

# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON JUNE 11, 2024

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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The Behavioral Health Commission is established under Welfare and Institutions Code 5604 to serve in an advisory role to the Board of Supervisors on matters of Behavioral Health Services.

## MEMBERSHIP

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- Norma Santiago, Chair
  - Dr. Richard Lynn, Vice Chair
  - Wendy Thomas Vice Chair
  - Lauryn Sumimoto, Secretary
  - Debra Thornburgh, Commissioner
  - Dr. Stephen Clavere, Commissioner
  - Kathryn Hamilton, Commissioner
  - John Taylor, Commissioner
  - James Abram, Commissioner
- The Commission has a total of (11) eleven members, 2 seats were vacant, 9 members were active. Meredith Zanardi, Behavioral Health Division, HHSA Team, was the liaison staff member.

# WHAT WE DO?

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- The Behavioral Health Commission is a commission mandated by California Welfare and Institution Code 5604 WIC. WIC 5604.2 states the Commission's duties: "Review and evaluate the community's mental health needs, services, facilities and special problems."
- Advise the governing body and the local mental health director as to any aspect of the local mental health program."

## **Objectives**

- Review and advise any county agreements entered into pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5650 (Performance Contract).
- Advise the Board of Supervisors and the El Dorado County Behavioral Health Director as to any aspect of the local behavioral health program.
- Review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process as specified in California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5651.
- Review each qualified applicant for the position of Behavioral Health Director, and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The Commission shall be included in the selection process prior to the vote of the Board of Supervisors.
- Review and comment on the county's performance outcome data and communicate its findings to the California Mental Health Planning Council.

## SERVICE AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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In 2023, the Behavioral Health Commission (BHC) held (10) ten monthly commission meetings. Each month, the Commission heard and reviewed program services, presentations, and updates. Each month the Commission reviewed and discussed the Behavioral Health Division (BHD) Monthly Update Report.

- The presentations and updates were:
  - January: BHD penetration rates presentations.
  - February: Medi-Cal beneficiary information material.
  - March: First 5 update on Community Hubs.
  - April: Discussion on Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) plan update.
  - May: Meeting cancelled.
  - June: Update on the FY 2021-22 Triennial Audit and Corrective Action Plan.

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## SERVICE AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (continued)

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- July: Presentation MHSA Community Program Planning process and progress. Review/presentation by BHD staff on penetration rates, and services analysis.
- August: BHC Data Notebook ad hoc committee report out and Commission approval, Student Wellness Center Project, Children's Specialty Mental Health Service Contracts.
- September: Substance Use Disorder Services (SUDS), and discussion on Mental Health Services Reform (Proposition 1) impacts.
- October: El Dorado County Office of Education presentation on Mental Health and Wellness Systems of Support.
- November: Appointment of ad hoc 2024 Commission Officers Nominating Committee, 2023 Data Notebook ad hoc Committee update and Commission approval, and BHD staff presentation on FY 23/24 Mental Health Services Act Plan Amendment.
- December: No meeting.

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## SERVICE AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (continued)

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### **2023 BHC Accomplishments:**

- April: Draft FY 23-26 Three Year Expenditure Plan and Public Hearing. The Plan was approved with the addition of 2 substantive comments; 1) Implementation Plan update semi-annually, 2) Request clarification of the Mental Health Students' Services Act.
- July: Commission approval of the MHSA Community Program Planner Process Action Plan (CPPP) with the addition of reading out to the community corrections group.
- August: Data Notebook ad hoc committee appointed.
- November: Appointment of ad hoc nominating committee for 2024 Commission officers, and approval of 2023 Data Notebook.

# ANNUAL WORK PLAN

## **Behavioral Health Commission (BHC) concerns:**

- BHD vacant clinician and support positions—38% division wide, mental health managers—50%, coordinators—38%, clinicians—62% (Feb. 2024 data), and BHD’s ability to deliver needed services to consumers.
- Impacts of Proposition 1 on deliverable mental health program services to mental health consumers.
- Need for transitional housing.

## **Ongoing Long-Term Projects:**

- Project management Plan: System improvement related to improving the BHD vacant clinician and support positions.
- Proposition 1 impacts on the Behavioral Health finding allocations for deliverable services to consumers of mental health programs.

## **Commission Goals 2024:**

- To continue to review and evaluate mental health services in El Dorado County.
- To have educational presentations of behavioral health services provided to consumers by the BHD.
- Hold annual Mental Health Services Act Plan updates and public hearing.
- Work collaboratively with the BHD on providing necessary deliverable services and programs to consumers of El Dorado County Mental Health services.