



Mental Health Services
Oversight & Accountability Commission

Presentation to the Senate Budget Subcommittee #3

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Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

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2025*

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16 Current Commissioners

1. Attorney General
2. Superintendent of Public Instruction
3. Senator
4. Assembly Member
5. A person with a severe mental illness
6. A person with a severe mental illness
7. A family member of an adult or senior with a severe mental illness
8. A family member of a child who has or has had a severe mental illness
9. A physician specializing in alcohol and drug treatment
10. A mental health professional
11. A county sheriff
12. A superintendent of a school district
13. A representative of a labor organization
14. A representative of an employer with less than 500 employees
15. A representative of an employer with more than 500 employees
16. A representative of a health care service plan or insurer

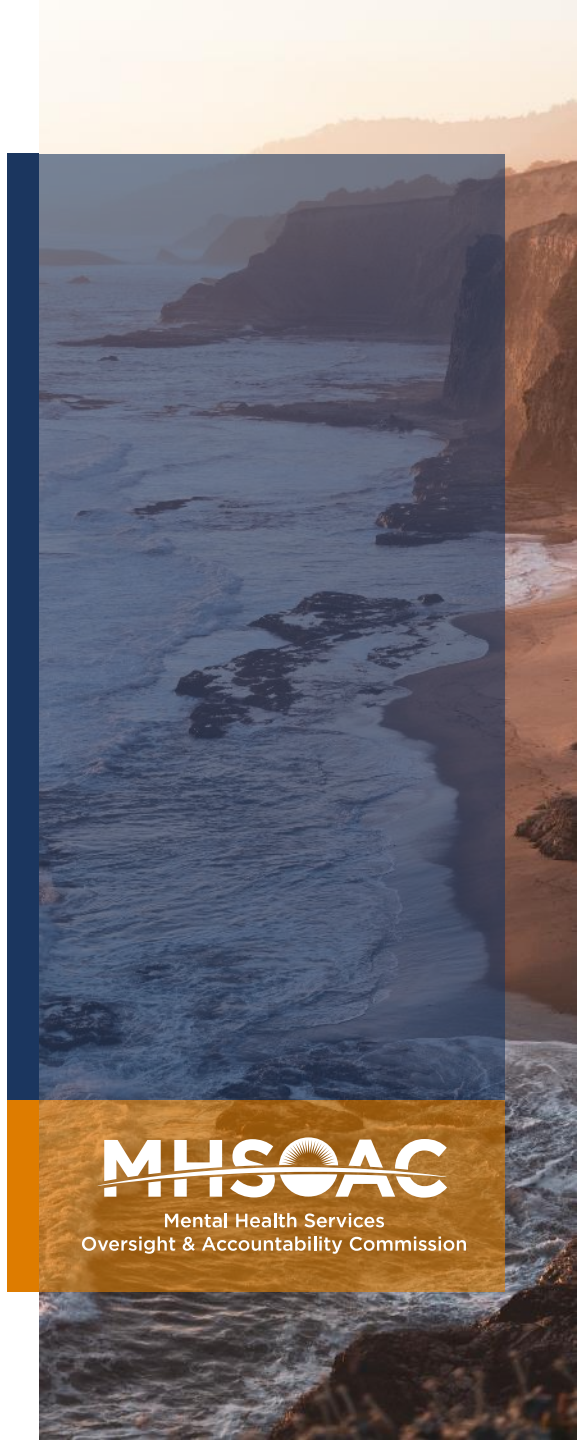
11 New Commissioners

1. A current or former county behavioral health director
2. One person with SUD
3. One person with SUD
4. A peer youth
5. A family member of an adult or older adult with SUD
6. A family member of child or youth with SUD
7. A professional with expertise in housing and homelessness
8. A representative of an aging or disability organization
9. A person with knowledge and experience in community-defined evidence practices and reducing behavioral health disparities
10. A representative of a children and youth organization
11. A veteran or a representative of a veterans' organization

** Assembly and Senate Commissioners may appoint designees*

General Scope and Duties

- Promote Transformational Change
- Research, Evaluation, Tracking Outcomes
- Grant Making
- Identify Key Policy Issues and Emerging Best Practices
- Provide Technical Assistance and Training
- Promote High Quality Programs
- Advise the Governor and the Legislature
- Collaborate with Other State Entities



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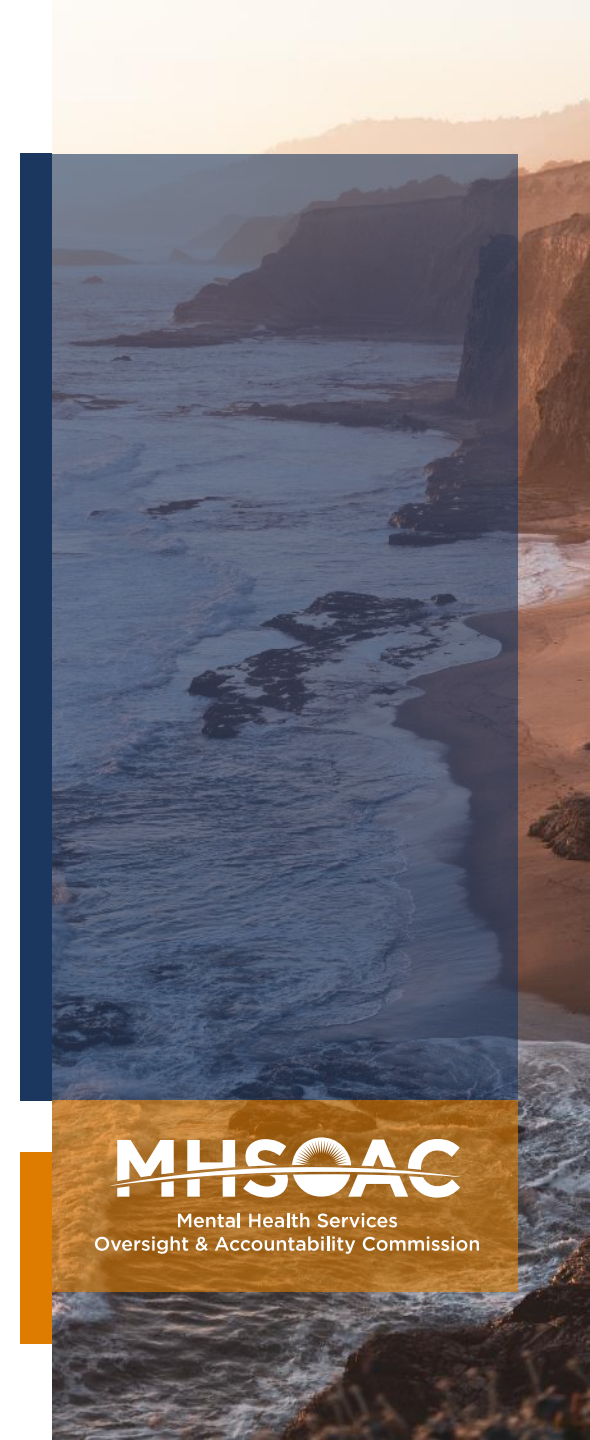
New Consulting Roles with...

The Department of Health Care Services

- Set Early Intervention Priorities
- Establish Biennial List of Evidence-Based Practices and CDEPs
- Establish FSP Standards of Care & Criteria for Step-Down
- Metrics to Measure and Evaluate Programs and Services

The Department of Public Health

- Population-Based Prevention Programs
- Best Practices to Overcome Stigma and Discrimination



Three New Reports

Drafted and published by the Commission

1. Recommendations for the state based on technical assistance and community engagement

- No specific due date
- In collaboration with DHCS
- Focused on priority populations and diverse communities

2. Recommendations for improving and standardizing promises practices for BHSA programs

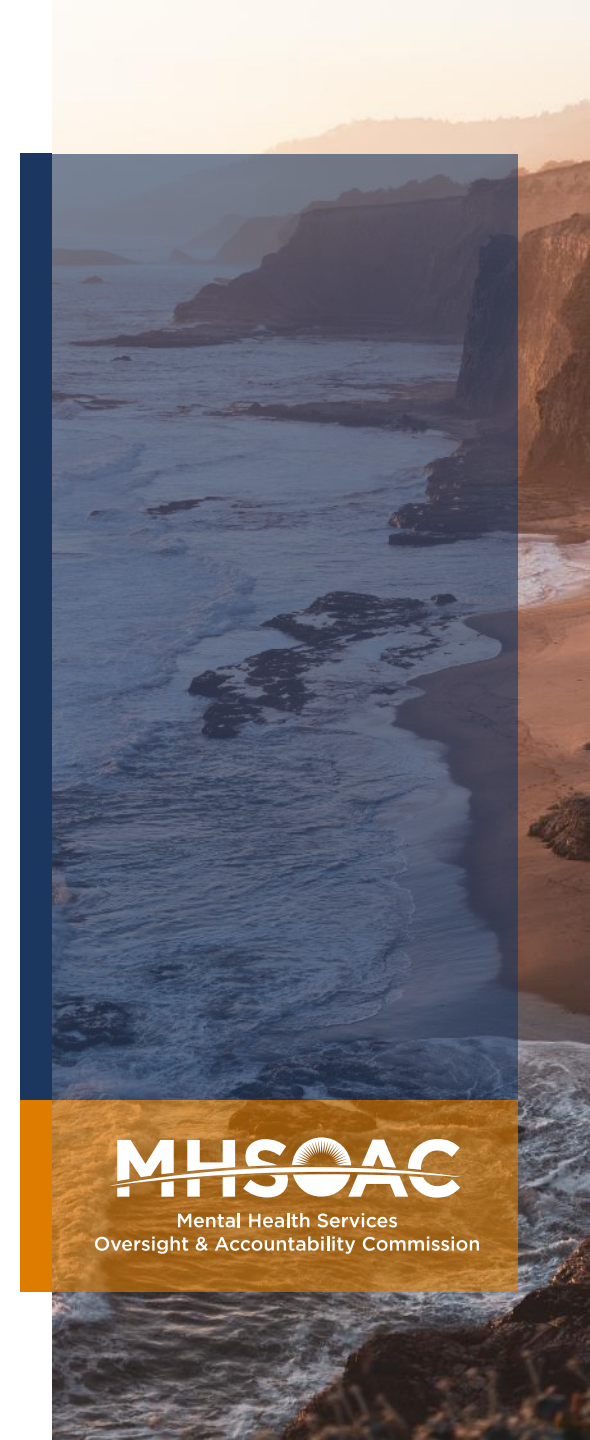
- Due January 1, 2030 and every three years thereafter
- In collaboration with DHCS, the Planning Council, and CBHDA

3. Key accomplishments of the Innovation Partnership Fund

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Innovation Partnership Fund

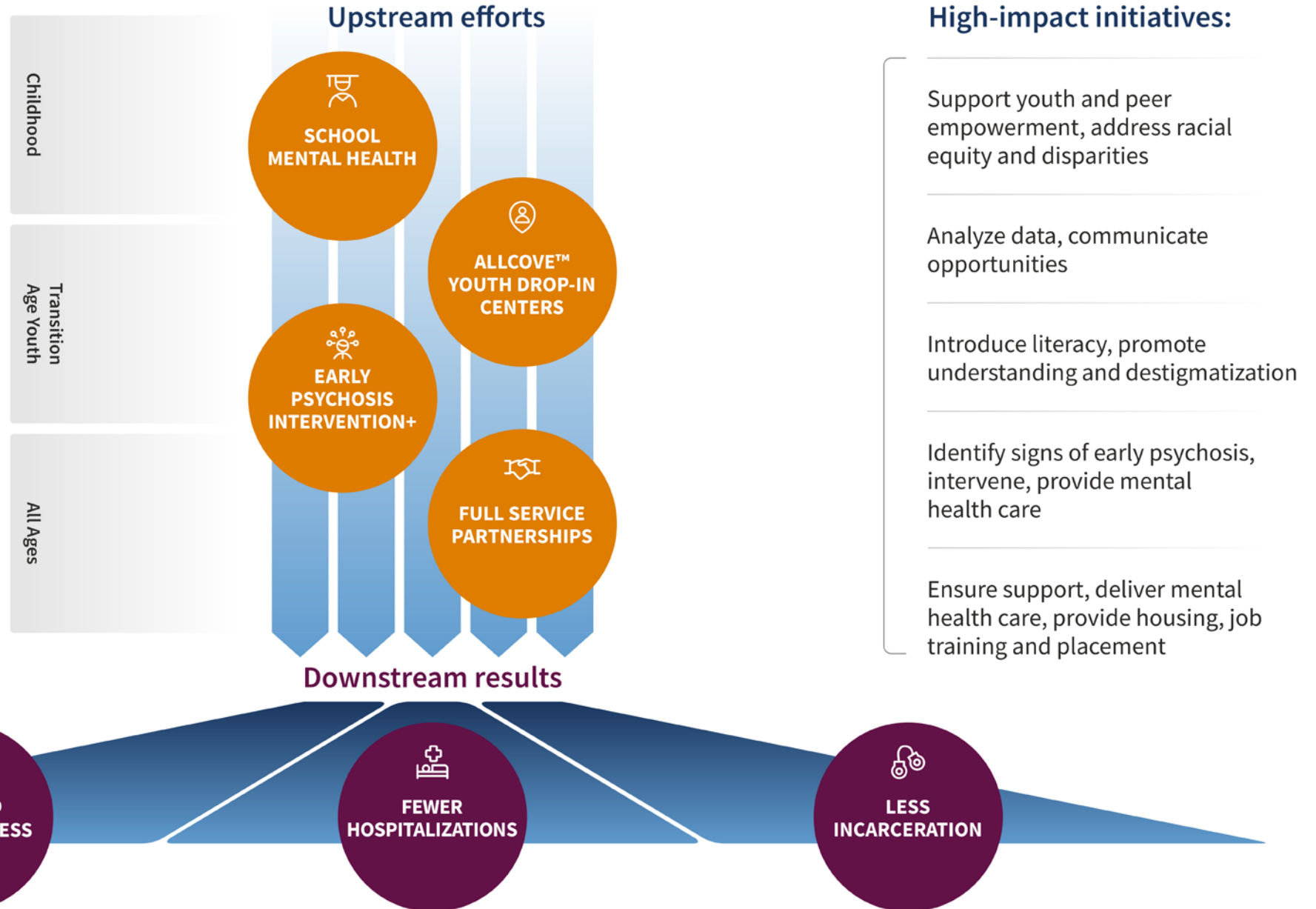
- \$20 million annually from FY 26-27 to 30-31 and then as determined by the annual budget act
 - May additionally use Mental Health Wellness Act funds
- Grants to private, public, and nonprofit partners to promote development of innovative mental health and substance use disorder programs and practices which:
 - Improve BHSA programs and practices for underserved populations, low-income populations, communities impacted by other disparities, and other populations
 - Meet statewide BHSA goals and objectives
- Commission consults with relevant stakeholders
- Engage private sector for co-investment opportunities



Focusing Efforts Upstream

The earlier we reach Californians at risk, the better. By working upstream – focusing on prevention and early intervention (PEI) efforts – we will reduce the need for Full Service Partnerships (FSPs) and mitigate other negative outcomes.

This will save money, resources, and most importantly, human lives.





Thank you

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