

BHSA Transition & Community Care

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Short Summary

You discussed the BHSA transition, town hall planning, and challenges in providing behavioral health services to vulnerable populations.

Long Summary

You participated in a meeting planning the upcoming town hall for the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) transition in Sonoma County. The discussion focused on explaining the new prescriptive BHSA framework, its impact on funding for core behavioral health and housing services, and the challenges of engaging unhoused individuals who may not want services. The group also explored how to effectively utilize new funding to support existing community efforts and ensure access for those with acute mental health needs amidst historical system silos.

Announcements

- Iridian Jimenez, BHSA senior office assistant, was welcomed back from her leave.
- All meeting attendees introduced themselves and their roles.
- Positive Images announced it will be moving into the Latino Service Providers' building.

Review of Progress

- The primary focus was planning the community town hall meeting on the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) scheduled for the following week.
 - The agenda is finalized: welcome and lunch, an overview of BHSA, a group discussion, and a feedback session.
 - A Spanish translator has been hired for the event to ensure accessibility.
 - Facilitators have been identified, and Melissa will confirm their participation.
- Planning is underway for focus groups with unhoused individuals who have behavioral health challenges.
 - Locations are being set up in Sonoma Valley, West County, and at the on-campus wellness center.
 - Participants will receive lunch and \$50 gift cards as an incentive.

Key Achievements

- The group established a clear strategic direction for the town hall, deciding to focus on the opportunities within the new BHSA framework rather than on funding reductions.
- A productive brainstorming session generated valuable insights on how to effectively communicate the complex regulatory changes to the community.
- The team has secured 32 RSVPs for the town hall and compiled a list of additional key stakeholders for targeted outreach to boost attendance.

Challenges and Adjustments Needed

- **Challenge:** Communicating the complex shift from MHSA to the more restrictive BHSA, which targets a more acute population.
 - **Adjustment:** The town hall presentation will be designed to clearly explain the new framework, eligibility criteria (based on functioning, not just diagnosis), and how community partners can creatively operate within these new constraints.
- **Challenge:** Engaging individuals who need care but are resistant to services or lack a formal diagnosis.
 - **Adjustment:** The group agreed on the importance of leveraging trusted community-based organizations (CBOs) and peer support to build relationships. This will be a key topic for community engagement.
- **Challenge:** Ensuring the focus on BHSA doesn't prevent the integration of other funding sources (e.g., Measure O) into a broader system of care.
 - **Adjustment:** While the immediate town hall must focus on the new BHSA rules, the group acknowledged the long-term goal of an integrated system and will use this as a foundational step.
- **Challenge:** The town hall has 32 confirmed attendees, short of the goal of 50.
 - **Adjustment:** The team will conduct targeted outreach to specific individuals and organizations in South County to encourage participation.

Action Items and Accountability for the Week Ahead

- **Melissa:**

- Develop the town hall PowerPoint presentation based on the group's feedback.
- Confirm the participation of the volunteer facilitators (Mary Francis and Michael Reynolds).
- Follow up on the invitation sent to the Behavioral Health Board, with a specific nudge to members from Petaluma.
- **Noemi:** Email her contact list to Melissa for invitations to a future virtual town hall.
- **Chase:** Send the new Positive Images address to Erica to update their contract.
- **All:** Encourage key South County stakeholders to RSVP for the Petaluma town hall.

Transcriptions

A - Jul 16, 2025 12:59:25

You can close it please. I don't want-

B - Jul 16, 2025 12:59:28

I'm sorry about that.

D - Jul 16, 2025 12:59:30

No worries, um...

C - Jul 16, 2025 12:59:30

Here's the attempted.

A - Jul 16, 2025 12:59:31

'Cause let me just see what this says.

B - Jul 16, 2025 12:59:34

I printed out the attempt.

A - Jul 16, 2025 12:59:39

Yeah, this, the invitations I've written by hand.

B - Jul 16, 2025 12:59:42

Okay.

A - Jul 16, 2025 12:59:43

Or, I, it's, um, Zoom only.

B - Jul 16, 2025 12:59:46

Okay.

A - Jul 16, 2025 12:59:47

The words aren't coming out right.

B - Jul 16, 2025 12:59:48

Well, un-

B - Jul 16, 2025 12:59:49

Oh, look!

B - Jul 16, 2025 12:59:49

You're still online. That's amazing. (laughs) Can I borrow a writing utensil? Oh, what happened?

A - Jul 16, 2025 12:59:56

Um, but my camera's not working. Um, hey Gregory. Hi Julie. Um-

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:00:05

... decl- decline. Hi, guys.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:00:06

Hi, y'all.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:00:07

Sittin' here next to our invisible- Julia, I'm gonna make you host so that I can leave and come back and hopefully my camera will work.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:00:15

Okay. No problem.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:00:18

Make host. Yes, that's what I wanna do.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:00:22

Um-

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:00:22

I feel like I'm sitting on a... Oh, is your desk raised for standing? No, it's fine, you can leave it the way it is, but I'm, I'm... Or am I shrinking that much? (laughs) Oh, no, it has raised.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:00:32

Host. Yeah.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:00:32

Okay. (laughs)

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:00:33

So, yeah. So I have a sit-stand with, uh... You can use the 44 for that.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:00:37

Yeah, use your stand. Yeah.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:00:37

Okay. So I'm trying to leave.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:01:04

Meridian's back.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:01:07

Hi, Mama. Hey, Erica.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:01:20

Good to see you.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:01:21

It's good to see you too. It's been so long. (laughs)

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:01:24

I know. Was it hard to come back and leave? Aw.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:01:27

It was, it really was.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:01:44

Thank you. It's- it is a hard transition, but it also is in parts welcoming. I remember that as a young mom, I was like, "Oh." And then like, "Oh gosh, I have a life." (laughs)

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:01:56

(laughs) Yeah.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:01:56

It's such a mixture. (laughs)

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:02:00

Yeah. (laughs) Yeah, it's- it's been fun, like getting to dive into all these projects that I've missed out on and just really missing the work that I, that I was- been doing.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:02:09

Cool. Well, welcome back.

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:02:12

Oh, Melissa, you are muted.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:02:20

Thank you.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:02:20

We're so happy to have you back. It's just, it's a joyous reunion here. I've got the band back together. Bobby's in the office too. (laughs)

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:02:27

You are sorely missed, sorely missed.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:02:29

Hello, Amy. Hi, Chase. Hi, Gregory. How are you?

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:02:39

Much better. No-

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:02:39

Bye, thanks for having us.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:02:40

No coughing anymore.

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:02:42

Oh, you're muted Gregory.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:02:46

I was gonna say, I'm feeling much better, I'm not coughing from my trip to Finland, so... I can-

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:02:52

Oh, that's good.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:02:52

I can be in meetings without embarrassing everybody by how long I cough.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:02:56

(laughs) Well, now that I'm not as young as I used to be, I never leave home without, uh, cough drops.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:03:04

And there are some pretty nasty tasting cough drops all around the world, I can tell you.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:03:09

Yeah. I don't really like them. I'll, I'd be happy to never have another one again, but-

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:03:14

Yep.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:03:14

...they're not really an option. (laughs)

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:03:21

Oh my. Mm-hmm. All right. I think we'll go ahead and get started. Um, let me share my screen. I think... Does everybody know each other?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:03:37

Well, let's reintroduce Iridium. I don't know. I mean, do you know everyone?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:03:46

And Chase?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:03:47

I think I know most people, but we can... I don't think I know Chase.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:03:52

Okay.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:03:52

Give him an introduction.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:03:53

Well-

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:03:54

Yeah.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:03:54

Would you like to start, Noe?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:03:56

Sure. Uh, my name is Noemi Castaneda Martinez, and I'm a program manager for the Homelessness Services Division. I have the SOL Program, which is Solving Obstacles for Unsheltered Lives, and also the IMPT meetings, which is composed of, like, 30 some agencies and cities that we meet every Wednesday.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:04:24

-- to talk about, uh, homeless, uh, individuals in Sonoma County.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:04:29

Great. Thank you. Chase?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:04:33

Hi, everybody. My name is Chase. I use he and they pronouns. I'm the interim executive director at Positive Images, Sonoma County's LGBTQIA2S+ Center.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:04:41

You're muted. You're muted.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:04:53

She's not, but it's not... Sound's not coming out.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:04:55

Yeah. Maybe you need to turn your volume up.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:04:58

Can you hear me now?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:04:59

Yeah.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:04:59

Yes.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:05:00

Okay. It was connected to the wrong s- speakerphone and my camera's not doing so well right now either. I have to fix it, but there's no Slack, so I'll do it later.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:05:08

Good.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:05:08

Anyw- I know, I'll have to...

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:05:09

I might do this. Hi, everyone. (laughs) Good afternoon. My name is Fabiana Espinosa. I also go by Fabi. My pronouns are sure, uh, she, her, ella, and I am the...

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:05:23

... BHSA/BHSA analyst. Nice to see everyone. I'll try to do this. (laughs) Gosh.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:05:31

Erica.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:05:33

Hey, everyone. I think I know all of you. Erica with Buckelew. It's good to see everyone today.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:05:37

And Iridian.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:05:39

Hi, everybody. Iridian Jimenez. I am, um, the BHSA senior office assistant. I haven't said that in a while.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:05:48

(laughs)

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:05:48

Um, but it's good to be back. Good to meet everybody.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:05:51

I like that you got the B instead of the M.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:05:52

Mm-hmm.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:05:53

Yeah. Trying that transition. (laughs)

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:05:56

Gregory.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:05:57

Gregory Ferrin, old non-profit activist, now currently on the beh-

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:06:04

...health board.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:06:05

Thanks. Julie?

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:06:07

Julie Kawahara, BHSA Consultant.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:06:10

Dori?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:06:11

Dori Escobar, Coaction Institute. Facilitator of the Listening Sessions Project.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:06:17

And I'm Melissa Ladresh. I'm the Behavioral Health Coordinator... (laughs) Behavioral Health Services Act Coordinator for, uh, behavioral health and my pronouns are she/her. All right, I'm gonna go ahead and share my screen.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:06:36

(laughs) In case you want to see what a calendar looks like later.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:06:39

In case you're wondering how busy I am. That's not what I meant to do. Let's try that again.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:06:43

Mm-hmm.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:06:45

Oh, no, it's that one, is it?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:06:55

I can't. That's it.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:06:55

That's it? Okay.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:06:57

All right. Are you seeing the community planning process meeting?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:07:02

Yes.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:07:03

Okay. So what we really need to talk about is the town hall meeting that is next week.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:07:11

Um, so that's, um, gonna be a priority. (clears throat) And then talk about focus groups, which at the last, um, steering committee meeting, which was last week, it came up, um, about doing s- uh, focus groups with folks that are unhoused and have behavioral health challenges. So I'm, I'm thinking... Well, we'll talk about it when we get there-

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:07:33

So for, uh, the town hall meeting that is on the 22nd next week, our agenda is gonna be a welcome and lunch. It'll start at 12:30.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:07:46

I'll provide an overview of Behavioral Health Services Act and sort of, you know, the transition that we're going, you know, a little MHSA, a little behavioral services. I'm not gonna dive deep into details, like I'm not gonna talk about the performance measures 'cause I don't think that's relevant to this group. (clears throat) And, um, then we need to have a group discussion and the way that I do the discussion, uh, questions, you know, we, we include that in the steering committee and the Life Worth Living Committee. So we need to figure out what that's going to be. Um...

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:08:23

...feedback, and I'm thinking with that we'll have maybe a Meridian with one of those easel flipchart boards, you know, kind of record the concerns that are coming up and whoever's facilitating that would kind of echo the concern of someone and then Meridian can write it down, and then I'll come back, uh, and address any concerns.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:08:47

So creating the discussion question, um, is important and then there were a couple of people that volunteered. I see... Is Mary Francis? Did you, did she get here today? She's got something else going on. Um-

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:09:01

Yeah. I don't... Yeah.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:09:01

Mary Francis and Michael Reynolds, who's also not here, (laughs) both volunteered to, um, to have a facilitating role. And I thought one of them could facilitate, uh, the discussion question and the other one could, um, do... Facilitate the listening comments and feedback. Uh, so I'll have to reach out to them separate-

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:09:22

...Certainly. (audio cuts out) ...that down. Oh, thank you.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:09:31

Do we know if we're going to have any monolingual Spanish speakers participating because I could translate if that's necessary.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:09:39

We have hired a translator.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:09:41

Oh.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:09:41

Even better.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:09:42

Okay. Good.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:09:44

Great question, though. And from now on, we're really gonna try to do all larger public meetings in-

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:09:50

Bilingual.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:09:50

Perfect.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:09:51

Let's see.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:10:00

And then depending on the number of folks that attend, right now I think we've got 32 or 33 have RSVP'd, um, we may have to limit the amount of time for the public comment to three to five minutes per person.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:10:16

And, um, I wanted to go over the invitation list, but why don't we start with the discussion question. What ideas do folks have for a discussion question that... A- and, and just to let you know about the order, oftentimes we'll start with a discussion question, but I thought that maybe this group will be, you know, they'll, they might feel more comfortable after we've said something and then they might feel more comfortable having a discussion, uh, afterwards.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:10:42

So, thoughts?

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:10:45

Is the objective, uh, for this town hall for them to understand sort of the framework and the transitional actions, the resulting BHSA implementation?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:10:57

I think-

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:10:57

If we're gonna do the overview of BHSA first and then have a group discussion or have a, a prompt question-

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:11:04

Mm-hmm.

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:11:04

... it might be, you know, like what are your... I mean, it could either be, yeah, like, what are your concerns, what Chase just put into the chat. What are your questions, concerns? Um, I know we've talked about, you know, what role could you play in this transition, sort of getting people to think about...

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:11:23

You know, where they're positioned, what they can contribute, how they can be part of the new, sort of newly formed system. You know, I know i- if we're targeting some of the housing providers or the homeless providers, you know, service providers, you know, it's a whole... Depending on who's in the room, I feel like, you know, uh, you might elicit a different level of questioning or more specificity depending on who's in the audience.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:11:48

You can take a look at the invitation list if you guys wanna see that. Um...

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:11:52

W- uh, while you're doing that, I was thinking when, um... Julie, I like that you included both concerns and, um, some more...

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:12:02

Possibilities? Uh, 'cause I was thinking a- asking... we could ask folks what are... new opportunities do they envision with this transition?

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:12:13

Yeah, and I think the dilemma that we've been talking about i- in this work group as well as at the steering committee is that BHSA is pretty prescriptive.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:12:41

Yeah.

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:12:42

What's being asked of us, so-

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:12:43

We're losing 35% of our funding, yeah.

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:12:45

Yeah. So I think it's really important that we be clear on, you know, as we orchestrate this town hall is that we're really clear on what the requirements are and our limitations and what the framework is and, you know, what the parameters that- that we're building this out, building out this sort of, um, I'm gonna call it the new system of care, if we will, um, a- and what is required or needed. I see Erica has her hand up. I- I know, Erica, you always have such great insights, so I'm gonna stop talking.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:13:13

No, I was just gonna say, so like, for me, I feel like, um, historically, this fund-

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:13:22

Was a genius idea that got created to also fix the system issues, so they pushed quite a bit of agenda through MHSA. Um, so they're doing the same thing with BHSA. And so I think that the more that we can explain what the regulations are, the more we could actually have that conversation about the, you know, who has the population that might fit into this area and how can we increase access community workflows through our system to support those individuals to get the care that they need?

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:14:01

... 'cause they're trying to address a specific population with this.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:14:05

Right.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:14:06

Um, and if, if we don't address that, and they've been trying to do it for about 10 years now (laughs) with a lot of different initiatives, um, but I think those pieces are really important 'cause our community is really creative and we have some other work that's happening in community, you know, like Healthy Together, um, uh, Blue Zones, um, you know, the Access Coalition that Jason and I are doing with Dan, um, you know, that work is really community care based, right, where people are find-

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:14:41

Finding the solutions innovatively to support, support across, you know, our whole community where this is services, right? And so, you know, every time what's happened with the system as it closes is that what the system that it's a health plan, so they have to sustain their services and their core services first. So how do we actually effectively utilize this so we don't lose all the good work our community has done and we can support the community to, to know if they fit that population? Then if not, how do we find, uh, the way, a way to support those?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:15:21

... 'cause there's all other kinds of ways, especially with all of the CBOs and the, uh, community health workers reimbursement that people can do. There's all different ways that they could actually be a part of this access into the higher level of care. Does that make sense?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:15:38

Right, yeah. Yeah.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:15:39

Erica, can I ask you to put that question, uh, it's a great question, in the chat so we can capture it?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:15:44

I was just gonna ask her the same thing. (laughs)

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:15:47

And then-

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:15:47

Go ahead. Yeah.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:15:48

I also wanted to ask you, when you said explain what regulations, um, a-ah i- so specifically, what kind of regulations are you thinking i-i um, that you wanted more focus on?

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:16:01

So I think people need to understand, um, that this... The way I'm reading it and, you know, uh, I, I have not read all of the regulations in th- in the shift to BHSA, so I'm gonna lean on you and Julie, right? (laughs)

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:16:17

(laughs)

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:16:18

(laughs)

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:16:19

But, so it looks to me like it's a shift to core behavioral health services, right? It's a shift to FSP. It's, uh, bringing in the homeless services or, or housing component, but it's not necessarily a loss of funding. It's a shift of funding.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:16:35

It is a shift of funding.

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:16:36

For a specific population, and I think that's a really important...

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:16:41

... a key piece. And if we could bullet that out for people and then ask them, "How many of you feel like you fit this in the work you're doing? And how can we help you to build out the lower level access to this higher level of care access?" Because that is the same problem that they started with MHSA. So community support services was supposed to support individuals, boots on the ground, that were on the margins, that were not gonna access care to actually access core services because they were cycling criminal justice, the hospital, the health center, all of that stuff.

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:17:21

So, those bullet points-- because people need to understand that health system part or else they're gonna... I mean, we have a great, innovative, awesome community, so they can come up with a million ideas, but they have to understand that container, if that makes sense.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:17:35

That makes a lot of sense.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:17:36

Yeah. Erica, I, I, as always, very articulate. I love it. I was, um, in my brain, kind of trying to, to lean in that direction. I think we've had an, a lot of conversation about what's not going to be funded with the new BHSA framework, and so it kind of, sometimes the conversation still feels like, "What are we not getting anymore?"

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:18:01

When this conversation is here is the new structure, here are the new regulations, what are the opportunities within that to participate and-

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:18:10

Yeah.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:18:10

... better serve the population?

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:18:12

Well, and, and what that does too is it opens people up to creativity and innovation because if you're in healthcare, this is like what? The three millionth time I've went through we're shutting programs down. This is not new. This is not brand new. (laughs) This is our life, right? And so if this is our life in all of the different departments, how are we going to, as a community, make sure that we are developing a network of care and we don't lose-

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:18:40

... who's the good community relationships. Like, Positive Images has wonderful things that they've been doing for decades and are a bridge into core services and people trust them, right? So those are really key important pieces and I don't know, Chase, if you know, um, or if you collect this data in your agency, but, like, how many people are experiencing homelessness and at risk, right? Like, that would be a good number to know, right? Because they would then fit into this population the state's trying to, you know, that's the higher level of care, right? And that would be a gateway into that level of care.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:19:17

I love that thought process too because there's so many...

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:19:20

... like, positive images, like, um, Latino Service Providers, Corazon Healthberg that we're not calling ourselves homelessness providers, right? But I have six to seven individuals that are experiencing homelessness utilize our services every week, right? And I'm sure Latino Service Providers does too and I'm sure Corazon does too. So I think that that kind of framing's gonna be really helpful for the people in the room.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:19:41

Yeah. And it's even more specific. So you, it's not just homeless. It's also you need to have a serious behavioral health challenge. Um, so I'll make sure that that's all outlined and so it, it really from MHSA, which had more emphasis on prevention and early intervention to, um, BHTA.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:20:00

... to say it's really for people that have more acute, um, serious mental illness. I mean, that, so it sort of bumped up who it is that we're gonna serve.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:20:09

And I would be curious to see, um, Chase, from, from your organization and, and the other CBOs, how many of the folks being served by your programs and services may not have an- an- a- a diagnosis but are seeking services for what appears to be a diagnosable condition? And there may be more opportunity there too.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:20:36

Yeah. I think that's totally the other side of the-

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:20:40

... the point here, too, is that there's a lot of folks that definitely are showing symptoms of acute behavioral health issues, um, but might not have a diagnosis or have the means to reach that diagnosis. Um, so I think that that's kind of the other barrier that we're up against, is we're also at a place right now where we're not asking our clients when they fill out our intake form for them to disclose diagnoses, right? There are some folks that in notes opt in and say, "I'm autistic. I get overstimulated easily, so I'll need, like, a de-stim space." But we're not currently collecting that information, so... And I have a feeling a lot of other orgs like us at our size, um, probably are in the same boat there too.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:21:19

Traditionally-

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:21:20

You guys have been a PEI provider and that's why you don't collect that data.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:21:24

Exactly.

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:21:25

And, and, and that intersection that Chase just, uh, uh, mentioned about is, uh, really important because actually Partnership would be the one to be serving those individuals to get into... Like the county serves 8% of the Medi-Cal population, right? That's a very small percentage to the whole, right? And so that piece is gonna be really important to the- these conversations so that we are aligning efforts across community in a way that supports the most access.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:21:57

And how many folks-

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:21:59

... folks being served by the CBOs are still not feeling safe enough to go to get a clinical diagnosis in a different kind, in a different kind of setting. Um-

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:22:10

Or know how to talk about it, right? So, our navigators have been teaching community how to talk about their symptoms in a way that, that supports them to access care because people are scared. They have internal stigma themselves. They don't, they don't wanna be part of a system that has, has been harmful to them or felt harmful to them, or both and, right?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:22:34

Absolutely. It's like-

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:22:34

So those are the very important things and conversations we should be having. Absolutely.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:22:39

Exactly. And this is what we've heard in all of the listening sessions, um, and I'm excited as I'm working on the last year's report. There's at least one very explicit comment about how safe this person feels the services she receives are. That's the first time anyone's ever said it that clearly. But I, I, I think we need to include that in the conversation of the transition, that just because someone isn't in a place where they're yet diagnosed, how the CBOs and the other partners could have that role with the clinical institutions to help folks get ready to be able to access...

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:23:19

-- services to get a diagnosis.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:23:22

I would make a suggestion, Melissa, is for... Uh, well, it's a question and a suggestion. So, is there a criteria or will there be a criteria for determining what is severe persistent mental illness? Like, eligibility into services. And if so, if we could spend some time talking about that because I think... I mean, Erica, you pointed that out in a previous email that there needs to be some sort of baseline education and common language and understanding of who the population is both into what-

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:23:59

It's gonna be known as FSP client dri- you know, clients. 'Cause this also, I feel like the question that we ask or the discussion that we, uh, promote should help inform us as to i- developing those RFPs that come along, right? We wanna be able to plan for appropriate services and, and solicit those services based on... And I appreciate Erica's, you know, bringing up the data 'cause we, we need that to, to know where we're targeting.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:24:31

Yeah, that's a really good point. So I already have some slides that kind of outline, um, what kind of the critical measure is particularly for housing, but it's going to be, um, you know, to meet our algorithm for full service partnership, uh, to, to have that service, it has to be even higher, but there will be a couple of teams like, uh, CTRT collaborative, uh, collaborative treatment-

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:24:57

- and recovery. There we go. Collaborative treatment and recovery team that, um, can take a little bit lower threshold than the- the full service partnerships. And then the full service partnerships under-

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:25:21

... it's going to be within the full-service partnership. There'll be s- probably three different levels of care that would coordinate with how often we're seeing someone and, and part of how their, how their condition is.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:25:33

Are there specific DSM diagnoses that are gonna limit who can get these services?

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:25:40

Yeah, there's some diagnoses, but it's also severity and risk factors.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:25:44

Oh, okay.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:25:44

So like if you've attempted suicide, yeah.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:25:47

That's exactly what I was thinking. That's...

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:25:49

Okay, great.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:25:50

Things get higher on the list.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:25:50

That's good.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:25:53

Yeah.

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:25:54

It's really around functioning. There's the CANS and the ANZA-

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:25:58

... that you could look up online to see. The CANS is for children and the ANZA is for adults. So then it's assessment done that shows level of functioning. Diagnosis really has nothing to do with it, other than the fact that you have a diagnosis at a severe level. Um, it could be any, a lot of different diagnoses actually, um, that would fall, you know, whether it's depression, or generalized anxiety, or PTSD, but it's really around the whole picture of the person. That's the part of needing to be able to communicate and peop-

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:26:29

... 'cause they'll go to an assessment, a access team, and be like, "I'm good. I don't need your help." Like, "I don't know what your name is, but I definitely don't wanna talk about my stuff." Right? (laughs) And then the other, the people are like, "Okay, you're good." Like, "You say you're fine, you're living in your car, you, you know, are going to Positive Images. You're all cool, right?"

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:26:47

"You have people, you have connection to community, you don't want our services, you're not telling me any high-risk level thing." You know, Chase's team is like, "Whoa. They're, you know, they're, you know, doing at-risk behavior. They're, you know, doing X, Y, and Z. They're actually not eating appropriately, like they're not sleeping, like (laughs) you know, things are sideways." But there's no... That's why that connection is so important, right? Um, and we wanna make sure that especially right now, we, we create those pathways where people have a safe place to be served in our system of care-

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:27:24

Okay.

D - Jul 16, 2025 13:27:24

... at the highest level that they need.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:27:26

Exactly. Good.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:27:29

Great. So these are really great insights so that I can build the PowerPoint that will really kind of help the community understand, uh, without getting them into the details that the, the s- the, uh, steering committee g- gets into. Um, and then-

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:27:43

I was g- that-

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:27:43

... bringing the question.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:27:44

That example Erica just gave about someone that might walk into Buckalew who might tell a different story than when they walk in to see Chase's team, that's a, that's a, a great example that could help clarify things without getting into the nitty-gritty that the steering committee gets into.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:28:04

Yeah.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:28:04

You guys are good.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:28:06

Okay. So, um-

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:28:07

(laughs) .

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:28:07

... hopefully, Erica, you can pop your question into the chat, uh, or did you already? Oh. I see there's 10 things in the chat and I haven't seen one.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:28:14

No, we still need Erica's question. It was around access and level of care, I think, best suitable level of care.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:28:21

Mm-hmm.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:28:22

Um, Noemi, you've been quiet. Any, any additional thoughts or comments? Or Gregory? You guys haven't... I wanna give you some space.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:28:31

(laughs)

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:28:31

... comment. Can we...

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:28:32

Well, I'm just, I, I, I'm more-

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:28:33

You're both on mute.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:28:34

I'm, I'm, okay. I'm the newcomer.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:28:52

Well, a huge career in homeless services. I'm the newcomer in behavioral health, so I'm listening. Um, as a member of the Behavioral Health Board, given that there's, like, we've said only MHSA, now BHSA is only a small part of the whole pot. I'm trying to keep an eye out for...

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:29:14

W- well, I'm totally convinced you guys know everything about the rules and regulations of MHSA and the, uh, opportunities. I don't think any of us know much about, um, how the integration of all the rest of the money is gonna affect the system we design. Uh, Measure O and, you know, lots of other moneys don't have the nearly the kinds of either expectations or limitations that MHSA old, MHSA has. And so I'm just a little frightened that your expertise and focus around both the history of MHSA and the damage that's being done by taking a th- you know, 30% of it into housing is going to focus all your attention on rules and regulations and aspects that are just very narrowly MHSA-ish. Um, because I think there's is, there is an opportunity to broaden both the services delivered and the opportunities we have for, uh, using quite a bit of more money in the whole of the integrated plan.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:30:28

I would agree with that, but I think the BHSA is so restrictive that we have to focus on this transition to get that right, and then look at the complement of all the other additional, like the substance use and the, you know, uh, Measure O and the other funding to fill in what is lo- is gapped by the transition.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:30:50

You know, there's gonna be gaps in our system.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:30:52

Right.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:30:53

You know, um, there's still the prevention money that might come, that's gonna come out of the state. We don't know what the rules are around that, but yo- you know, we kinda touched on stigma. Still a lot of stigma around talking about your, you know, mental health condition, right?

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:31:07

Mm-hmm.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:31:07

And there's still community members that still have challenges, you know, finding a trusted source to talk about what's going on with them. So it's, it's like we, we're gonna lose some of that in the system unless we can competitively get some money out of the state. So...

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:31:24

Yeah, Eric, just one second. I wanted to re- uh, respond to what Gregor was saying. So BHSA is two things in one, right? There's the behavioral health services funding-

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:31:35

Mm-hmm.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:31:35

... and that's kinda the same arena as the MHSA funding.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:31:39

That limited bucket.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:31:39

Right, right.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:31:40

And then it's looking at the system as a whole, and that's where things like the behavioral health measures, uh, come into play, you know, institutionalization, incompetent to stand trial, and working on those in this coordinated plan of every dollar the division has. But what I disagree with, um...

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:33:19

... system we want, um, is what we're all trying to f- front load into all of these listening sessions, all of these opportunities for everybody to comment. And I just don't want any of the challenge opportunities we're gonna have for evaluation to be lost in a narrowing that's too narrow in the beginning because we concentrate on what we know right now and we have regulations right now, and which is tied to, uh, you know, 30% of the money that we've got to spend.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:33:51

My concern, Gregory, with that, I mean, I, I am, uh... I think you might know me well enough to know that I, I'm think in terms of integration and, and that. So, I, I share your concern for that not being lost. However, I'm also concerned that there be enough focus in these, this round of town hall meetings to really focus on what's changing, that is, n- it's not gonna change. These new BHSA, the new framework, the new regulations are what they are, and I don't think there's enough clarity about them. And so, since that's a new piece that's outside of our control, the more we can understand it, the better job we can do in the next conversation about how d- now how does that fit into this whole we're trying to build in a more integrated way.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:34:48

Let's see. Naomi, was your hand up before Erica? Whose hand was up before?

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:34:52

Erica.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:34:53

It's okay. I'll, I'll step down for Naomi, and, and talk after. Yeah. Go ahead, Naomi, Naomi.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:35:02

It's no Amy. Like just think of me, like I'm not Amy, so no, no, no Amy. (laughs)

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:35:11

(laughs)

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:35:12

No, no, no. (laughs) Um, so I'm in a, uh, unique situation because I'm a former behavioral health clinician, so I know behavioral health. I know, you know, what the regulations are. You know, people that have mental health issues have to be high enough to qualify for behavioral health services. And now I'm on the other side, I'm in the ho- the homelessness division seeing like a lot of our, um, clients have behavioral health needs. But I think my concern is, yes, they have behavioral health needs, but a lot of them don't wanna get the services. They don't wanna be under behavioral health. They don't wanna get the, uh, the treatment. They don't wanna go through access, but that doesn't mean they don't have the behavioral health needs, you know? They're still talking to trees, they're still having PTSD, they're still having all kinds of stuff. So, how are we gonna be able to serve those populations that may not want to have the behavioral health service? Are, are they not gonna be served, you know? So that's my concern because we can say, "Oh yeah, this person has schizophrenia. This person has all these other things." Or they mi- they might have dual diagnosis, they might have, um, mental health and substance abuse issues, but they don't want the help. They just wanna be, you know, housed and they don't wanna be having any kind of treatment. So, how are we gonna address? Because that's a big chunk of our homeless, that they have the issues, but they don't want the service. So how... But, and that's something that we need to sort of talk about. Are they, then if you don't accept the service, then, you know, we're not gonna be able to spend money on helping that segment of the population, which to me is a disservice because that's a big-

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:37:18

... Chunk of people. And then the other part is the homelessness, um, encampments. So I know, I know that some of the monies is, you know, it says that it specifically, uh, is going to be dealing with people that are, are coming from encampments. So, uh, our team, they do encampment outreach every single day. I mean, that's part of the reason why you don't see huge encampments 'cause they're tackling, you know, when they see people gathering in certain areas, to make sure that we provide the services and we help them and we take them to one of our sites. So, that's something

that is already happening, but how can we provide more, maybe m- more of the money to those teams that are already doing the outreach and they are already doing the, preventing the encampments from happening too? So, I mean, I'm kind of quiet because I just want to hear from everyone and I want to see what people have to say about things, um. 'Cause I don't think we know, we don't have all the answers yet. We're still sort of figuring out how the o- money is gonna be allocated, how we're gonna be able to serve the populations, but I do have some concerns as to, you know, a lot of the homeless people are, might not get the service because they're not wanting this, the service. I don't know if I'm like making (laughs) , if I'm going in circles or what. (laughs)

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:38:47

Yeah, that's, that's a really good point, um-

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:38:49

That's a really good point.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:38:50

... Rebecca. Is it Samit who is on the Behavioral Health Board and she's joined the housing work group, um, as a peer and as somebody who was homeless for 20 years, she said, uh, her insight is that it really takes peers with lived experience that have relationships, that can build relationships... It takes time, it takes a lot of time, um, to kind of help folks kind of turn the corner and be a little bit more accepting of, of getting some help.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:39:18

Yeah. I mean, you can take the course to water, but you can't force them to drink.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:39:23

Yeah.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:39:23

So there's only so much we can do.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:39:27

Right. And I'm sure there's a philosophy where you don't wanna deny housing with a mandate to access treatment attached to it.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:39:33

Exactly.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:39:34

So, yeah, so I just didn't get that.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:39:35

That's, that's like a, the, the big question mark I have, like if they don't want to be, you know, under behavioral health, do they not get the services? Yeah.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:39:46

And in an environment in deportation and fear, which is what's creating a whole lot of... I mean, one of the... We... I'm being told the reason there aren't encampments or large encampments is everybody's so frightened they don't wanna be around anybody, and they're scattered and, and creating an environment that makes it much harder for us to find people. I, I actually had a group yesterday that said, "We have to be advocating for encampments. We have to be trying to build encampments because that makes it a whole lot easier for us to find them and makes it a whole lot easier for them to be stable." That the attitude that says scatter them, frighten them, make it harder on us is exactly the wrong direction.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:40:29

And Erica, I see your hand up. Um, I hope it's short 'cause I wanted to switch the conversation to who we've invited, who's coming.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:40:36

Sure. Yeah. Um, so I'm gonna practice. No Amy. Uh-

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:40:41

... thank you so much. (laughs) Um, sometimes my hearing issues get in the way, so I appreciate you clarifying the, the like the, your name. Um, so, um, just, I, I just wanna put a emphasis on that, um, MHSA has been addressing the exact population that we're talking about for years. And so, that cannot be put aside, um, because that is what we've been doing. And actually, when we had certain leadership, we shifted that and it wasn't an integrated system like you're talking about, Gregory. So, we have executive leadership that made decisions to silo, um, housing and behavioral health, which has happened for decades, but made it even more so in our own county.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:41:30

I know.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:41:31

And so all of us continued those relationships and so that needs to be a part of these conversations.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:41:39

Yeah.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:41:39

Because we have been doing that work, but what we didn't have was the system answering us, right? So when we first started, we got a lot of people into the right level of care because we worked as one system together. So, that cannot be, like, just ignored.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:41:54

I, I'm, I'm totally aware of that. I was sitting in Marin for 20 years helping you guys b- build a kind of Health and Human Services integration. And I fought hard against the administration you're talking about. Um, now we have a new administration and we have a new attitude, I think, at both the board and the department. And I hope we can-

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:42:13

Very true. All right. So let's talk about who is coming. And Erica, you, you gave me an, a number of names. Thank you very much. So we were able to get somebody from law enforcement, although it wasn't on there, they're just from the City of Petaluma. I couldn't tell from this, I'd have to do a little bit more work. But, uh, we've got some health folks. We've gotten Chase from Positive Images. We've got Skip, um, Buckalew, a number of Buckalews, Providence, COTS, uh, peer providers, Life On Art, NAMI, Blue Zones, and a number of behavioral health, uh, board, behavioral health board members. And a few more on this list are behavioral health board members. Do you, are you s- noticing somebody, h- Gregory?

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:43:01

So far, I just saw Peterson, Rebecca, and I. But-

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:43:04

Oh, you're muted, Gregory.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:43:06

Okay.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:43:15

Yeah, I was just saying Peterson, Rebecca, and I have... It- it's awfully small, and my eyesight's not as great, but if anybody sees anybody else from the-

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:43:24

Okay, so I've got behavioral health board.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:43:26

Kevin McDonald, isn't he the mayor of, uh, Petaluma?

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:43:29

Yeah, he's also on Measure O.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:43:31

Yeah.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:43:31

Yeah. I-I... If we could fill in some of the qualifiers like that, the descriptors, 'cause it helps me understand who's in the room.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:43:38

Yeah.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:43:39

Um, so if there's names that people see that don't, they don't have a organizational identification would be really helpful, um, because I'm kind of questioning, like, COTS is a homeless provider.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:43:51

Mm-hmm.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:43:51

You know, are there other folks in, uh, uh, or do we want like therapists or like, like I invited Petaluma healthcare system and their behavioral health people, you know, just curious like who, who's missing for us? Who else do we need to nudge to come, particularly to Petaluma? We have the virtual one coming up in Petaluma.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:44:12

Yeah, we invited some people from the school system but haven't heard from them yet.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:44:17

Do you want the schools there? Should we put energy into that?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:44:21

Um, um, I would s- Theresa Tillman's with the health center, Petaluma Health Center.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:44:28

Oh, she is?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:44:29

Yeah.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:44:29

Okay, good. That's helpful.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:44:41

Um, well we've got SCOH is coming, Rebecca from, from SCOH. Um, I mean because we're not gonna be using a substantial amount of this money on the schools, I mean, I, I think we're gonna fund the Cape program but not even heavily, like probably \$100,000. Um, so I mean, they... Everyone's a stakeholder, that's, I mean that's the, and the bottom line. And so the more diverse stakeholders we have in the room, I think the more interesting and insightful the conversation will become.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:45:12

Um, Sarah Wolf is with the city, with, um, main development and housing.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:45:19

Okay. Are, are you, are you sure Teresa's with Petaluma Health Center? Did she switch roles?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:45:25

I, I think she did recently.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:45:28

Okay.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:45:28

Maybe after Cathy retired and there was a bit of a shakeup.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:45:32

We were aiming for 50, we've ordered 50 lunches so I'd love to have, you know, another 10 people. Um-

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:45:38

Um, Mahurn's gonna come, Chris Mahurn from City of Santa Rosa.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:45:43

What number is he?

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:45:45

Uh, he's not a number, I just invited him but he'll be there. (laughs)

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:45:48

So he's not on the list, okay. He's not on the list.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:45:51

Yeah.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:45:52

(laughs) . H-U-R-

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:45:55

U-R-I-N.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:45:57

Maria Carmen of Sonoma Valley Health Center?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:45:59

Yeah.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:46:00

Give you some names, some places, some, I mean agencies that we work on for the IMDT. Um, so we have probation, we have Becky Hampton. She-

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:46:12

Could you email me with those?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:46:14

I'll email you, yeah, yeah I'll email you our agenda because there's, uh, a lot of people that go, uh, that work with homelessness. Um, yeah.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:46:24

Are the, are the email addresses on there, Noemi?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:46:26

No.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:46:28

I don't, uh, I mean I-

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:46:48

I have the emails, the separate thing but, you know, like, I don't know if you guys wanna, you know, invite everybody but we have people from public defender's office, from, you know, all the h- major hospitals, uh, the city, City of Santa Rosa, City of Rohnert Park, Catholic Charities, SCOTS, uh, West County Community Services-

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:47:13

Maury?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:47:14

... all of that.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:47:14

No, I'm gonna check with you for a second because, um-

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:47:16

Yeah. I'll send that in.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:47:18

This o- this m- meeting is in Petaluma, so I'm thinking it's more south county focused.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:47:23

Oh, south county. Okay.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:47:24

We can have a virtual, um, town hall and that, I would love to invite everybody on that list to that.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:47:30

Okay. Okay.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:47:31

That'll be on, on July 30th.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:47:33

All right. So I'll, I'll send you our agenda so you can at least see which will, you know, what agencies are and the people that come from those agencies.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:47:43

Then I'm gonna need their emails from you. (laughs)

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:47:45

Yeah. I'll, I'll send that in, too.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:47:48

'kay.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:47:48

Um, Mai Theg?

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:47:49

This list, Melissa, is it invitees or is it people that have confirmed they're attending?

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:47:54

Accepted or-

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:47:56

Yeah.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:47:56

Yeah, so the list is who's been invited.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:47:58

Okay.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:47:58

And then, the, the accepted are here. Mai Theg is the superintendent for Rohnert Park County Schools.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:48:04

What number is he?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:48:05

She.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:48:06

She? What number?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:48:07

50-something. 50. (laughs)

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:48:09

(laughs) 50. Um-

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:48:09

It's the superintendent, but 50.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:48:12

Oh, yeah, Mai Thepman.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:48:13

No, Mai Theg.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:48:15

Oh, Mai Theg. And then Christiana is with Buckalew. Yeah, suici- suicide prevention.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:48:21

Mm-hmm.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:48:22

Where, what number is she? I think that-

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:48:24

40 or 39, depending on what row you're looking at. 39.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:48:27

I'm looking at mine, the number I put in. Okay.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:48:35

If you want more people from the Behavioral Health Board, David Rabbit's the only one that has all three appointees. And Brad Katsuna and Don O'Brien and, and, you know, are the newest... M- so there's three Petalumen board members who I can't s- invite, I can't communicate with it because it's a Brown Act violation, but you could ask Sam to s- send out the notice of it, and those three at least-

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:48:57

I did ask Sam to, to send it to the, um, Behavioral Health Board.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:49:02

As far as I-

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:49:02

But you asked Brad to invite the Petaluma folks.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:49:05

Yeah. I mean-

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:49:06

Yeah, specifically maybe-

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:49:07

Specifically-

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:49:08

... target, target those.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:49:08

... go after, go after those three. They're the, it's the only district that has all three, and they were all... I mean, two of 'em were at the board meeting la- you know, this week, so...

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:49:18

Could you email the names?

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:49:20

Yeah, or put it in the chat?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:49:22

You don't have to reach out to them but just say what their names are.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:49:24

Sure, I will.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:49:25

How many accepted? 30 something?

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:49:28

32.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:49:29

Okay. That's not terrible.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:49:30

No, it's not terrible. And a lot of times people, you know, they wait till the last minute because trying to figure out how their schedule's gonna work out.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:49:37

Mm-hmm.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:49:38

And then I did post it on our Facebook page too, on the, uh, Department of Health Services Facebook page.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:49:57

So and just to confirm, Melissa, you're gonna reach out to Michael and, um, Mary Frances about attending and helping out and co-facilitating?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:50:06

Yeah.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:50:07

Okay, great.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:50:07

They volunteered though. This isn't re-

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:50:09

They did.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:50:09

They did. They did but they're not here today, so I just wanted to make sure somebody was gonna follow up with them.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:50:15

Got it. If you go to the, hit the red thing on the new messages.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:50:19

Yep, we've got the names in the chat. Ben Ford.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:50:23

And are there any clinical people that you feel or other homeless service providers in the South Bay that we should focus on?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:50:33

Um-

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:50:34

Noemi, anybody in your coalition that...

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:50:38

I, I would think, uh, City of Rohnert Park, Emily Quade?

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:50:43

Emily, yeah.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:50:44

Yeah. The one South, um, South County, let's see.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:50:50

I don't see anybody from the Petaluma People's Services Center in...

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:50:53

Yeah.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:50:55

I mean...

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:50:55

Petaluma People Services, yeah.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:50:57

Who's the director? Uh, I know that-

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:50:58

She's lea- she's leaving.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:51:00

Oh. At least have both Kelly get interim.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:51:04

Who's that?

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:51:04

Who's the interim?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:51:05

Meghan Kelly.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:51:06

Yes.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:51:06

Does anyone know-

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:51:08

I mean, my, my team serves entire county, so they're, they are in Petaluma, they're everywhere.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:51:15

Who's that?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:51:16

My team, like our homeless, um, team, they, they go-

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:51:23

What team?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:51:24

Yeah, my, my team, so all the people under me in my program- ... they actually, they actually go everywhere in the county, not just certain areas.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:51:34

Chase, I see that you asked, is there gonna be one in, um, Sonoma Valley, and no. I think we're just gonna do a virtual that, that will cover everybody.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:51:43

Sounds good. And I dropped Meghan Kelly's email in the chat as well. Oh, good. I was just making myself a note. But also we should get the clinical department director whose name I can't recall right now.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:52:09

At PPSC?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:52:10

Yeah.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:52:10

It's not showing the... It's just showing her name.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:52:15

Thanks, Chas-

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:52:16

Oh, above, above, uh, he actually put meagan@petalumapupil.org.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:52:22

Sorry, I sent him in two separate messages, that was confusing.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:52:25

Yeah, Chase, thanks for putting Ben Ford on there, from the Measure O.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:52:29

Yeah. Ben Ford's also my favorite professor at SSU.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:52:31

(laughs)

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:52:32

(laughs)

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:52:33

Good.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:52:34

Okay, this is some good progress, thank you.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:52:36

(laughs)

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:52:38

And then the last thing I wanted to talk about before we kind of wrap things up is the focus groups that we're planning. So it came up in the steering committee last week, um, that, why don't we do focus groups with folks that have, um, behavioral health challenges and are unhoused, and, and actually at shelters or in and around that? Uh, so I reached out to Hunter Scott, who is with Coordinated Entry, and about doing an in-person in Sonoma Valley as well as West County, like Burnsville. And he gave me, uh, Danielle's contact with West County, uh, Community Services there. And then he actually is recommending... I guess there's a new provider in Sonoma Valley for homelessness, and they're starting July 1st (laughs) , so this is not great timing for them. But so he said that, um-

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:53:38

We could kind of recruit and they have people doing outreach and they could kind of say, "Hey, we're gonna do this." And hopefully we'll be able to provide lunch and we have \$50, uh, gift cards that are a relic leftover from listening sessions. Um, so we'll be able to incentivize people to come. I'm hoping to have 10 folks, um, in each of those. And then the other place I'd like to have one, and I'll work with Michael Reynolds on that, is right here on our campus. And go to the wellness center, uh, the wellness and recovery center has a, a large percentage of folks that are unhoused and pretty much everybody that goes there has behavioral health challenges. So, um, it's a good, good audience for that. And we're working with Mission to develop the questions for the focus groups. We should, um, have them by tomorrow afternoon. And then I thought, um, Julie, Dory and I can really kind of take a look and, and see where we want to customize that.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:54:33

Yeah, I would recommend Adrian Lobby and Sam Ojibwe and, uh, the folks from Homeless Action Sonoma who are working with Catholic charities. I mean, that's the group I think that you're, um, m- meeting for a Sonoma base, uh, participation. The folks who took over, um, the, uh, tiny homes that, uh, down in Sonoma and the folks who are providing, uh, outreach services through the homeless coalition, which is Saves and Charities and, um, Homeless Action.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:55:04

Yeah. Well, Scott, um, Hunter Scott said that he'd hook me up.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:55:08

He- that's who he'll hook- hook you up with.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:55:11

Okay.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:55:11

And they're having a board meeting tomorrow that I'm going to, so I'll remind them.

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:55:16

Bobby, do you wanna wrap us up?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:55:18

Sure. So we always do our plus delta, um, and actually before that, when is our next meeting, Melissa?

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:55:25

Um, I was thinking, I'm not gonna be here in August. Um, so I was thinking of skipping August and going to September. Do people have other opinions?

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:55:34

I won't be here in September, so...

A - Jul 16, 2025 13:55:36

I think I've got the next meeting on the agenda, I put September 17th.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:55:54

Sounds good. So same time, 1:00?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:55:56

Yes.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:55:57

I'll be in Africa, but hopefully I'll keep track of you. Can I just mention one thing? Um, this is particularly for, for Chase. Um, so Chase, um, with the new changes with CalAIM, um, one of the things that's changing is the ability to serve, um, preventatively with partnership. So it might be something to discuss, especially because we could subcontract with other agencies that have, that have QMC departments and can actually do the stuff that we need to do in order to administer services through a health plan. So it might be a worthy conversation. Um, Latino service providers could be in a similar situation where we could discuss that and actually do subcontracting. So I'd be happy to have that conversation with you guys.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:56:42

That sounds incredible. Um, speaking of Latino service providers and on the BHSA call right now, um, I'm excited to tell you all that Positive Images is actually moving to Latino Service Providers building. So we'll all be in the same neighborhoods. (laughs)

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:56:55

Awesome. Yay! I'll be neighbors. (laughs) . That's great.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:56:58

That's great.

user - Jul 16, 2025 13:57:00

Yes. And the board appointed Nolan Sullivan as its repres- representative to the partnership, so make sure Nolan knows what you're trying to do with the partnership. And Chase, could you send me... Sorry, this is like offline too, but could you send me the new address so that we can change the contract, um, to have the new address on there?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:57:17

Yes, we will be in the new space officially September 1st. I'll email you about it.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:57:21

Thank you. Okay, so now we're going to move forward to our class delta. So plus means what you liked about this meeting. And then our delta is what changes you suggest for next time. Um, so please go ahead and just shout it out or you can put it in the chat, raise your hand, whatever works for you.

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:57:41

It's kind of a both a plus and a delta. I loved the engagement today. You guys did a brilliant job of contributing, um, and generating a really healthy conversation. So I really appreciate that. The, the delta was there weren't as many, uh, folks attending but perhaps that was the plus too because it was a smaller group, it was easier to engage. So whatever reason, it worked out well. So thank you all for being here.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:58:05

Thank you, Julie. Yes.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:58:07

Last time we-

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:58:08

And I also see Noni says, uh, "Great collaboration." Chase feels that it felt very productive today. I have to agree. Any other pluses or deltas?

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:58:18

I learned how to say, "Noemi." (laughs)

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:58:23

(laughs)

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:58:25

I know, I was saying Noemi. I, I, I changed the, the vowel.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:58:29

(laughs)

C - Jul 16, 2025 13:58:31

'Cause in Japanese it would be Noemi. (laughs)

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:58:34

Yeah. Well, it's close to the Japanese, right? And it... And if you wanna be... If I wanna be difficult, it's actually Noemi in Spanish.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:58:42

Noemi.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:58:43

Because it has an accent on the I. So like Do, Re, Mi. But nobody's gonna be able to say that. So Noemi is good. (laughs) You don't have to have the accent on the I.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:58:53

Thank you, Erica. Thank you, Noemi.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:58:56

Yes.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:58:57

Any other pluses or deltas? All right. Well, thank you all for being here and we'll see you in September. Have a great day. Take care.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:59:05

Bye.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:59:06

Thank you.

B - Jul 16, 2025 13:59:06

Bye.

B - Jul 16, 2025 14:01:35

...the Republican tax and spending legislation in Pennsylvania. (paper rustling)

B - Jul 16, 2025 14:02:03

... Pennsylvania. I see a beautiful baby back there, thank you for bringing him. How you doing buddy? He's like, "Get me out of here. Get me out of here." Don't worry about politics later. He's not old enough to vote, so... Let me just say a few things about where we are before I get into what I want to talk about, which is the one big beautiful bill and the way that it's going to bring Pennsylvania roaring back and American manufacturing roaring back to life. And that's this. This is a beautiful great facility and a great business, and what it means to have a great American machining company right here in northeastern Pennsylvania is a few things. First of all, it means that this fac-