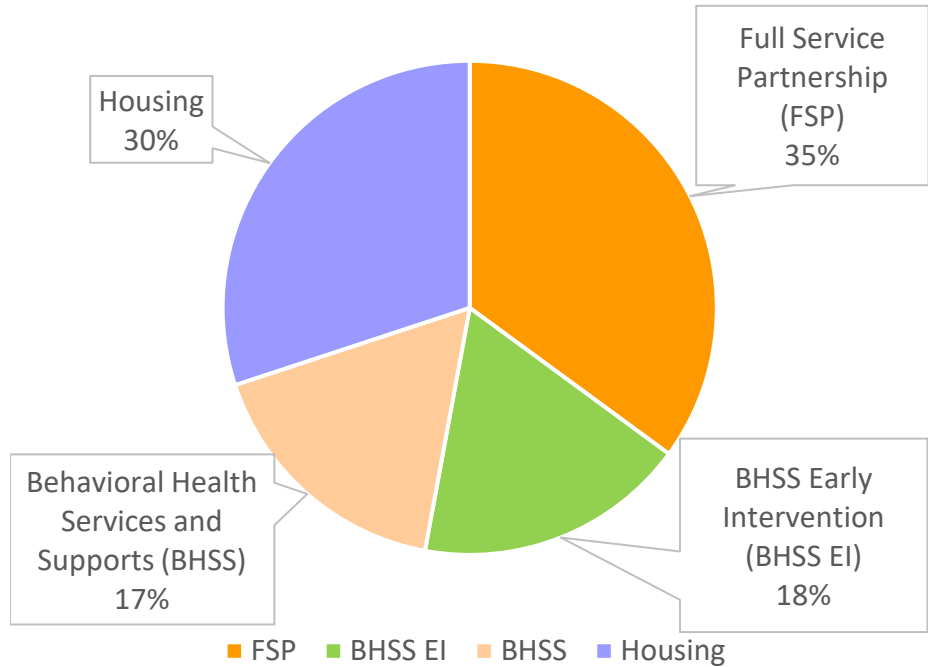
Greater accountability and reporting a narrative explanation of stakeholder engagement, programing, performance on behavioral health goals, and annual outcome reports with statewide metrics.

MHSA to BHSA

MHSA Components



FY 26-27 BHSA Components Implements 7/1/2026



Major Funding Changes

30% Housing | 35% FSP | 35% Behavioral Health (BH) Services

State withholding increases to 10%

Local prevention funding eliminated

BHSA is very prescriptive, and counties have less flexible funding

Why This Matters for Sonoma County

Significant reallocation of resources required.

Discontinuation of some prevention programs.

Need to expand evidence-based practices.

Increased pressure to meet outcomes.

July 1, 2026 BHSA Implements.

Projected Annual Expenditures by County Behavioral Health Funding Source

Funding Source	Total Annual Projected Expenditures FY 26-27	Total Annual Projected Expenditures FY 27-28	Total Annual Projected Expenditures FY 28-29
Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)	\$52,425,526.00	\$50,425,526.00	\$50,425,526.00
1991 Realignment (Bronzan-McCorquodale Act)	\$16,613,095.00	\$16,613,095.00	\$16,613,095.00
2011 Realignment (Public Safety Realignment)	\$23,057,513.00	\$23,057,513.00	\$23,057,513.00
State General Fund	\$1,618,513.00	\$1,618,513.00	\$1,618,513.00
Federal Financial Participation (FFP)	\$65,262,109.00	\$62,262,109.00	\$62,262,109.00
Community Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG)	\$704,778.00	\$704,778.00	\$704,778.00
Substance Use Block Grant (SUBG)	\$2,696,789.00	\$2,696,789.00	\$2,696,789.00
Commercial Insurance	\$25,284	\$25,284	\$25,284
County General Fund	\$1,588,709.00	\$539,440.00	\$539,440.00
Opioid Settlement Funds	\$4,654,433.00	\$4,515,394.00	\$4,515,394.00
Other federal grants	\$99,006.00	\$99,006.00	\$99,006.00
Other state funding (including Department of State Hospitals funding)	\$31,935,867.00	\$41,343,923.00	\$32,243,923.00
Other foundation funding	\$60,790,900.00	\$68,574,171.00	\$68,411,491.00
Total projected expenditures	\$261,472,522.00	\$275,475,541.00	\$266,212,861.00

State Behavioral Health Goals:

Department of Health Services is directing county Behavioral Health to collaborate with county and community partners to improve these measures to improve the lives of Californians



Strategic Priorities to Improve Behavioral Health Goals

01

Expand access
and
engagement

02

Increase
housing
stability

03

Reduce
institutional-
ization

04

Advance
equity and
culturally
responsive
care

Core Strategies

Full Service Partnerships: (Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT), Individual Placement and Support (IPS))

Housing subsidies, navigation, and eviction prevention supports

Crisis response and stabilization (Mobile Support Team (MST) Crisis Assessment, Prevention, and Education (CAPE))

Early intervention and youth services

3 Attestations: CEO, BH Director & BOS

Each attestation asks: **Does the county wish to disclose any implementation challenges or concerns with these requirements?**

1. CEO: Completed March 31, 2026

- The County will use BHSA funds to serve eligible populations and will ensure all behavioral health funds are used for allowable purposes as defined in statute. BHSA funding will supplement—not replace—existing state or county funding, except where 2011 realignment exemptions apply.

2. Behavioral Health Director: Completed March 31, 2026

- Information in IP is correct, following regulations, no supplantation, and plan submitted to the Behavioral Health Board

Attestations

3. Board of Supervisors: June 2026

- Certifies it has reviewed and approved the Integrated Plan and affirms that the county will meet its realignment obligations under W&I Code section 14197, including **access and timeliness standards**, without using waitlists.

Implementation challenges: 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 QAPI Workplan, with ongoing monitoring, leadership oversight, and targeted system improvements to strengthen compliance with W&I Code section 14197 without the use of waitlists.

Staff Recommendation

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**Approve FY 2026-2029
Behavioral Health
Services Act Integrated
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**Review and Sign
Attestation**

Timeline & Board Action



Public Comment: April 16 – May 19



Behavioral Health Board Public Hearing: May 19



Board of Supervisors (BOS) Approval: June 2



Board signs attestation required for submission: June 19



Submit to California Department of Health Care Services: June 25