



The County of Fresno Department of Behavioral Health

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The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is pleased to announce the release of the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Population-B... See more



Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Population-Based Prevention Program Guide - Phase 2 – Public Webinar

Date & Time Nov 13, 2025 10:30 AM in [Pacific Time \(US and Canada\)](#)

Description CDPH is inviting interested parties and Tribes to participate in a public comment session on the second phase of the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Population-Based Prevention Program Guide. This open virtual meeting will consist of an overview presentation of the BHSA Population-Based Prevention Program Guide – Phase 2 (Phase 2 Guide). The Phase 2 Guide is intended to act as a complement to the CDPH Behavioral Health Services Act Population-Based Prevention Program Phase 1 Guide. It provides the operational and administrative components to execute the BHSA Population-Based Prevention Program Framework with specific activities for each of the Statewide Prevention Strategy Components. It includes details on funding levels and implementation activities per strategy.



During the webinar, participants and Tribes will have the opportunity to share their feedback on the Phase 2 Guide. CDPH will listen carefully and document your comments but will not provide immediate responses during the webinar.

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JOIN US FOR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SESSIONS:

IN PERSON

- Target Audience: (Individuals Receiving Services)
- **Date: January 27, 2026**
- Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Location: Blue Sky Wellness Center
1617 E. Saginaw Way, Fresno, CA 93704

IN PERSON

- Target Audience: (Service Providers and Community-Based Organizations)
- **Date: January 29, 2026**
- Time: 2:00-4:00pm
- Location: West Fresno Regional Center, Room 207
142 E. Cesar Chavez Blvd.

BHSA COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM

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SIB NTSIB • Rau: (Pej Keem Sawv Dawv) • Hnub Tim: Monday, Lub Ob His 2, 2026 • Sijhawm: 4:00-6:00 teev tsaus ntuj • Qhov chaw: Betty Rodriguez Library Chav Sib Tham nyob rau hauv (Meeting Room) 3040 N Cedar Ave, Fresno, CA 93703	SAIB HAUV "ONLINE" • Hnub tim: Tuesday, Lub Ob His 3, 2026 thaum 12:00-01:00 teev tav su • Saib hauv "Online" ntawm DBH YouTube Channel thiab hauv Fev los sis Facebook • Kaw kab lus (Askiv) muaj. • Koom lub rooj sib tham tam sim no Chav sib tham ID: 225 064 467 936 19 Passcode: g2fK2m7

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FORO DE PLANIFICACIÓN COMUNITARIA DE BHSA

ÚNETE A NOSOTRAS!

Únase al Departamento de Salud Conductual para un Foro Comunitario de Planificación de la Ley de Servicios de Salud Conductual.

ÚNASE A NOSOTRAS PARA UNA DE LAS SIGUIENTES SESIONES:

EN PERSONA • Público objetivo: (Personas que reciben servicios) • Fecha: 27 de enero de 2026 • Hora: 11:00 a. m. – 1:00 p. m. • Ubicación: Blue Sky Wellness Center 1617 E Saginaw Way, Fresno, CA 93704 • Habrá servicio de interpretación disponible en español y hmong.	EN PERSONA • Público objetivo: (Proveedores de servicios y organizaciones comunitarias) • Fecha: 29 de enero de 2026 • Hora: 2:00 - 4:00 pm • Ubicación: West Fresno Regional Center, Room 207 142 E Cesar Chavez Blvd, Fresno, CA 93706 • Habrá servicio de interpretación disponible en español y hmong.
EN PERSONA • Público objetivo: (Público general) • Fecha: lunes, 2 de febrero de 2026 • Hora: 4:00 - 6:00 pm • Ubicación: Biblioteca Betty Rodriguez Sala de reuniones 3040 N Cedar Ave, Fresno, CA 93703	TRANSMISIÓN EN VIVO • Fecha: martes, 3 de febrero de 2026 de 12:00 - 1:00 pm • Transmisión en directo en el canal de YouTube de DBH y en la página de Facebook. • Subtítulos disponibles (en inglés). • Únete a la reunión ahora. ID de la reunión: 225 064 467 936 19 Contraseña: g2fK2m7

Para cualquier pregunta, envíe un correo electrónico mhsa@fresnocountyca.gov
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The County of Fresno Department of Behavioral Health Government Organization

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Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health community planning meeting.



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January 29, 2026



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Student Mental Health Ecosystem
(students, parents, faculty, providers serving students)

- Building a student-centered community of care
 - A network of trusted relationships between students, peers, teachers, counselors, and families
 - Building belonging and social connection, establishing trust and addressing burnout, and bridging communication and cultural gaps
- Ensuring awareness of why mental health matters and available resources
 - Better awareness and consistency with mental health information on school websites
- Measuring the impact of programs to support improvement
 - More consistent data gathering and standardized district-wide measures to evaluate the entirety of FUSD's mental health efforts
- Delivering effective, consistent programs for all
 - Diverse and inclusive services are needed across the district
 - More intentional curriculum implemented with fidelity is needed to sustain student outcomes including earlier grade levels

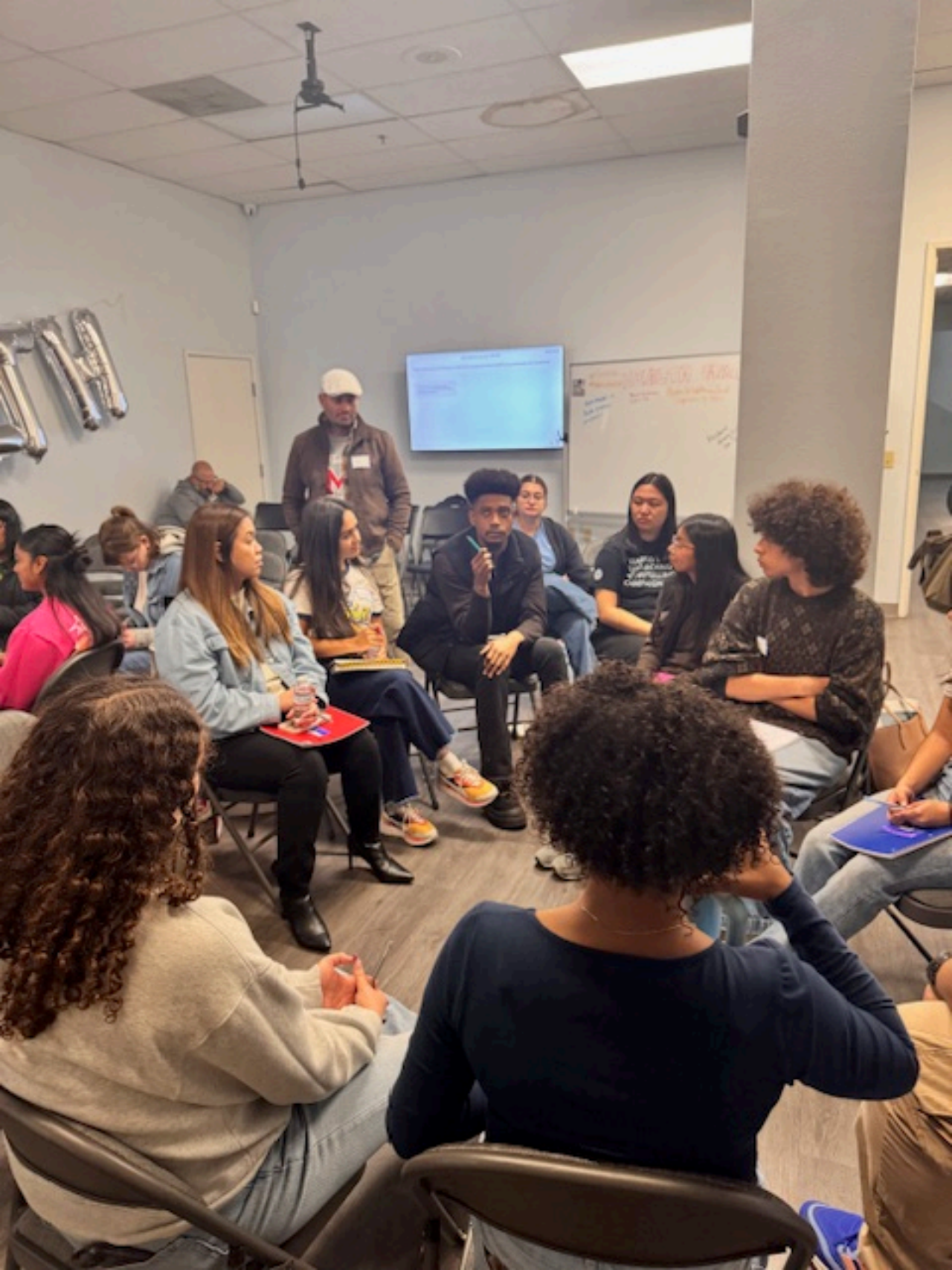
YLI Youth Forum – Governor's Watch Party

- Affordable house
- Diverse and inclusive services and resources are needed
- Increase mental health literacy
- Increase affordable college and postgraduate degrees



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BHSA Community Planning Record Form

Event Details:	
Event Name	County & City Partners Stakeholder Discussion
Event Date	10-17-2026
Event Time	3:15
Location	City of Mendota – City Council Chambers
Organizer	Director of Behavioral Health
Event Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): Discussion / Key Informant Interview
Description	

Attendees:		
Organization	Contact	Contact Info (Phone/Email)
City of Mendota	Cristian Gonzalez, City Manager	cristian@cityofmendota.com
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City of Huron	Virginia Penaluzza, City Manager	virginia@huronca.gov

DBH Staff in Attendance:		
Name	Classification/Team	Email
Susan Holt	Director of Behavioral Health	sholt@fresnocountyca.gov

Session Lead (Presenter, meeting lead, etc.) Details:		
Name	Title/Role	Organization/Area of Expertise
Susan Holt	Director of Behavioral Health	Behavioral Health

Topics Discussed:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed overview of key BHSA changes • Inquired as to top behavioral health priorities for the County of Fresno • Discussed challenges and opportunities •

Key Takeaways:

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- Priority Area – Homelessness
 - o Challenge in understanding the accuracy of the Point in Time Count
 - o Need a one-stop shop for access to housing and services, connecting people in encampments and others who are homeless into services
 - o Building PSH in rural communities is an unmet need
 - o When people get connected to care in Fresno and get well, they move back to rural communities and often symptoms worsen or they return to substance use
 - o Small encampments quickly grow to large and many individuals do not seem willing to accept help

- Gap – Access to Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services
 - o In general for mental health and substance use disorders is limited in rural communities, accessing services is difficult
 - o Access to culturally relevant services is limited
 - o Transportation barriers – people don’t know that Managed Care Plans (MCP) provide transportation to medical appointments and the MCP service is not user-friendly
 - o Would like to invite MH and SUD access team at events where food distribution and other resource events are available
 - o Rural communities have limited community gathering places, especially for young people

- Gap – Communication and Support to Navigate
 - o Sometimes county departments (all, not just DBH) and our networks of service providers come into the community but don’t let the city leaders know
 - City Managers can help county and CBOs to navigate the city and know the people if they let them know are coming out.

- Strength – County’s All 4 Youth program operated by Fresno County Superintendent of Schools is deeply appreciated; it is the easiest and best pathway for youth in rural communities to receive mental health treatment and especially valuable that they serve kids all year round

Questions:	
Question	Answer
No specific questions – general discussion	

Action Items:

- No action items from this meeting.

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Event Name	County & City Partners Stakeholder Discussion
Event Date	10-29-2026
Event Time	3:00
Location	City of Sanger – City Council Chambers
Organizer	Director of Behavioral Health
Event Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): Discussion / Key Informant Interview
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City of Sanger	Frank Gonzalez, Mayor	fgonzalez@ci.sanger.ca.us
City of Sanger	Luna Martinez, City Clerk	city.clerk@ci.sanger.ca.us
City of Kingsburg	Alex, Henderson, City Manager	ahenderson@cityofkingsburg.ca.gov

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Key Takeaways:

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- Gap – Coordinating and sharing information to improve residents’ lives
 - o More data routinely to shared with community and council to help assist in solving problems
 - Suicide, mental health, SUD, overdoses
 - Data on homeless is about 25-20 people accounting to one rural city, but the Point in Time Count would show higher – Office of Housing and Homelessness (OHH) will be engaging cities in the PIT count process
 - Sanger PD tracks homelessness and would be happy to share data with OHH and shared that OHH is welcome to attend Homeless Taskforce meetings
 - o Communication about our services and how to intervene with people who need help
 - Desire simple flowchart with easy to understand information
 - Shared it would be good to present to City Council Meetings about what DBH does, programs in the community and other services that community can access in the county
 - Would support DBH and OHH attending city taskforce meetings to share information and assist in problem solving
 - Youth Council has stated that they need mental health information and services at the peer-to-peer level – relatable youth-friendly information on how to get help
 - Would invite DBH to attend events for targeted outreach to individuals and groups known to be in need or at risk

- Strength – Schools have good sense of what’s happening and good interventions

- Strength – Highly value and appreciate the County DBH Mobile Crisis Response and Crisis Intervention Team partnership with law enforcement; both programs are impactful

- Strength – Crestwood Kingsburg Healing Center is a good partner in the community

Questions:	
Question	Answer
No specific questions – general discussion	

Action Items:

- No specific follow up actions



CPP - Blue Sky

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

10:30am - 1:00pm

Name	I am a:				
	Community member	Person served	Family member of person served	Representative of a CBO	First responder
FRANK DOMINGUEZ	X				
Johnnie Padilla	X				
Raul Munoz SR	X				
TIMOTHY AYERS	X				
Janet Jenkins	X				
Pamela Cotter	X				
Christine Mancoske	X				
Diana Hernandez	X				
Rafaela Verdiaz	X				
Chuck Serna	X				
David Grantham	X				
FRANKIE PEREZ	X				
Faith Soethe	X				
Celina Lopez	X				
Robert Gonzales	X				
GREGORY RODRIGUEZ	X				
Alexandra CASTILLO	X				
Anna Ceccarelli	X				
Barbara Bonuelos	X				
Mel Ricks	✓				
BUTCH TAYLOR				✓	
Shamarr Johnson	X				
Gilbert L. Diaz	X				



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CPP - DSS West Fresno
Thursday, January 29, 2026
2:00pm - 4:00pm

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	Community member	Person served	Family member of person served	Representative of a CBO
Nathan Crain	X			
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SUNSHINE HALL	X			✓
Candelaria Medina				✓
JeanneMarie Casis-McManus				✓
Cristina Delgado				✓
Chae Vany	↑			
Joshua Pirkas				X
MICHAEL RICHARD	X			
Alexandra Sanchez				X
MANISSA CORPUS				X
Maria Hernandez				X
Vanessa Miller				X
Jade White				X
Cindy Hernandez				X
Karen Crozier				X
Valeria Salazar				X
Daniel Gonzalez				X
Yenifer Gallegos - Mejia	/			X
Benny Britton Jr				X
Khlanus Salazar				X
KINDY RIGAN	✓			
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Event Details:	
Event Name	Stakeholder Discussion - Local Hospitals and EMS serving Fresno County
Event Date	02/13/2026
Event Time	1:30 p.m.
Location	Microsoft Teams
Organizer	Director of Behavioral Health
Event Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe):
Description	MS Teams meeting for all local area hospitals and Central California Emergency Medical Services

Invitees:		
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Saint Agnes Medical Center		
Community Medical Center		
Adventist Health		
Central CA Emergency Medical Services, Dept of Public Health		
Valley Children's Hospital		
Kaweah Health		

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Veteran's Administration VA Central California Health Care System		
Kaiser Permanente		
Exodus Recovery		
River Vista (Universal Health Services, Inc.)		
Stars, Inc.		
Coalinga Regional Medical Center		

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Susan Holt	Director of Behavioral Health	Behavioral Health

- | Topics Discussed: |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed overview of key BHSA changes • Inquired as to strengths, gaps, and priorities as stakeholders view them • Discussed importance of continued collaboration among healthcare system's emergency, crisis, acute care, and outpatient continuum for both Mental Health and SUD services |

- | Key Takeaways: |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strength identified – Triage to Alternate Destination program of EMS in Fresno County is a strength of the crisis system and efforts are encouraged to ensure continuation of this across the county, affording persons in crisis immediate EMS access to Crisis Stabilization Center and other critical resources (comment by EMS representative) - Gap identified – Access to behavioral health services in rural communities is a challenge; the overall healthcare system, including behavioral health, is not set up for smaller hospitals and rural communities (comment by rural hospital representative) - Gap identified – Commercial/private insurance resources are not always available in similar ways as the public behavioral health system (comment by hospital representative) |

Questions:	
Question	Answer

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Will the County Lodge 2.0 program be available to people with commercial insurance	The priority population are persons who have Medi-Cal and those who are uninsured; the department will evaluate potential partnership with commercial payors
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Action Items:

- Susan will send power point slides to attendees

Fresno County DBH

Feedback and Improvement Group

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Participant Sign-in Sheet



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Feedback and Improvement Group

PLACE: The Lodge

DATE: February 13, 2026

TIME: 10 AM - 11 AM

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Wednesday, April, 16 2025

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Feedback and Improvement Group

PLACE: Exodus HSS-Trinity

DATE: Thursday, April 17, 2025

TIME: 11 AM - 12 PM

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Feedback and Improvement Group

PLACE: Central Star (WRAP Office)
 DATE: 4/30/2025
 TIME: 3:30-4:30 PM

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PLACE: Mod E
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TIME: 1:30 PM

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PLACE: Hacienda - MHS Impact
 DATE: 6/14/25
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Feedback and Improvement Group

Thursday, July 24, 2025

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Fresno County DBH

Feedback and Improvement Group

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

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Feedback and Improvement Group

Friday, November 14, 2025

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BHSA Community Planning Record Form

Event Details:	
Event Name	BHSA Community Planning – Higher Education Key Informant Interview
Event Date	01-20-2026
Event Time	10:00
Location	Zoom
Organizer	Director of Behavioral Health
Event Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): Discussion / Key Informant Interview
Description	Discussion with Fresno State Health and Wellness Center Executive Director

Attendees:		
Organization	Contact	Contact Info (Phone/Email)
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Susan Holt	Director of Behavioral Health	Behavioral Health

Topics Discussed:

- Reviewed overview of key BHSA changes
- Inquired as to top behavioral health priorities for the County of Fresno
- Discussed challenges and opportunities
- 25% of student body is Medi-Cal eligible; the health fee paid by students covers most health center services (except immunizations) - specific to behavioral health:
 - Counseling is free to student “where reasonable”

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- Higher acuity trends for Mental Health are seen on campus, including psychosis for which the university counseling center is not equipped to manage
- Counseling Center does not have capability to provide field-based services
- Substance Use Disorder (SUD) needs identified on campus - recently establishing an SUD treatment modality
- Would love to see greater integrated level of care SUD and MH

Key Takeaways:

- Priority Area – Students with higher acuity, including psychosis, are difficult for the Student Counseling Center to properly treat and manage
- Priority Area – Need to strengthen overall care coordination for students with Serious Mental Illness and SUD and especially focus on post-hospitalization services and coordination
- Priority Area – Need to strengthen process for sharing knowledge of resources across university systems and county network
- Priority Area – Need process to ensure university health providers get information about new resources such as CARE Act
- Gap - Behavioral health literacy is a growing need:
 - Many students with a serious mental illness do not recognize that their experience constitutes symptoms of a mental health condition or SUD;
 - Observation of the cohort of students in college now who were in high school or junior high during 2020 (COVID era) - significant social skills challenges; significant levels of anxiety; hypersensitivity and evasiveness

Questions:

Question	Answer
No specific questions – general discussion	

Action Items:

- Susan to facilitate introduction to DBH Deputy Directors for strengthening sharing of knowledge and resources as well as coordinating care
- Susan to link to CARE Act information and team

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Event Details:	
Event Name	Early Childhood First 5 Community Partner Meeting
Event Date	01/26/2026
Event Time	11:30 a.m.
Location	First 5 Fresno County Office at The Lighthouse for Children
Organizer	Director of Behavioral Health
Event Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): Discussion / Key Informant Interview
Description	

Attendees:		
Organization	Contact	Contact Info (Phone/Email)
Sheriff of Fresno County	John Zanoni	john.zanoni@fresnosheriff.org

DBH Staff in Attendance:		
Name	Classification/Team	Email
Susan Holt	Director of Behavioral Health	sholt@fresnocountyca.gov

Session Lead (Presenter, meeting lead, etc.) Details:		
Name	Title/Role	Organization/Area of Expertise
Susan Holt	Director of Behavioral Health	Behavioral Health

Topics Discussed:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed overview of key BHSA changes • Inquired as to Sheriff’s top behavioral health priorities for the County of Fresno • Discussed challenges and opportunities related to Sheriff’s top priorities • Discussed importance of continued collaboration among law enforcement and other first responders and the Department of Behavioral Health and it’s network of care

Key Takeaways:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Priority Area – Crisis Response

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- Some Sheriffs have moved away from crisis response due to risks; Sheriff Zaroni continues to review this but hopes partnership with DBH can ensure coordinated response system
- Sheriff believes that DBH crisis response system is key to public safety in a mental health emergency
- Sheriff likes having MH staff embedded with law enforcement agencies, including Sheriff's Department
- Priority Area – Homelessness Response
 - Strategies to engage the hard-to-serve population of people with clear need for MH and SUD, including exploration of civil commitments for those with significant repeat community risks
 - Would support development of a clinical homeless outreach team – would likely be more heavily utilized in metro
- Priority Area – Fresno County Jail
 - Continue to provide services in collaboration with jail staff and contracted treatment provider
 - CalAIM Justice Initiative

Questions:	
Question	Answer
No specific questions – general discussion	

Action Items:

- Susan will share information with Sheriff about Governor's budget proposal which risks sustainable funding for Mobile Crisis, with a recommended optional benefit and higher matching requirement for local BH Departments.

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Event Details:	
Event Name	SEUI 521 Community Partner Key Informant Discussion
Event Date	02/02/2026
Event Time	1:30 p.m.
Location	Teams
Organizer	Director of Behavioral Health
Event Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): Discussion / Key Informant Interview
Description	

Attendees:		
Organization	Contact	Contact Info (Phone/Email)
SEIU 521	Angel Ruiz	angel.ruiz@seiu521.org

DBH Staff in Attendance:		
Name	Classification/Team	Email
Susan Holt	Director of Behavioral Health	sholt@fresnocountyca.gov

Session Lead (Presenter, meeting lead, etc.) Details:		
Name	Title/Role	Organization/Area of Expertise
Susan Holt	Director of Behavioral Health	Behavioral Health

Topics Discussed:

- Reviewed overview of key BHSA changes
- Inquired as to Angel's perspective on top behavioral health priorities for the County of Fresno
- Recruitment and retention of clinical workforce

Key Takeaways:

- Susan clarified that this is not committing to anything; only sharing thoughts and perspectives

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- Angel expressed confidence in the DBH leadership team to execute the plan to the best of our ability based on state requirements
- Focus on youth and homelessness is valuable; expressed concern to ensure that adequate training is provided
- Collaboration with housing providers will be a benefit to behavioral health to provide best services and housing for people of Fresno County
- Concern about sunseting of the Youth Empowerment Center; outskirts of metropolitan area where they don't have much access to services
- Angel and Susan shared the potential creation of a Student Behavioral Health Worker (or similar) type of new classification

Questions:	
Question	Answer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will there be adequacy training for staff doing new programs • Where will new services be located • Will there be changes to workloads 	<p>Susan explained the Centers of Excellence and our commitment to ensure sustained training (ongoing)</p> <p>Susan explained locations and process of determining where programs are assigned</p> <p>Susan explained that workload would look different but not necessarily increase</p>

Action Items:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan will send the slide deck and notes

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Event Details:	
Event Name	Interagency Leadership Team Semi-Annual Retreat – Fresno County Children’s System of Care – Agenda Item II: BHSA Integrated Plan Overview Presentation
Event Date	07-02-2026
Event Time	8:30 a.m.
Location	Department of Social Services – Hope Plaza Building
Organizer	Director of Behavioral Health
Event Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): Discussion / Key Informant Interview
Description	Overview of BHSA, discussion of priorities

Attendees:		
Organization	Contact	Contact Info (Phone/Email)
Central Valley Regional Center	Aaron Olson, Director	aolson@cvrc.org
Central Valley Regional Center	Tracy McKnight System of Care Coordinator	tmcknight@cvrc.org
Central Valley Regional Center	Leslie Lenz, System of Care Coordinator	
Fresno County Public Health	Ge Vue, Division Manager Public Health Nursing	gevue@fresnocountyca.gov
Fresno County Department of Probation	Kirk Haynes, Chief of Probation	khaynes@fresnocountyca.gov
Fresno County Department of Social Services	Sanja Bugay, Director of Social Services	
Fresno County Department of Social Services	Kim Smith, Deputy Director	
Fresno County Department of Social Services	Renee Ramirez, Division Chief	
Fresno County Department of Social Services	Dalvin Baker, Deputy Director	
Fresno County Department of Social Services	Jessica Carrillo, Division Chief	
Fresno County Department of Social Services	Megan Lambert, Social Work Supervisor	
Fresno County Department of Social Services	Taylor Chavez, Staff Analyst	
Fresno County Department of Social Services	Eva Wissner, Staff Analyst	
Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools	Gina McNamara, Director of Community Schools	

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Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools	Trish Small, Director of Pupil Personnel Services	
Superior Court	Mary D. Dolas, Juvenile Dependency Judge	
Integrated Human Services Group (Consultant to Interagency Leadership Team)	Richard Knecht, Managing Partner	
Integrated Human Services Group (Consultant to Interagency Leadership Team)	Stephan Gordon, Managing Partner	

DBH Staff in Attendance:		
Name	Classification/Team	Email
Susan Holt	Director of Behavioral Health	sholt@fresnocountyca.gov
Emma Rasmussen	Deputy Director	erasmussen@fresnocountyca.gov
Stacy VanBruggen	Division Manager, Court Connected Care and Justice Services	svanbruggen@fresnocountyca.gov
Amanda Rosen	Clinical Supervisor, Court Connected Care and Justice Services	arosen@fresnocountyca.gov

Session Lead (Presenter, meeting lead, etc.) Details:		
Name	Title/Role	Organization/Area of Expertise
Susan Holt	Director of Behavioral Health	Behavioral Health

Topics Discussed:

- Reviewed overview of key BHSA changes
- Inquired as to top behavioral health priorities for the County of Fresno
- Discussed alignment with Interagency Leadership Team goals and opportunities

Key Takeaways:

- Themes of collaboration, integration and alignment
 - BHSA aligns well with AB2083 requirements, FFPSA, and juvenile justice reforms
 - Opportunity to align stakeholder processes and share data, including JJCPA, Youth Offender Block Grant, LCAP education data
 - Collective decision-making is a priority in the AB2083 Interagency Leadership Team and BHSA will support ongoing shared analysis of resources, needs, gaps, redundancies and over/under-utilization across the multi-sector ecosystem

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- Opportunities to align and maximize Medi-Cal revenue can be strengthened through the Interagency Leadership Team Memorandum of Understanding to align language and accountability across agencies

Questions:	
Question	Answer
No specific questions – general discussion	

Action Items:

- Susan and team to provide updates and convene special sessions as needed.

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Event Details:	
Event Name	Department of Public Health Leadership
Event Date	2-6-2026
Event Time	3:00pm-4:00pm
Location	Fresno County Department of Public Health (DPH)
Organizer	DBH & DPH
Event Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): A live statewide forum, with specific viewing locations.
Description	BHSA Presentation and changes of prevention to DPH Leadership

Attendees: Fresno County DPH		
Organization	Contact	Contact Info (Phone/Email)

DBH Staff in Attendance:		
Name	Classification/Team	Email
Ahmad Bahrami	DM/PQM	Abahrami@fresnocountyca.gov

Session Lead (Presenter, meeting lead, etc.) Details:		
Name	Title/Role	Organization/Area of Expertise
Ahmad Bahrami		

Topics Discussed:

- BHSA - Changes to Prevention
- BHT Goals
- Work with DPH and MCPs
- Shift of suicide prevention to DPH
- Possible closed loop referral for housing with DPH
- Data sharing with DPH
- Disparities (work to collab)
- CHIP/CHA & work with MCPs
- Share draft (and if time DPH can review CHIP/CHA)

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Key Takeaways:

- Continue to work with CDPH on things like CHIP/CHA and data sharing
- Possible help with closed loop referral for housing
- Share LOSS team to be funded under BHSA E.I. (suicide prevention)

Questions:

Question	Answer
N/A	

Action Items:

- If possible (time) share draft for any reviews DPH can
- More transition meetings with DPH on suicide prevention

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Event Details:	
Event Name	Veteran Services Organization Meeting
Event Date	2/10/2026
Event Time	8:00-9:00am
Location	Virtual
Organizer	Director of Behavioral Health
Event Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): A live statewide forum, with specific viewing locations.
Description	

Attendees:		
Organization	Contact	Contact Info (Phone/Email)
Veteran's Service Organization	Kyle Pennington	Kpennington@fresnocountyca.gov

DBH Staff in Attendance:		
Name	Classification/Team	Email
Susan Holt	Director of Behavioral Health	Sholt@fresnocountyca.gov
Erinn Chan-Golston	Program Manager, DBH Planning and Quality Management	Echangolston@fresnocountyca.gov

Session Lead (Presenter, meeting lead, etc.) Details:		
Name	Title/Role	Organization/Area of Expertise
Susan Holt	Director of Behavioral Health	Director of Behavioral Health

- | Topics Discussed: |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed overview of key BHSA changes • Inquired as to VSO's top behavioral health priorities for the County of Fresno • Discussed challenges and opportunities related to VSO's top priorities • Discussed importance of continued collaboration among VSO, the Department of Behavioral Health, and its network of care |

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Key Takeaways:

Biggest challenge we face in Fresno County is serving and housing people who don't want to be served or housed.

DBH can better understand VA pathways to service.

- Training for DBH staff
- Training for VSO staff on DBH services

Homekey Plus is a positive for this community/stakeholder group.

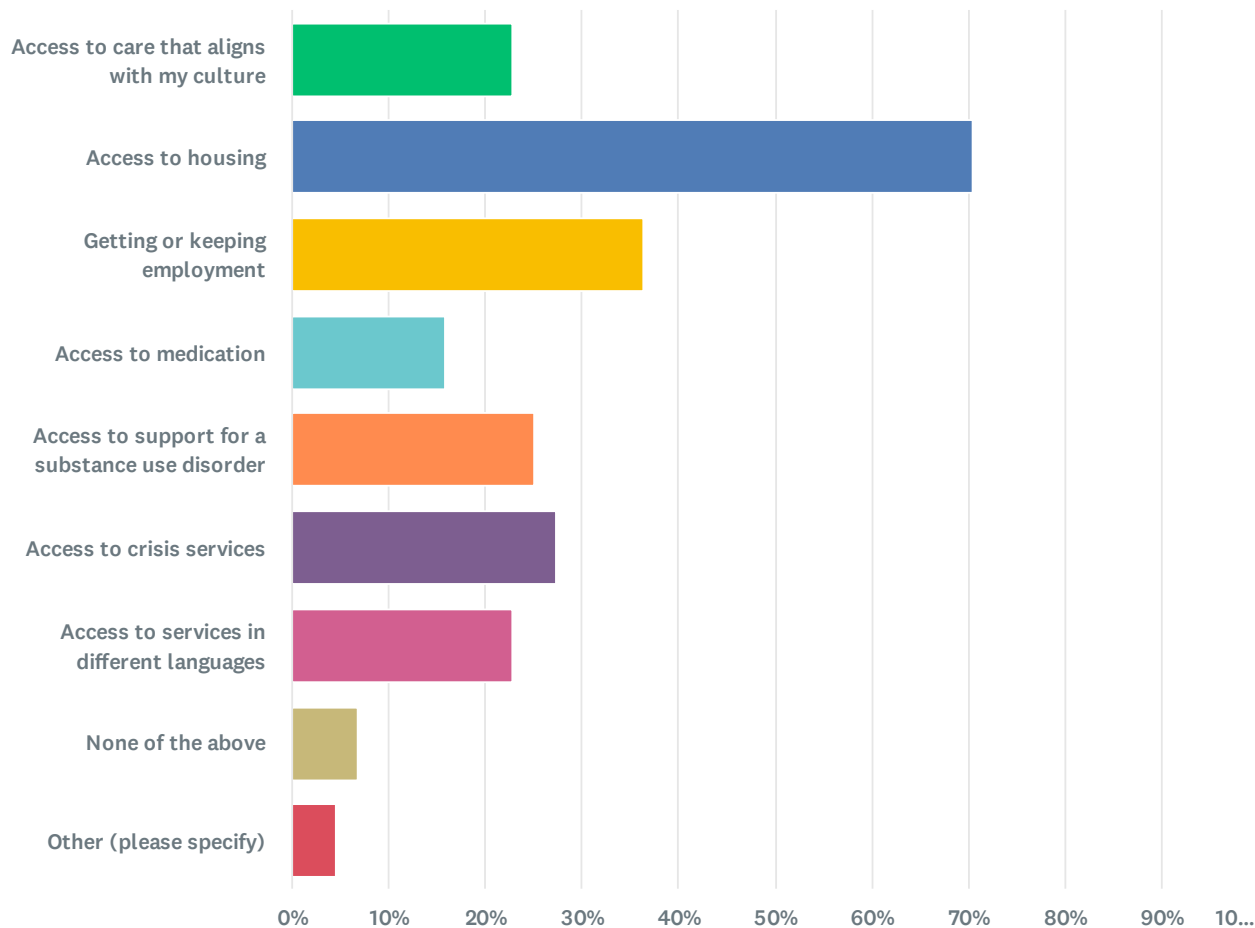
Questions:

Question	Answer

Action Items:

Q1 What barriers do you or your community face in your wellness and recovery? Choose any answers that apply.

Answered: 44 Skipped: 1



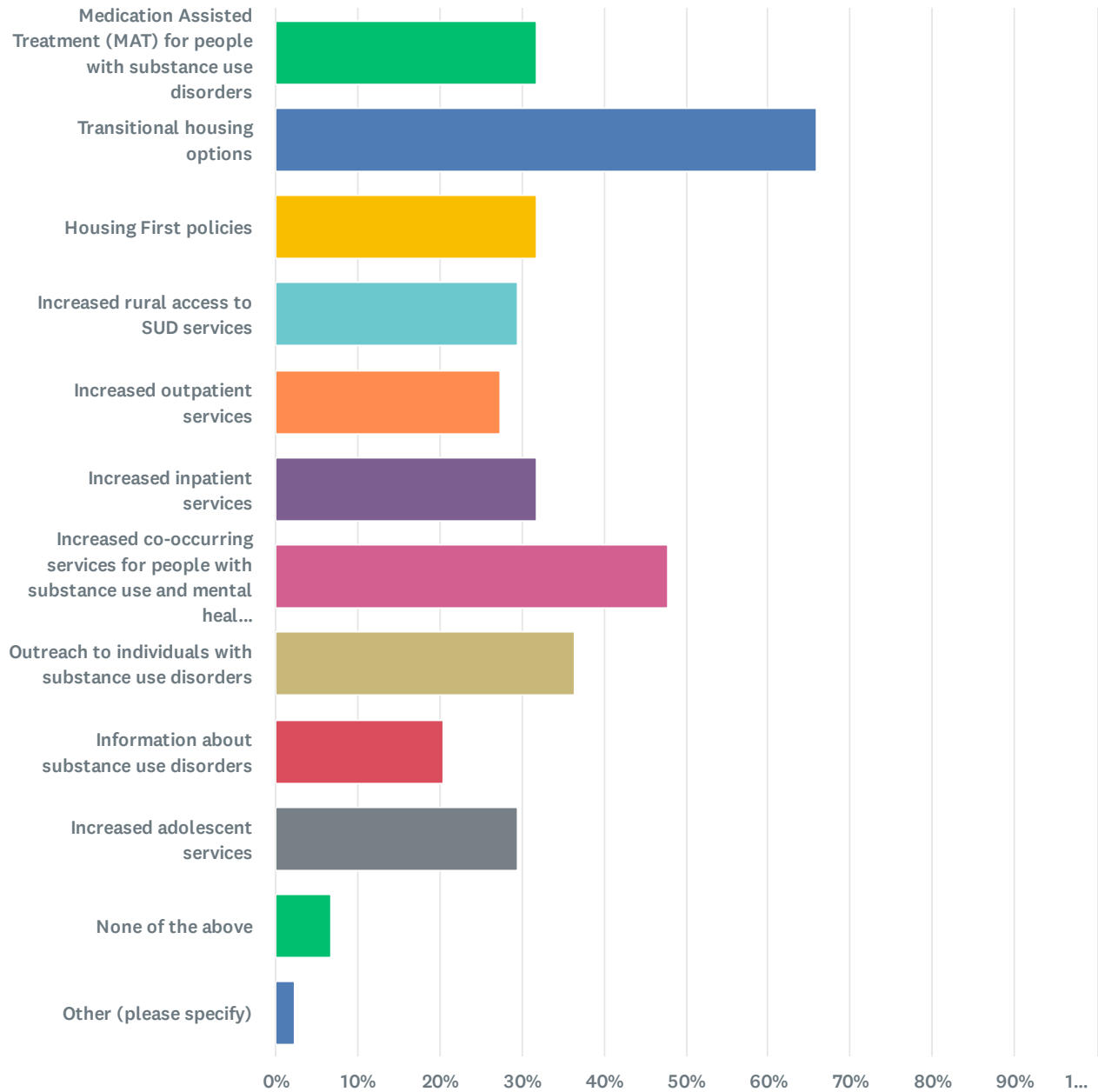
Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Access to care that aligns with my culture	22.73%	10
● Access to housing	70.45%	31
● Getting or keeping employment	36.36%	16
● Access to medication	15.91%	7
● Access to support for a substance use disorder	25.00%	11
● Access to crisis services	27.27%	12
Total		102

January CPP - Community Members & Persons Served

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Access to services in different languages	22.73%	10
● None of the above	6.82%	3









Q2 Which of the following substance use disorder (SUD) services do you think will have the biggest impact on improving care in Fresno County?
Choose any answers that apply.

Answered: 44 Skipped: 1



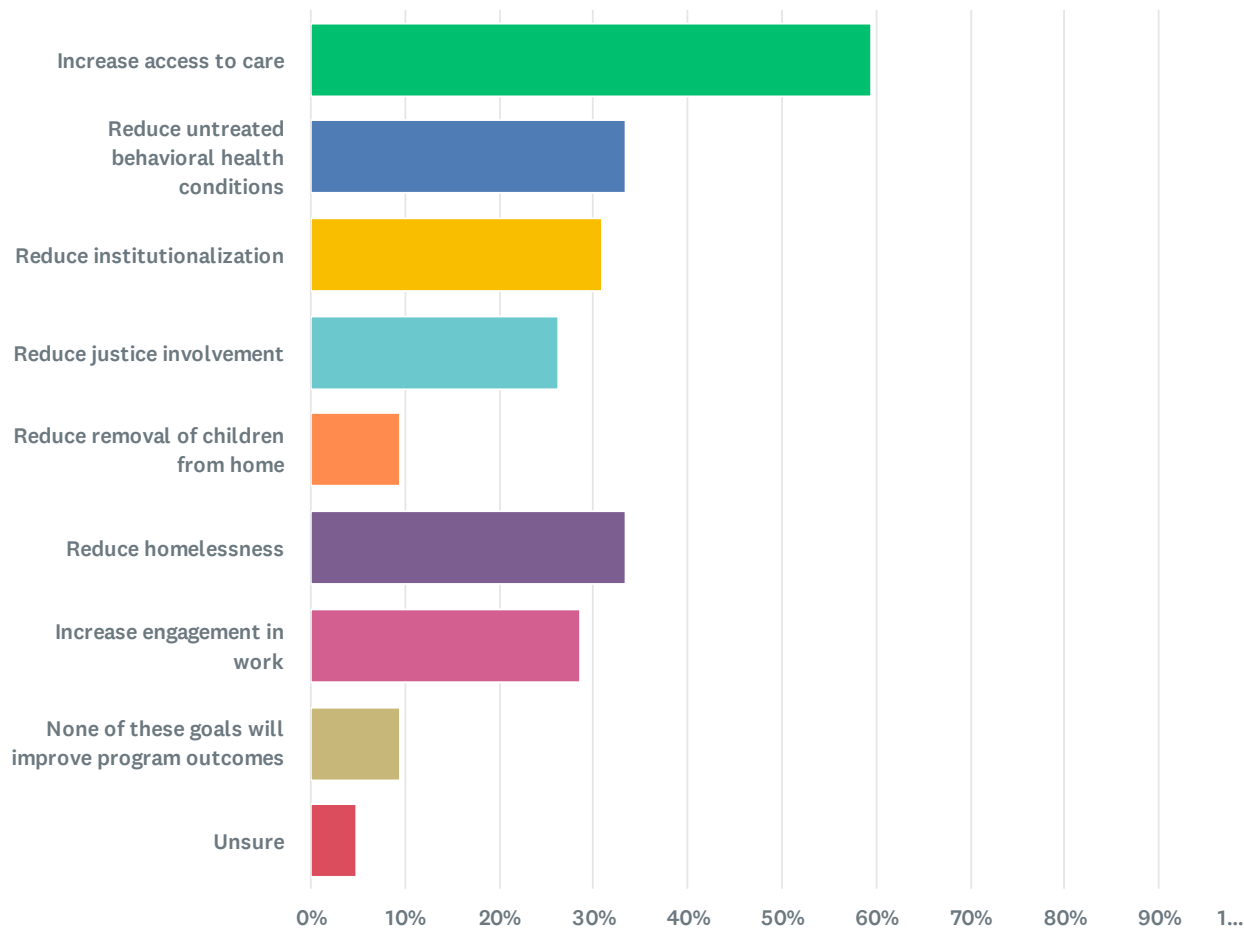
Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for people with substance use disorders	31.82%	14
Total		159

January CPP - Community Members & Persons Served

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
 Transitional housing options	65.91%	29
 Housing First policies	31.82%	14
 Increased rural access to SUD services	29.55%	13
 Increased outpatient services	27.27%	12
 Increased inpatient services	31.82%	14
 Increased co-occurring services for people with substance use and mental health problems.	47.73%	21
 Outreach to individuals with substance use disorders	36.36%	16
 Information about substance use disorders	20.45%	9
 Increased adolescent services	29.55%	13
 None of the above	6.82%	3

Q3 Which of the Behavioral Health Transformation (BHT) goals will most improve program outcomes? Choose up to 3.

Answered: 42 Skipped: 3



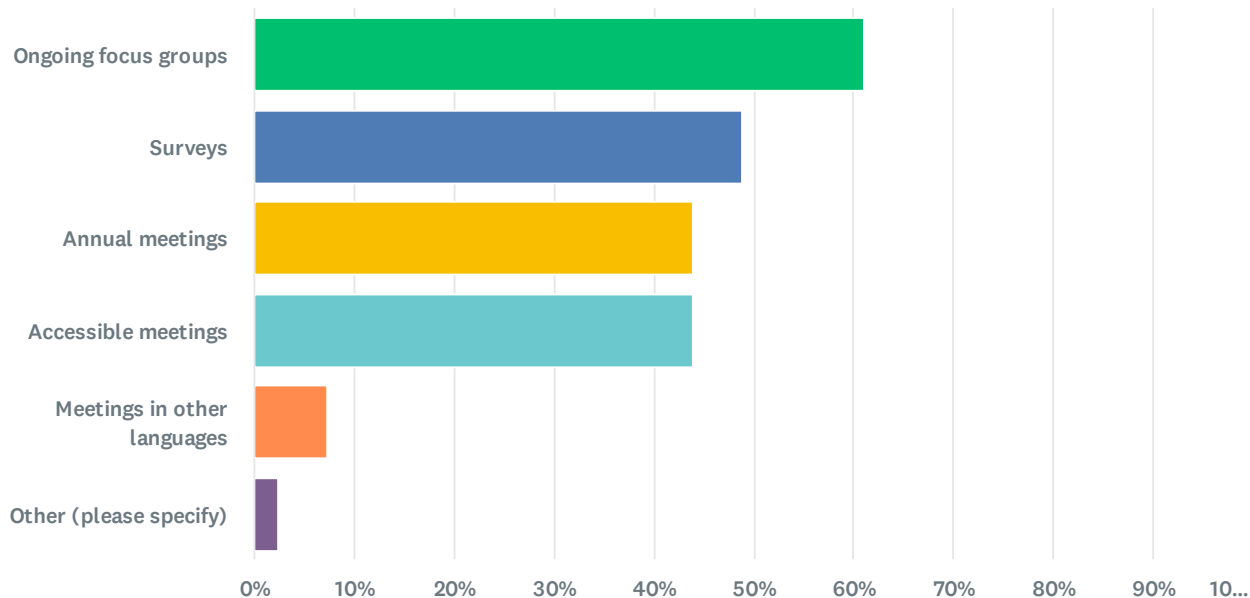
Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Increase access to care	59.52%	25
● Reduce untreated behavioral health conditions	33.33%	14
● Reduce institutionalization	30.95%	13
● Reduce justice involvement	26.19%	11
● Reduce removal of children from home	9.52%	4
● Reduce homelessness	33.33%	14
Total		99

January CPP - Community Members & Persons Served

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Increase engagement in work	28.57%	12
● None of these goals will improve program outcomes	9.52%	4
● Unsure	4.76%	2
Total		99

Q4 How would you like to participate in our community planning process in the future? Choose any answers that apply.

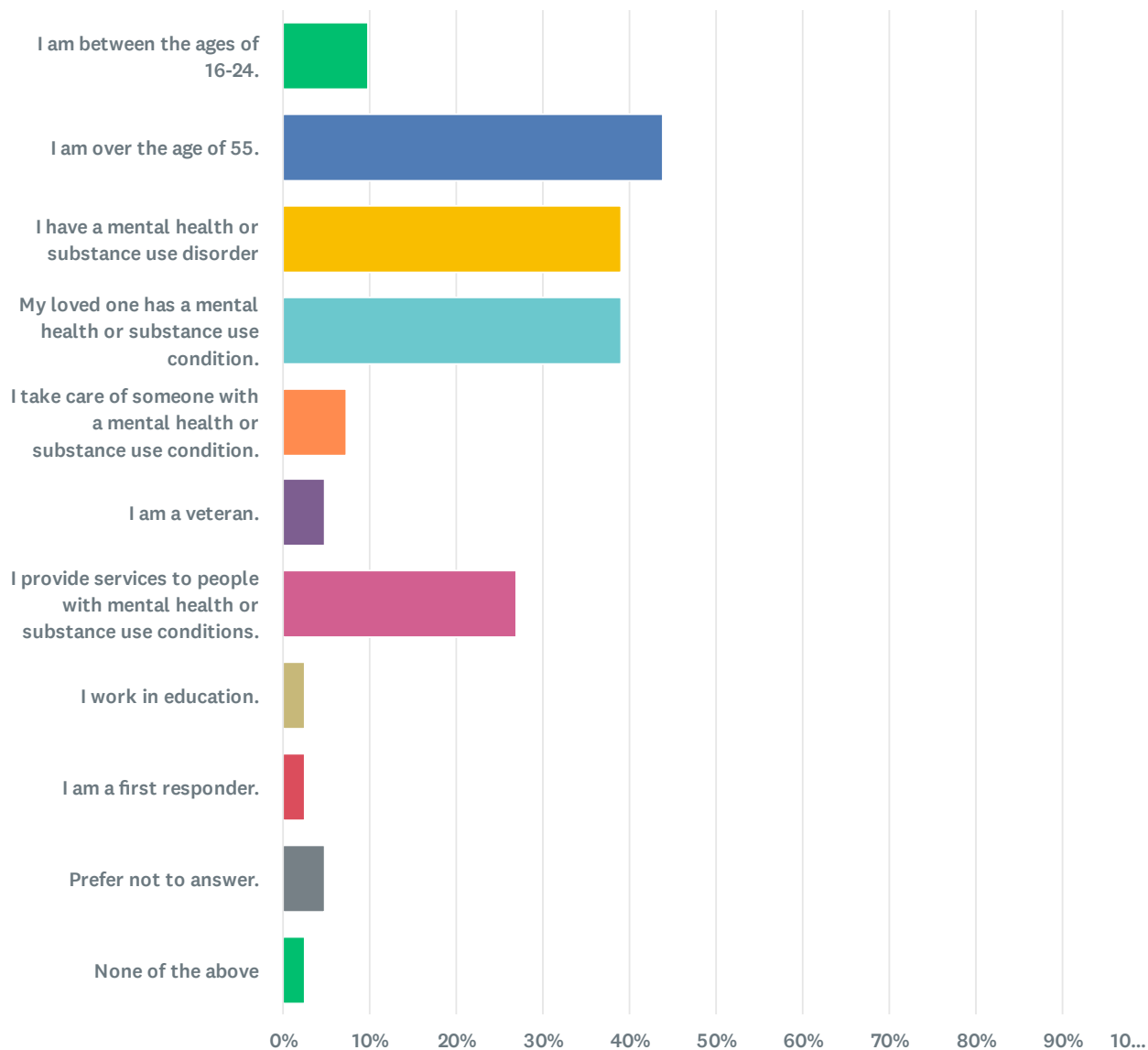
Answered: 41 Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Ongoing focus groups	60.98%	25
● Surveys	48.78%	20
● Annual meetings	43.90%	18
● Accessible meetings	43.90%	18
● Meetings in other languages	7.32%	3
● Other (please specify) Show responses	2.44%	1
Total		85








Q5 Please tell us about yourself. Choose all that apply.

Answered: 41 Skipped: 4



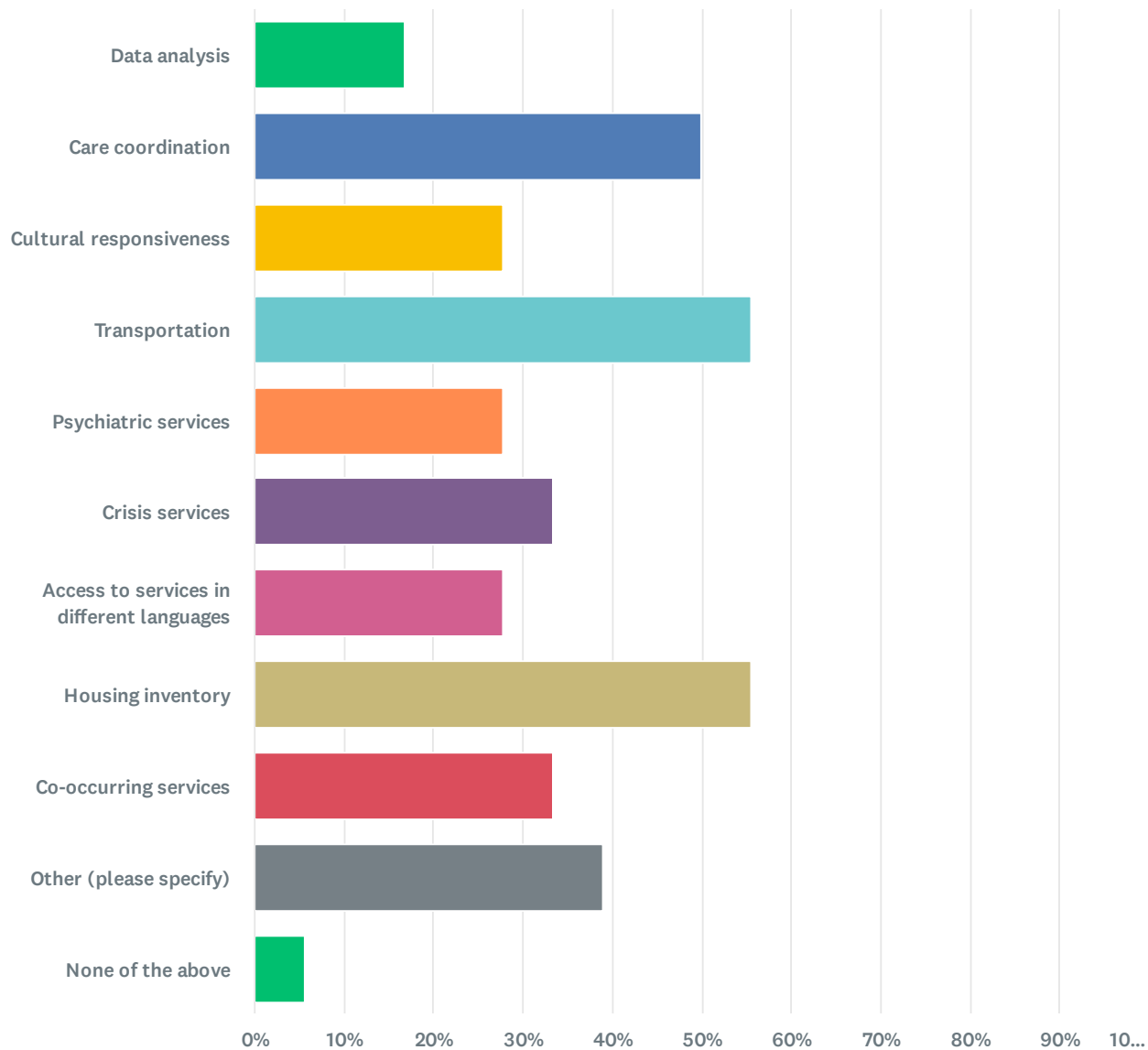
Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● I am between the ages of 16-24.	9.76%	4
● I am over the age of 55.	43.90%	18
● I have a mental health or substance use disorder	39.02%	16
● My loved one has a mental health or substance use condition.	39.02%	16
Total		75

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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
 I take care of someone with a mental health or substance use condition.	7.32%	3
 I am a veteran.	4.88%	2
 I provide services to people with mental health or substance use conditions.	26.83%	11
 I work in education.	2.44%	1
 I am a first responder.	2.44%	1
 Prefer not to answer.	4.88%	2
 None of the above	2.44%	1








Q1 As a provider what gaps/needs do you see in the community you serve? Please select all that apply.

Answered: 18 Skipped: 0



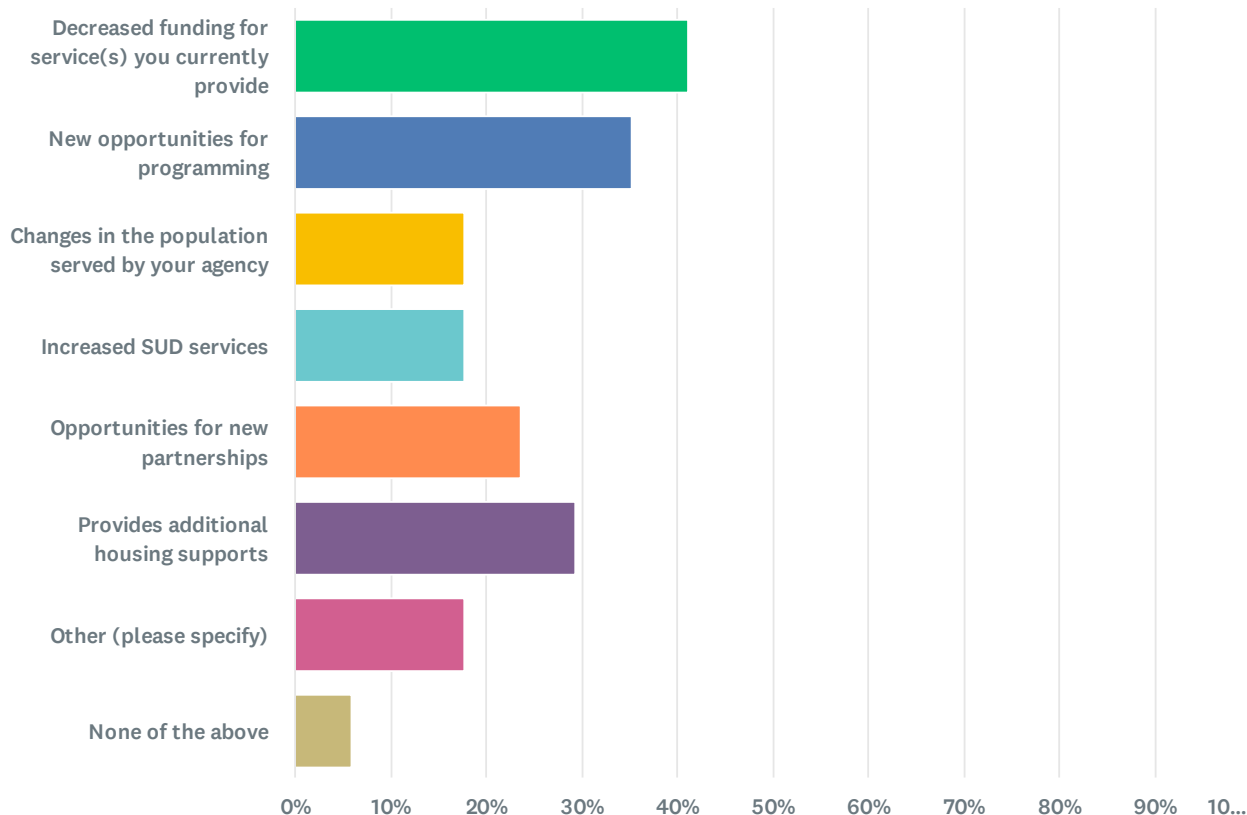
Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Data analysis	16.67%	3
● Care coordination	50.00%	9
● Cultural responsiveness	27.78%	5
Total		67

January CPP _ Providers/CBOs

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
 Transportation	55.56%	10
 Psychiatric services	27.78%	5
 Crisis services	33.33%	6
 Access to services in different languages	27.78%	5
 Housing inventory	55.56%	10
 Co-occurring services	33.33%	6
 Other (please specify) Show responses	38.89%	7

Q2 How do changes from MHSA to BHSA impact the services provided by your agency? Please select all that apply.

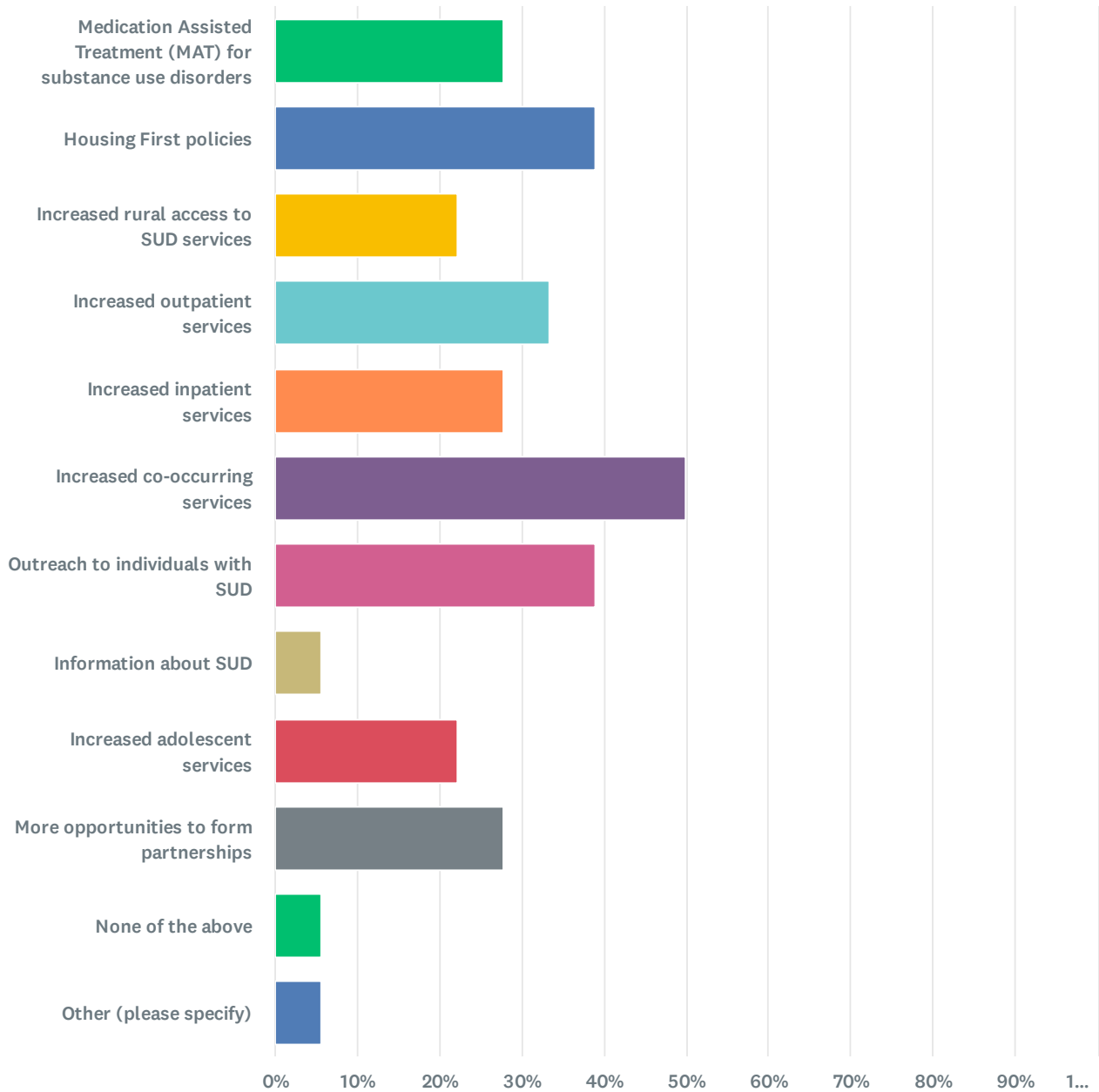
Answered: 17 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Decreased funding for service(s) you currently provide	41.18%	7
● New opportunities for programming	35.29%	6
● Changes in the population served by your agency	17.65%	3
● Increased SUD services	17.65%	3
● Opportunities for new partnerships	23.53%	4
● Provides additional housing supports	29.41%	5
● Other (please specify) Show responses	17.65%	3
Total		32











Q3 Which of the following substance use disorder (SUD) services do you think will have the biggest positive impact on care in Fresno County?
Please select all that apply.

Answered: 18 Skipped: 0



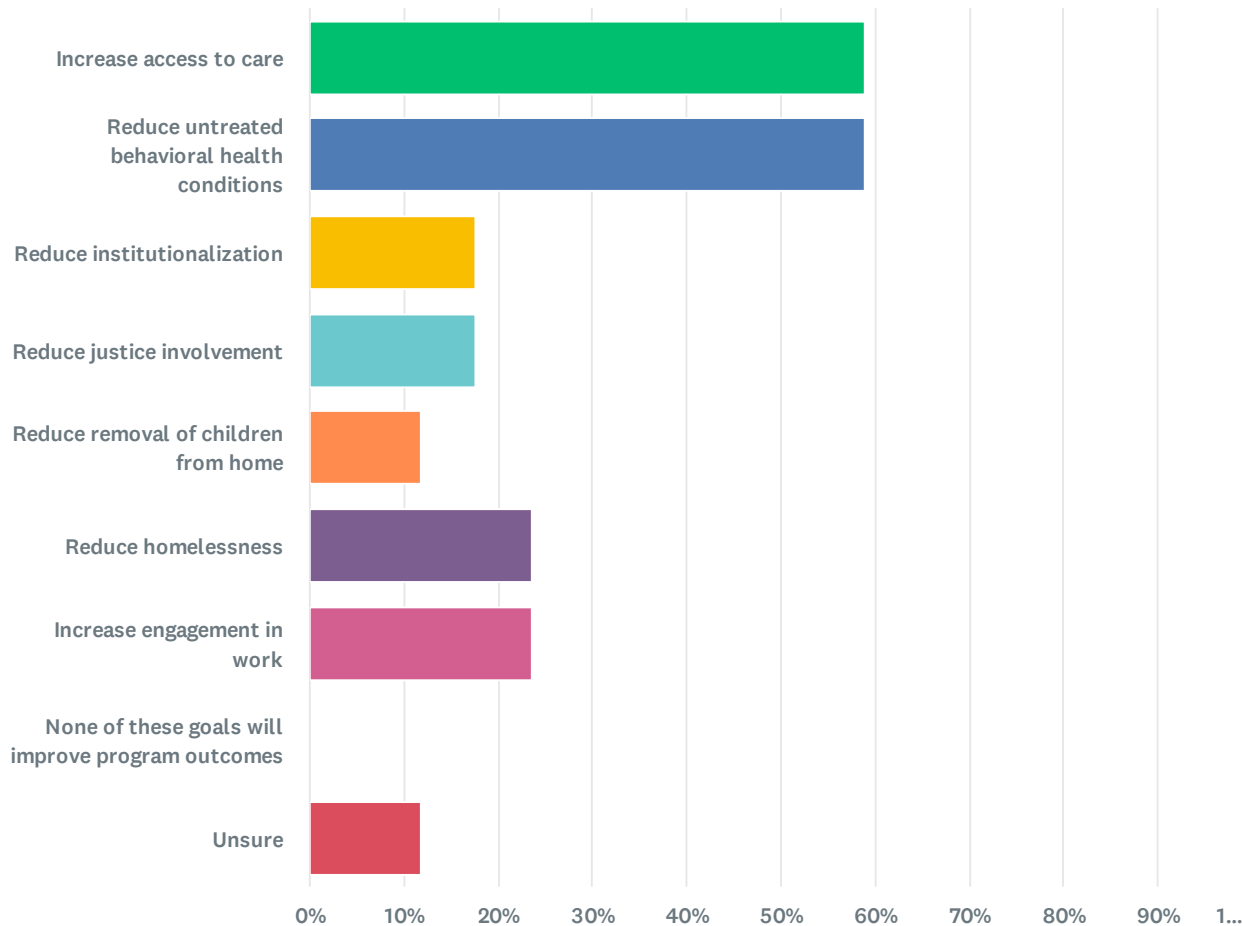
Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for substance use disorders	27.78%	5
Total		55

January CPP _ Providers/CBOs

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
 Housing First policies	38.89%	7
 Increased rural access to SUD services	22.22%	4
 Increased outpatient services	33.33%	6
 Increased inpatient services	27.78%	5
 Increased co-occurring services	50.00%	9
 Outreach to individuals with SUD	38.89%	7
 Information about SUD	5.56%	1
 Increased adolescent services	22.22%	4
 More opportunities to form partnerships	27.78%	5
 None of the above	5.56%	1




Q4 Which of the Behavioral Health Transformation (BHT) goals will most improve program outcomes? Select up to 3.

Answered: 17 Skipped: 1



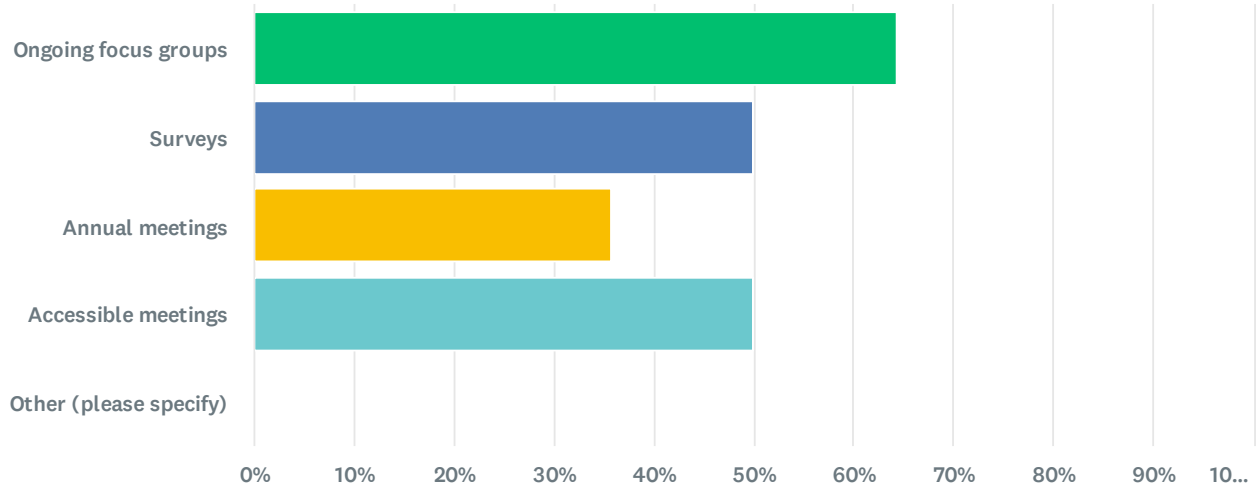
Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Increase access to care	58.82%	10
● Reduce untreated behavioral health conditions	58.82%	10
● Reduce institutionalization	17.65%	3
● Reduce justice involvement	17.65%	3
● Reduce removal of children from home	11.76%	2
● Reduce homelessness	23.53%	4
Total		38

January CPP _ Providers/CBOs

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
 Increase engagement in work	23.53%	4
 None of these goals will improve program outcomes	0%	0
 Unsure	11.76%	2
Total		38

Q5 How would you like to participate in ongoing community planning? Please select all options that apply.

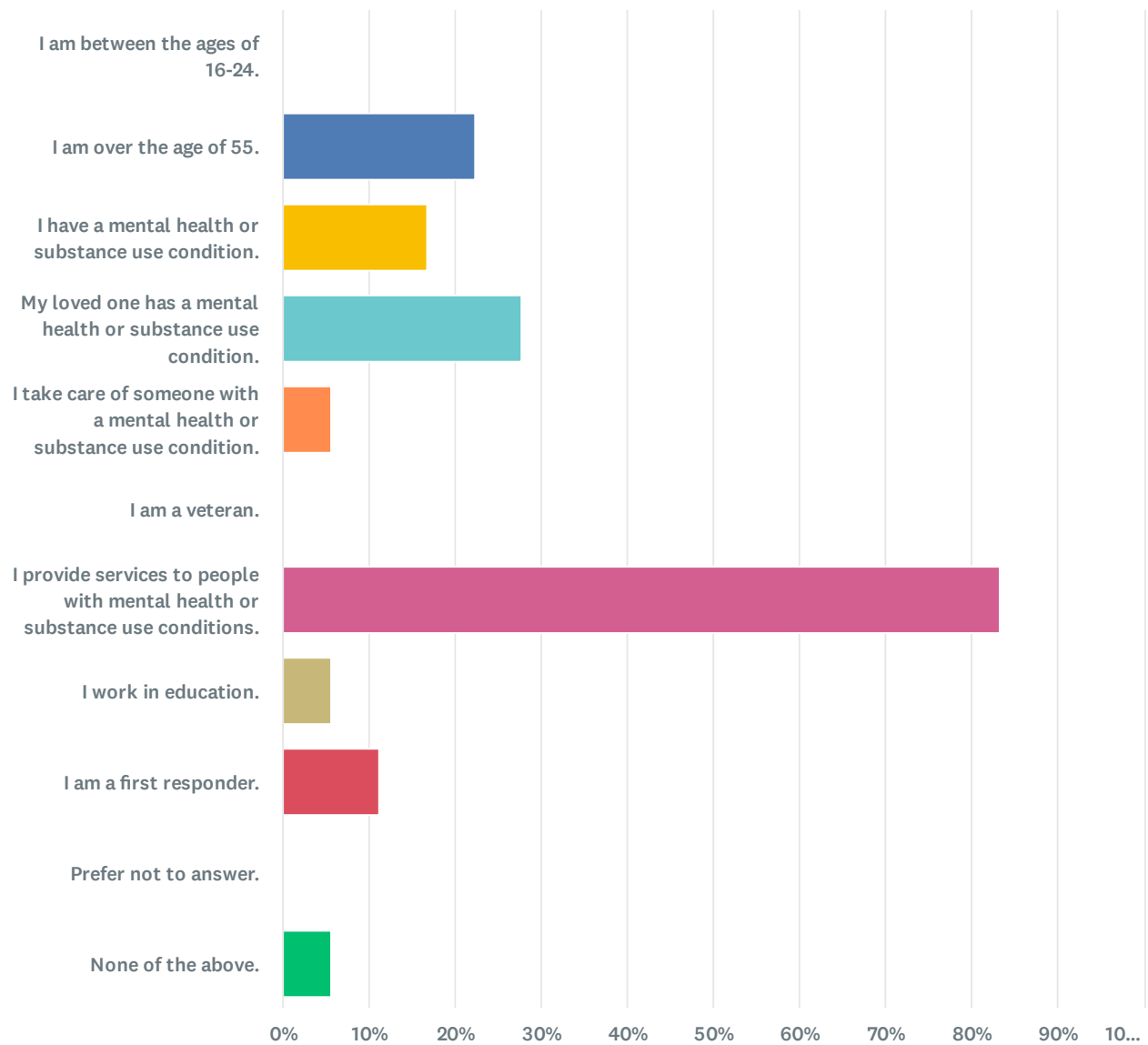
Answered: 14 Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Ongoing focus groups	64.29%	9
● Surveys	50.00%	7
● Annual meetings	35.71%	5
● Accessible meetings	50.00%	7
● Other (please specify) Show responses	0%	0
Total		28








Q6 Please tell us about yourself. Choose all that apply.

Answered: 18 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● I am between the ages of 16-24.	0%	0
● I am over the age of 55.	22.22%	4
● I have a mental health or substance use condition.	16.67%	3
● My loved one has a mental health or substance use condition.	27.78%	5
Total		32

January CPP _ Providers/CBOs

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
 I take care of someone with a mental health or substance use condition.	5.56%	1
 I am a veteran.	0%	0
 I provide services to people with mental health or substance use conditions.	83.33%	15
 I work in education.	5.56%	1
 I am a first responder.	11.11%	2
 Prefer not to answer.	0%	0
 None of the above.	5.56%	1
Total		32

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Event Details:	
Event Name	MCP Stakeholder Meeting
Event Date	10-28-2025
Event Time	10:30 a.m.
Location	Virtual
Organizer	Director of Behavioral Health and Deputy CAO
Event Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): Discussion
Description	

Attendees:		
Organization	Contact	Contact Info (Phone/Email)
Anthem Blue Cross	Miguel Perez Lopez	miguel.perezlopez@elevancehealth.com
CalViva Health Net	Krystal Harris	Krystal.R.Harris@healthnet.com
CalViva Health Net	Will Sanchez	Guillermo.Sanchez@healthnet.com
CalViva Health Net	Elizabeth Campos	elizabeth.campos@healthnet.com
Kaiser Permanente	Melissa J Gonzalez	melissa.janet.gonzalez@kp.org
County Administrative Office	Amina Flores-Becker	afloresbecker@fresnocountyca.gov

DBH Staff in Attendance:		
Name	Classification/Team	Email
Susan Holt	Director of Behavioral Health	sholt@fresnocountyca.gov

Session Lead (Presenter, meeting lead, etc.) Details:		
Name	Title/Role	Organization/Area of Expertise
Susan Holt	Director of Behavioral Health	Behavioral Health

Topics Discussed:

- Reviewed overview of BHSA
- Reviewed BHT goals and preliminary idea of Fresno County 7th goal (engagement in work)
- Discussed overall workforce challenges and opportunities
- Discussed importance of continuing to deepen and strengthen DBH-MCP relationships

Key Takeaways:

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- Group agreed that top priorities leveraging strengths and opportunities across Medi-Cal and leveraging all benefits:
 - Ensuring that our shared Members have full access to ECM and CS, including Transitional Rent
 - Ensuring that no Member gets “lost in the system”
- Group agreed that engagement in work is an important area to focus on for BHT goals
- Group agreed to development of a shared contacts list for executive and management within each Medi-Cal partner (each MCP and DBH)

Questions:	
Question	Answer
No specific questions – general discussion	

Action Items:

- Follow up Mtg to be scheduled in January (Susan and her Assistant will take lead)
- Introduce MCP partners to DBH Executive Assistant
- Development of executive and management contact list across system (Susan will share drafts with MCP partners)
- Susan will share slide deck with MCP partners

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Event Details:	
Event Name	Early Childhood First 5 Community Partner Meeting
Event Date	01/27/2026
Event Time	3:00 p.m.
Location	First 5 Fresno County Office at The Lighthouse for Children
Organizer	Director of Behavioral Health
Event Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): Discussion
Description	

Attendees:		
Organization	Contact	Contact Info (Phone/Email)
First 5 Fresno County	Fabiola González	fgonzalez@first5fresno.org
First 5 Fresno County	Hannah Norman	hnorman@first5fresno.org
First 5 Fresno County	Lupita Ramirez	lramirez@first5fresno.org
First 5 Fresno County	Ashley Hensley	ahensley@first5fresno.org

DBH Staff in Attendance:		
Name	Classification/Team	Email
Susan Holt	Director of Behavioral Health	sholt@fresnocountyca.gov

Session Lead (Presenter, meeting lead, etc.) Details:		
Name	Title/Role	Organization/Area of Expertise
Susan Holt	Director of Behavioral Health	Behavioral Health

Topics Discussed:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed overview of BHSA • Reviewed BHT goals and preliminary idea of Fresno County 7th goal (engagement in work) • Discussed challenges and opportunities related to Early Childhood • Discussed importance of continuing to deepen and strengthen partnerships to leverage opportunities and maximize all resources

Key Takeaways:

Priorities:

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- First 5 Fresno wants to stay involved in ensuring that families facing removal from home are supported, including caregivers who step in to support to help preserve family connections (0-5 age range home removals)
- Early childhood

Comments:

- Concern about loss of prevention for young population
- Would like to explore leveraging other dollars in community for prevention and early intervention
- For the young population, leveraging Help Me Grow could add value and increase coordination and early screening to connect families to care
- Economic Development Corporation partnership opportunities for economic growth – directly related to childcare crisis; improving access to childcare helps people engage in employment
- Many of the adults served may have kids
- Support for people to have what they need to be ready for the workforce
- Would be good to explore leveraging First 5 dollars to draw down federal dollars in match for early childhood mental health
- Perinatal Wellness Taskforce (HUB) - Opportunities to collaborate on the Abundant Birth Project
- Perinatal Substance Abuse Taskforce may present an opportunity for deeper collaboration
- Tips from First 5 leaders for use of language:
 - Rather than saying target audience, consider saying focused audience
 - Rather than saying stakeholders, consider saying community partners

Concerns:

- Early childhood population can get lost in the system without intentional focus
- Early intervention must include focus on both the child AND the caregivers/family
- Community members express desire for a single place to help them figure out how to get all of their needs met (across life domains)

Questions:	
Question	Answer
No specific questions – general discussion	

Action Items:

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- Susan will communicate to DBH Team that communications from our BHSA planning team were not received
- Arrange follow up discussion with Susan, Dr. Castro-Flores, Dr. Rasmussen, and First 5 leadership team in March or April to discuss opportunities
- Susan will share slide deck with First 5 partners

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Event Details:	
Event Name	California Department of Education Student Mental Health Policy Workgroup (CDE SMHPW)
Event Date	2-4-2026
Event Time	3:20pm-4:30pm
Location	Zoom
Organizer	California Department of Education (CDE)
Event Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): A live statewide forum, with specific viewing locations.
Description	As part of the monthly SMHPW meeting presented on BHSA changes or impacts for LEAs (local education agency) and BHT Goals

Attendees:		
Organization	Contact	Contact Info (Phone/Email)
Wellness Together		
CDE - OSBHP		
SDCOF		
LACOE LAUSD		
SBC SS		
Being Well CA		
CDPH - OSP		

DBH Staff in Attendance:		
Name	Classification/Team	Email
Ahmad Bahrami	DM/PQM	Abahrami@fresnocountyca.gov

Session Lead (Presenter, meeting lead, etc.) Details:		
Name	Title/Role	Organization/Area of Expertise
Pam Cajucom	School Health Education Consultant Office of School Based Co-chair Health Programs	California Department of Education

Topics Discussed:

- BHSA – local changes to prevention work
- Suicide prevention; opportunities to collaborate
- BHT Goals & BHSA / BHT Goals & LEAs

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- Data for goals URS

Key Takeaways:

- Work/support local DPH with BHSA and suicide prevention
- Need for better option than CA URS, as many noted their LEAs don't use and challenges with it (not actionable) and future cost

Questions:

Question	Answer
Would there be a better way to get data from LEAs?	

Action Items:

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Event Details:	
Event Name	Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee
Event Date	2-5-2026
Event Time	10:00am-12:00pm
Location	Virtual (MS teams)
Organizer	DBH
Event Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): A live statewide forum, with specific viewing locations.
Description	BHSA CPP as part of DEI Committee focused on CBOs/organizations service culturally and linguistically diverse populations

Attendees:		
Organization	Contact	Contact Info (Phone/Email)
DBH		
RH Community Builders		
The Fresno Center		
Association of Black Social Workers		
Khalsa Center		

DBH Staff in Attendance:		
Name	Classification/Team	Email
Ahmad Bahrami	DM/PQM	Abahrami@fresnocountyca.gov
Dennis Horn		
Preet Sanghera		
Greg Wong Sing		
Crystal Karim		
Erinn Chan-Golston		
Gurleen Kaur		
Elizabeth Vasquez		
Prableen Kaur (CASA EE)		

Session Lead (Presenter, meeting lead, etc.) Details:		
Name	Title/Role	Organization/Area of Expertise
Ahmad Bahrami	Division Manager	DBH
Dennis Horn	Diversity Services Coordinator	DBH

Topics Discussed:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full BHSA Presentation

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Key Takeaways:

- Info shared with organizations who serve culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- Noticed two weeks before
- Organizations such as Housing, Crisis, CDEPs, and others attended

Questions:

Question	Answer
FSP Flex funds (whatever it takes)	

Action Items:

- Share BHSA PowerPoint slides

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Event Details:	
Event Name	Fresno-Madera Continuum of Care Key Informant Interview
Event Date	02-03-2026
Event Time	12:45 p.m.
Location	Phone
Organizer	Director of Behavioral Health
Event Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): Discussion / Key Informant Interview
Description	Key Informant Interview and discussion to summarize and confirm FMCoC input for BHSA planning, acknowledging input has been provided in ongoing discussions through numerous existing collaborative meetings through the Office of Housing and Homelessness, Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Director, DBH Housing Team leadership, FMCoC meetings, and other discussions

Attendees:		
Organization	Contact	Contact Info (Phone/Email)
Fresno Madera Continuum of Care	Amina Flores-Becker, Deputy CAO	afloresbecker@fresnocountyca.gov

DBH Staff in Attendance:		
Name	Classification/Team	Email
Susan Holt	Director of Behavioral Health	sholt@fresnocountyca.gov

Session Lead (Presenter, meeting lead, etc.) Details:		
Name	Title/Role	Organization/Area of Expertise
Susan Holt	Director of Behavioral Health	Behavioral Health

- | Topics Discussed: |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed themes from input throughout the year FMCoC meetings, including subcommittee meetings, and related work Focused on summarizing and confirming the FMCoC perspective and input for BHSA planning and prioritization purposes |

- | Key Takeaways: |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritization of BHSA resources for the most vulnerable is supported by FMCoC FMCoC, including DBH as a member of FMCoC, must work to coordinate resources for efficiency and effectiveness to serve persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness |

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- Consistency across agencies providing services to persons experiencing homeless and among those providing housing and housing supports is critical
 - Agencies are currently collaborating toward developing more consistent processes, workflows, application of regulations and standards across all funders and providers
- An opportunity remains to engage the education sector more deeply in coordination of addressing homelessness, as definitions of homelessness are different across sectors
- DBH participation in FMCoC and the Coordinated Entry subcommittee is appreciated

Questions:	
Question	Answer
No specific questions – general discussion	

Action Items:

- Susan to assist in requesting a meeting with all school superintendents of schools to discuss strategies for gaining greater alignment in a countywide approach to addressing homelessness; through work with the Office of Superintendent of Schools as a Specialty Mental Health Services provider, that relationship may be valuable to expand into the topic of homelessness.

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Event Details:	
Event Name	Stakeholder Discussion – Central Valley Regional Center
Event Date	09-04-2025
Event Time	3:00 p.m.
Location	Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Health and Wellness Center
Organizer	Director of Behavioral Health
Event Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe):
Description	Joint meeting of Central Valley Regional Center (CVRC) leaders and DBH clinical leaders

Organization	Contact	Contact Info (Phone/Email)
CVRC	Aaron Olson	aolson@cvrc.org (559)-276-4300
CVRC	Albert Duarte	(559)-276-4300
CVRC	Mark Halverson	(559)-276-4300
CVRC	Bryndahl Childers	(559)-276-4300

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Stacy VanBruggen	Division Manager	svanbruggen@fresnocountyca.gov
Luisa Parra-Sanchez	Division Manager	parral@fresnocountyca.gov
Gleyra Castro	Division Manager	gcastro@fresnocountyca.gov
Natalie Armistead	Division Manager	narmistead@fresnocountyca.gov

Session Lead (Presenter, meeting lead, etc.) Details:		
Name	Title/Role	Organization/Area of Expertise
Susan Holt	Director of Behavioral Health	Behavioral Health

Topics Discussed:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inquired as to strengths, gaps, and priorities as stakeholders view them Explored “urban legends” related to services and benefits within the Regional Center and the County Behavioral Health systems to dispel myths, develop common understanding, and identify strategies to collaborate to meet the needs of the community

Key Takeaways:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengths identified:

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- Strong multi-sector commitment to serving youth with co-occurring conditions which make persons eligible for Regional Center, County Behavioral Health, or both systems of care.
- Commitment to collaboration exists.
- Gap identified
 - A long history of frustrations across systems has resulted in “urban legends” existing about what each organization is mandated to do, who is eligible for services, what benefits are available, what legal authorities exist, etc.; this has resulted in longstanding challenges and frustrations related to care coordination
 - By far the biggest gap and barrier identified was crisis care collaboration when people, especially youth, are experiencing a crisis – deeper understanding of the services available and the limitations (legal, resources, and other) is needed across our organizations

Questions:	
Question	Answer
No questions asked.	

Action Items:

- Regional Center and DBH agreed to regular clinical care coordination and cross-system collaboration; Susan to take lead to schedule next meeting for deeper dive in exploring the cross-system existing services and to explore strategies to strengthen communication
- Aaron will send information to Susan about a CRVC RFP for a crisis program and Susan will distribute to DBH network of contracted providers

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Event Details:	
Event Name	Stakeholder Discussion – School District Superintendents
Event Date	11-20-2025
Event Time	8:00 a.m.
Location	Office of the Superintendent of Schools
Organizer	Director of Behavioral Health
Event Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe):
Description	The Fresno County Superintendent of Schools hosted a meeting which invited all 32 School District Superintendents to receive information about BHSA and to provide their stakeholder input related to priorities most important to their school districts.

Invitees:		
District Superintendents for all 32 School Districts		
Organization	Contact	Contact Info (Phone/Email)
Fresno County Office of the Superintendent of Schools	Michelle Cantwell-Copher Trina Frazier Eddie Davidson	mcopher@fcoe.org tfrazier@fcoe.org edavidson@fcoe.org
Brian Clark	West Park Elementary School District	brian_c@wpsed.org
Mark Marshall	Central Unified School District	559-274-4700
Steven Rosa	Pine Ridge Elementary School District	srosa@prsrattlers.org
Brad Huebert	Big Creek Elementary School District	bhuebert@bigcreekschool.com
Rafael Iniguez	Parlier Unified School District	Executive Assistant: ashley.marroquin@parlierunified.org
Orin Hirschhorn	Caruthers Unified School District	559-495-6401
Jeff Percell	Riverdale Joint Union School District	jpercelf@rjusd.org
Troy Cox	Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District	troy.cox@fldusd.org
Judi Szpor	Clay Joint Elementary School District	jszpor@clayelementary.org
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Victor M. Villar	Burrell Union Elementary School District	559-866-5634

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David Moore	Coalinga-Huron Unified School District	slaplante@chusd.org
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Susan Holt	Director of Behavioral Health	sholt@fresnocountyca.gov

Session Lead (Presenter, meeting lead, etc.) Details:		
Name	Title/Role	Organization/Area of Expertise
Susan Holt	Director of Behavioral Health	Behavioral Health

- | Topics Discussed: |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed overview of key BHSA changes • Inquired as to strengths, gaps, and priorities as stakeholders view them • Discussed value of continued collaboration between DBH, network of treatment providers, and school districts, including both Mental Health and SUD services |

- | Key Takeaways: |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strength identified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Universally the districts expressed that both the DBH All 4 Youth specialty mental health services program and the Prodigy substance use disorder program, both of which are embedded within schools are highly valued ○ Superintendents praised All 4 Youth services design as accessible to students all year long, not just during school year, as essential support to students and families with serious mental health needs - Gaps identified <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Access to behavioral health services for the period of transition to adulthood is challenging, as the All 4 Youth design is for students in the K-12 age range; feedback included strengthening care coordination for youth in the transition age period after high school ○ Accessible information for parents and families about substances, vaping, how to recognize warning signs, and how the current generation of youth lifestyle is different from their generational experience in adolescence (quote: “modern day partying looks different compared to what the kids’ parents may remember”) ○ Prevention services are lacking ○ More access to mental health and substance use disorder services for all persons in rural communities (beyond existing All 4 Youth and Prodigy programs) |

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- Opportunities for parents to share their lived experiences related to raising a child with a mental health diagnosis or substance use disorder
 - Data sharing across sectors to help schools better understand what's happening in communities and what they can do
 - Better information about what resources are available in the communities
 - Insufficient workforce to provide the care students, families, and community members need related to behavioral health
- Priorities identified:
- Services to smaller communities in rural areas
 - Preserve the All 4 Youth program and expand Prodigy (or other models of mental health and substance use disorder services embedded within schools)

Questions:	
Question	Answer
No specific questions asked.	

Action Items:

- Potential idea for SUD prevention using Opioid Settlement Funds was raised – Susan to link OSF team to schools
- Linking access teams to schools – Susan will provide introduction.

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Event Details:	
Event Name	City and County of Fresno Joint Meeting on Homelessness
Event Date	06/25/25, 08/27/25, 11/12/25, and 01/07/26
Event Time	2:00 p.m.
Location	City Center (Fresno Mission)
Organizer	County Supervisor, Luis Chavez, County Supervisor, Nathan Magsig and City of Fresno Mayor, Jerry Dyer
Event Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meetings <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe):
Description	<p>This is a joint meeting series convened by County of Fresno and City of Fresno. Organizations represented include additionally the City of Clovis, Managed Care Plans, Fresno Housing (also known as Housing Authority) and homeless-serving community-based organizations:</p> <p>Purpose of meeting series is to develop a unified and coordinated approach to addressing homelessness across jurisdictions within the County, inclusive of resources and supports within the County, Cities, and community-based organizations. The initial meeting series is focused in the metropolitan areas of Fresno and Clovis with rural cities included through additional separate engagement</p>

Organization	Contact
County of Fresno	County Supervisor, Luis Chavez
County of Fresno	County Supervisor, Nathan Magsig
County of Fresno	County Administrative Officer, Paul Nerland
County of Fresno	Deputy County Administrative Officer, Amina Flores-Becker
County of Fresno	Office of Housing and Homelessness Program Manager, Dylan McCully
County of Fresno	Department of Social Services Director, Sanga Bugay
City of Fresno	City of Fresno Mayor, Jerry Dyer
City of Fresno	City of Fresno City Manager, Georgeanne White
City of Fresno	City of Fresno City Councilmember, Mike Karbassi
City of Fresno	City of Fresno City Councilmember, Miguel Arias
City of Fresno	City of Fresno City Councilmember, Tyler Maxwell
City of Fresno	City of Fresno Asst. Director Planning and Development, Phil Skei
City of Fresno	City of Fresno Police Department, Steve Juaquez
City of Fresno	City of Fresno Homeless Service Manager, Joe Pasillas
City of Fresno	City of Fresno Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Mgr, Steven Montes
City of Clovis	City of Clovis Mayor, Vong Mouanouatoua
Fresno Mission	Chief Executive Officer, Matt Dildine
Poverello House	Chief Executive Officer, Zach Darrah
Poverello House	Chief Programs Officer, Sara Mirhadi
RH Community Builders	Executive Director, Katie Wilbur
Kings View Behavioral Health	Darrel Hamilton
Fresno Housing	Chief Executive Officer, Tyrone Williams
Fresno Housing	Deputy Executive Director, Michael Duarte
Fresno Housing	Chief Impact and Initiatives Officer, Marc' Bady

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Fresno Housing	Deputy Executive Director, Tammy Townsend
CalViva Health/Health Net	Regional Program Manager, Elizabeth Campus
Anthem Blue Cross	Program Manager, Miguel Perez Lopez
Kaiser	Kristin Kane, Senior Program Manager

DBH Staff in Attendance:

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Susan Holt	Director of Behavioral Health	sholt@fresnocountyca.gov

Topics Discussed:

- Reviewed current state of homelessness and trends over time
- Reviewed summary of efforts to date from each jurisdiction
- Discussed local, state, and federal funding
- Explored strategies for how to partner more effectively
- Discussed behavioral health key initiatives including Care Court, Prop 1, and SB 43
- Reviewed Coordinated Entry System process and Inflow Report
- Discussed efforts to improve data to measure the scope of the problem
- Discussed Couy Homeless Outreach Workgroup Plan to redesign a more coordinated response system
- Reviewed the newly established Office of Housing and Homelessness in the County Administrative Office, including county’s expanded role in Fresno-Madera Continuum of Care
- Reviewed the functions of Managed Care Plans and importance of leveraging CalAIM benefits
- Discussed current state of emergency shelters operated by City of Fresno and bed capacity loss projections through 2028
- Discussed current state of emergency shelter-like beds through 2028, including discussion of potential use of Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) and Opioid Settlement Funds
- Establishment of commitment to developing a Homeless Response Partnership Agreement
- Reviewed impacts on housing stability in the community resulting from federal policy changes
- Received presentation from MCP contracted sobering center provider (developing a sobering center that is not yet open but could serve high volume of persons daily)

Key Takeaways:

- Strengths identified:
 - Commitment to collaboration among the County and Cities.

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- Community based organizations have deep connections and relationships within the county and cities
 - Past collaborative plans including 2018 and a refresh of that plan in 2022 provide a solid foundation from which to continue to build and strengthen a coordinated response
 - Federal, state and local dollars have shifted and, in many cases, reduced – need to maximize every dollar and coordinate efforts
- Gap identified
- Shelter resources are reducing, resulting in concerns of major gap in capacity in the years ahead
 - Despite many efforts, the inflow of persons into homelessness appears to be increasing – strong need identified to allocate resources to prevention of homelessness and diversion from homelessness
 - Persons with multi-system contacts need a coordinated individual person-centered response (i.e. coordinated among law enforcement, behavioral health, social services community-based organizations, etc.)
 - A more coordinated outreach system is needed to maximize resources; significant need for clinically enriched outreach and rapid access to clinical supports when other outreach teams identify a person with potential unmet behavioral health needs
 - More inventory of housing units is needed, including additional Permanent Supportive Housing beds

Questions:	
Question	Answer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question about CARE Act petitions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of petitions to date provided; Susan cautioned that this number changes weekly

Action Items:

- County and City of Fresno continue efforts to establish a revised written Memorandum of Understanding, building on strengths of all jurisdictions and leveraging all available resources.