

# Marin Behavioral Health Board Meeting

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## Short Summary

The Marin Behavioral Health Board discussed budget gaps, site visits, joint meetings, and new state initiatives for behavioral health services.

## Long Summary

You attended a Marin Behavioral Health Board meeting covering various administrative and strategic topics. Discussions included the significant budget gap due to the shift from MHSA to BHSA, ongoing planning for the BHSA integrated plan, and the need for strategic direction on funding cuts. The board voted to hold quarterly joint meetings with the AOD board and approved a site visit to Marin Health. There was also a detailed discussion on the new state-level Innovation Partnership Fund and the challenges of addressing systemic racism in health data.

## Announcements

- Todd Shermer, Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, provided updates on leadership staffing:
  - Recruitment is underway for the Division Director of Adult and Older Adult Services, with first-round interviews scheduled for next week.
  - Summer Medina has been appointed as the temporary supervisor for the Impact South team.
- A member reported on the California Commission for Behavioral Health (CBH) Innovation Partnership Fund, a \$100 million investment from Prop 1 to fund new approaches to behavioral health services. Listening sessions are currently being held to develop the framework.
- A public commenter noted that Overdose Free Marin has restructured into a collaborative and is seeking community members, and that Naloxone is available.

## Review of Progress

- **BHSA Integrated Plan:** The community stakeholder engagement process for the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) plan is complete. A draft is expected within the next month, with a formal plan to be submitted to the state on October 3rd, followed by a public hearing on November 4th, and Board of Supervisors approval on December 9th, targeting a July 1, 2026 implementation.
- **Collaboration Efforts:** Gregory Ferron from the Sonoma County Behavioral Health Board shared their approach of collaborating with other advisory committees for their integrated plan and invited Marin County to join their efforts to form a North Bay coalition.
- **Civil Grand Jury Report Follow-up:** The board discussed programs from a previous report. The funding application for the Carmelita House expansion is still awaiting a decision from the state's Housing and Community Development Department.

## Key Achievements

- The board voted to re-establish quarterly joint meetings with the Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) board to improve collaboration on site visits and other shared responsibilities.
- A vote was successfully passed to select MarinHealth as the location for the next site visit.

## Challenges and Adjustments Needed

- **Budget Gap:** The transition from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to BHSA (Prop 1) has resulted in a projected \$12 million budget shortfall. While about half has been mitigated, a \$6 million gap remains, which will likely necessitate staffing and contract reductions.
- **Federal Legislation Impact:** There are significant concerns about the impact of a new federal bill on Medi-Cal revenue and services, particularly for the undocumented community. A detailed report will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on September 9th.
- **Data Limitations:** A discussion highlighted that while the new BHSA plan is data-driven, current metrics do not directly measure experiences of systemic issues like racism, which can only be inferred from outcomes like arrest rates.
- **Public Feedback:** A public commenter suggested structural changes to the board, including changing the third executive position to a secretary, allowing more time for questions after presentations, and fostering more open discussion.

## Action Items and Accountability for the Week Ahead

- **Next Site Visit:** The board will arrange a site visit to MarinHealth, with a focus on the emergency room, the ACCESS line, and Unit A. A visit to Unit B was also suggested for consideration.
- **Joint Meeting Coordination:** The board will coordinate with the AOD Board to schedule the first quarterly joint meeting in September.
- **Future Site Visits:** A follow-up visit to Progress Foundation to check on staffing and other questions was tabled for consideration after the MarinHealth visit.
- **Innovation Fund Inquiry:** A board member plans to attend the next CBH Innovation Partnership Fund listening session to seek clarification on the funding process, criteria, and the number of projects that will be funded.

## Transcriptions

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:04:24**

So

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:04:26**

sorry.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:04:27**

I know, I forgot how it goes (laughs) . Okay, we're gonna do roll call. Um, Kim?

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:04:30**

Welcome to the-

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:04:33**

Present.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:04:34**

Okay, that's what I'm reading. That's my phone, my email and who I am. Great.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:04:34**

Mike?

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:04:35**

Don?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:04:36**

Present.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:04:39**

Uh, Mona let me know she wasn't gonna be here. (microphone thumps) Mary Lucia?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:04:44**

Present.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:04:45**

Suzette?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:04:47**

Here. Good morning. (chuckles) . Good to... No. (laughs) .

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:04:53**

Uh, here.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:04:54**

Dalton? Um, Bobby... I think he'll be here. Alfie, um, let me know he's not gonna be here. Supervisor Colbert? Madison?

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:05:04**

Okay, so I usually read this first. Brown Act guidelines when a public meeting is well conducted, it instills public confidence and encourages public engagement. A bit of formality and decorum will set the tone for any orderly and effective meeting. Address remarks and debate to the chair or presiding officer.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:05:13**

Present.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:05:14**

Lisa Marie?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:05:16**

Present.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:05:17**

And Annabelle, soon-to-be member... (laughing)

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:05:23**

Present.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:05:26**

Yeah.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:05:29**

...rather than in crosstalk or with other members, waiting for recognition from the chair or presiding officer before speaking, and to adhere to the two-minute time limit for debate or comment. Keep disclosure civil and impersonal even when you may hear negative comments. So the other comment is...

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:05:55**

Just again, that, um, when a presentation is taking place, you hold your questions until the presentation is finished unless it's a- maybe a public hearing, uh, format. That could change it a little bit. But if it's a presentation, the presenter presents uninterrupted, and then if, uh, a board member has a question, you raise your hand. I will-

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:06:29**

And try to keep it to two minutes. All right. I think that's all of that stuff you need to go apart. It's probably, you feel like it's being made over your heads. Um, so at this time, uh, I just want to, um... If we have any invited guests, just say your name.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:06:52**

My name is Gregory Ferron. I'm from the Sonoma County Behavioral Health Board. I'm the, our executive committee is the chair, vice-chair, and the representative to this group in the state. And I'm that guy. Um, I'm here to share whatever I c-can with what-

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:07:09**

- Elma's doing and to learn as much as possible about what you're doing.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:07:14**

I'll review the agenda and review and approve the minutes from the July meeting.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:07:15**

Thank you, Gregory.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:07:28**

I move to approve the minutes for, um, July. (paper rustles)

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:07:35**

I motion.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:07:35**

Colin? Good.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:07:36**

I'll second that.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:07:39**

Colin seconds that. Who did the second? Sorry.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:07:40**

Yes, I did.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:07:41**

I did. I did.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:07:41**

Okay, Nancy. Thank you.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:08:04**

This isn't a time when the public may comment on items that are not on the agenda. Please limit to two minutes per speaker. (microphone rustles)

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:08:19**

That's all right.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:08:21**

Thank you.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:08:21**

They've got a couple of agenda items up-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:08:25**

Hi. I'm Mark Dale, everybody, and some of you know me, some of you don't. Um, glad to be here. (paper rustles) And, uh, basically, I wanna bring some things to, hopefully, the executive, uh, positions that I think are important for the future of the board. One is I'd love to see you, uh, change the third executive position from a past...

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:08:25**

Okay. Good to go?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:08:28**

Yeah.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:08:48**

... a chair to a secretary, and what that allows in boards like this, it allows updraft. It allows upflow. It allows folks who wanna participate in the executive committee to be a secretary and then possibly a vice-chair or a chair. Uh, I'm not clear how that got into the bylaws at some point. I can guess, but I'm not gonna guess. So I'd love to see the board consider making the third executive position a secretary. Most boards have that. I'd also love to have more space, uh, for questions behind like a presentation by the director of BHRS. Um, right now you have to wait-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:09:28**

... for quite some time, even though you could write down a question that you might have. But it, it gets a little wonky. So I'd love to see if there's some way to encourage that in the future of the agenda. Um, and then also more open discussion, because if you have a meeting like this and if you're not allowing space for members to have more open discussion, brainstorming, uh, you stay in too tight of a channel, in my opinion. I've been at this for about 15 years now. Uh, finally, um, we've had some difficult things happen in Marin County with our youth since December of '22. We have almost 20 families who've lost or injured or are high-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:10:08**

... trauma from youth-driven crashes. Most recently, we had four of our own boys on Highway 116, uh, all get ejected from a Kia Soul. Uh, so that's not a good path, but I'm working hard with CHP to try to correct that in the DA's office. Thank you.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:10:30**

Thank you. Perfect. Two minutes. Um, anybody else?

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:10:38**

Actually, I do. Yeah, I do have something. This is to suggest something that we're doing in Sonoma that I think you might wanna, um, think about. The Safety Net Advisory Committees are more than just your board. I'm sure in Sonoma County, um, Marin County, there's-

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:10:47**

... quite a few other folks that are interested in generally the same client group you're serving from a different point of view. Um, we have, in Sonoma County, um, about 10. Uh, some are connected to funding sources and some are, um, as maternal child health or others traditional areas. We've decided that in order to be able to do our integrated plan, behavioral health's Prop 1-driven integrated plan, we need everybody at the table. Um, we need to have all of their interests and their ambitions, uh, included in our process. Um, Brown Act makes that a little difficulty-

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:11:27**

... difficult if we just convene everybody, so we've asked two representatives from every c- commission to join with us and we, as a sort of sub-committee of advisor committees, we'll talk, uh, and we'll try to share as much as possible our s- our timeframes, our schedules, our ambitions, our need assessments, our data, uh, as much as possible. And I encourage you to do the same down here. The second is, we're trying to reach out to all the other counties on the North Bay at least, to try to build a coalition of, uh, interested communication so that we all know what each other's doing. I'm here, it's the second time I've been here and...

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:12:07**

Wanna e-extend your-- an invitation to all of you to come to our board meetings up in, (hands clap) in this case on August 19th, uh, in Russian-- in the Russian River area. Um, come join us. We, uh, would love to be able to have not just a bunch of individual county integrator plans but perhaps some collaboration.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:12:31**

Members of the public...

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:12:33**

About anything that's not on the agenda?

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:12:47**

We're ready to do, uh, Todd Suf- Fruckishnik.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:12:52**

Okay, thank you Tim. Um, give me one second and we'll share, uh, just a couple of slides today.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:13:07**

All right. Hi, everybody. Todd Shermer, Director of Behavioral Health (microphone interference) and Recovery Services here for Marin County.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:13:19**

Um, so first thing I wanted to do is update you on some of our, uh, leadership staffing. Um, I think I mentioned last time that our division director for our adult and older adult services, Michael Wilson, um, had resigned. Uh, we are moving forward with recruitment for our new division director position. Um, so we have our first round of interviews for that role scheduled for next week, and then our second round, uh, we hope early September. Um, we will have representative-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:13:47**

... is from our A representative from this board on our interview panel. Shannon has agreed to be on one of our interview panels. Um, if we need to go two additional rounds then we will go as long as we need to in order, in order to find the best, um, candidate. Um, second, our Impact South team, that's one of our full service partnerships, um, we do now have a, uh, temporary supervisor, Summer Medina, she's our licensed local social worker. So she has, I believe,

started last week in that role as a temporary promotion. So um, she has worked for the county for, um, in different departments, uh, for quite a few years. So-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:14:27**

Um, okay. So I wanted to share with you some of our progress on the Hero Health Services Act planning. Um, so we are moving ahead with our plan. We have, um, concluded our, uh, community stakeholder engagement process. Um, Vanessa may have some, something to share about that in her section a little bit later. Um, we are presenting at our board of supervisors meeting on September 30th our current progress and current kind of overall thinking about what our plan will look like. Um, we expect to have a draft of our plan completed within the next month.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:15:07**

... a month or so, um, pending any feedback from our board of supervisors. Um, going down, we have some key milestones. These are coming on, onto us quite quickly at this point in time. Um, so on October 3rd, we do need to have a completed plan that will s- be submitted to the state, uh, for a 45-day, um... Sorry, that's the...

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:15:31**

They review it for 30 days.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:15:34**

Sorry. They review... The state reviews it and it's a 30-day public comment period.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:15:39**

Yeah.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:15:39**

Okay. Thank you. Sorry, we've been working on this timeline a lot, so I'm getting confused.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:15:42**

It's all right.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:15:43**

Uh, November 4th, this board will host our public hearing.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:15:47**

... uh, for that, uh, BHSA three-year plan. Um, if all goes according to schedule, we expect our Board of Supervisors to have that plan in front of them, uh, for formal approval on December 9th of this year. Um, and the reason we are pushing to have that done, uh, this calendar year is because that will give us, um, six months to do, uh, requests for proposals, identification of new vendors, and contracting for new services or, um, any changes to our existing services. Uh, all that puts us on track for a July 1st of 2026 implementation date.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:16:26**

Um, and with our public communication process, so, um, there's a lot t- to share, uh, with you over the next couple of months as we wrap this thing into shape.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:16:27**

Um, so there has been a lot going on, um, behind the scenes.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:16:38**

Okay. And then, um, last session -- this is a follow-up -- um, there was some discussion of site visits, um, and I shared that, you know, BHRS manages, um, 250 contracts with different community-based organizations. Not all of those would be relevant to a site visit for the Behavioral Health Board. Um, so I've put together a small-ish, uh, spreadsheet, uh, for you all to look at. These are...

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:17:07**

Primarily are Medi-Cal contracts, and these are the different kinds of sites that I think would be potential, um, for you all to come visit. Um, I did my best, uh, based on your feedback to try to categorize these in different domains: mental health, substance use, residential, peers, outreach, those kinds of things. Um, I, I can't promise you my categorization is perfect. Um, but if you... you know, you're certainly welcome to, um, uh, reach out to me and I can talk to you more

about the individual vendors and, um... But certainly, it's up to Bay Area Wellport on, on who you want to visit, um, going forward.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:17:46**

So, Kathy I know has the list she'll hand out. I don't know that I have enough copies for everyone so if we can start with, start with the board members and then if there's any left over, we'll send them out.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:17:59**

Um, so that is all I have. (smacks lips) I'm happy to take any questions.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:18:06**

Are there any board members that have questions for Todd?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:18:10**

I have a question.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:18:16**

Madison?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:18:17**

Yes. Um, I missed the past two meetings, so I apologize for that. But, um, I know we had previously talked about, like, budget and input from the board on that. And I was curious if any, uh, steps have been made to-

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:18:45**

Our overall projection was about a twelve million dollar budget gap from the shift from MHSA to BHSA so that's the prop one shift. Um, we have, uh...

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:18:58**

Found ways to mitigate about half of that, um, thus far. So we made some budget reductions in previous fiscal years. Um, we were able to use some of our opioid settlement money and AB 109 money to, to, um, have some other funding sources for certain positions. Um, and then of course there's the prevention category which is about a million dollars per year in Marin County that, that's being absorbed by the state so there's not much we can do there.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:19:26**

Um, so right now we're at about \$6 million left that we have-

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:19:34**

(clears throat)

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:19:34**

... uh, yet to determine what we're going to do to fill that gap. Um, most likely that will involve, um, some form of, uh, reduced staffing, reduced contracts. Okay?

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:19:46**

Okay.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:19:47**

And so we need some strategic direction from our board at this point of time about what that looks like.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:19:50**

And has this board had any input so far on any of that?

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:19:58**

Um, primarily through the stakeholder engagement process, this board has had that. We have not shared a detailed budget at this point with this board, um, simply because I don't have, um, a clear direction.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:20:10**

Mm-hmm.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:20:10**

Any other board members with questions?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:20:16**

Got it. Okay. Thank you.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:20:16**

Um, of course, I missed the last meeting as well, uh-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:20:25**

(clears throat) You have someone on 33 here?

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:20:31**

Uh, no. I'm not gonna go to that just yet.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:20:45**

Um, I have a question about your report from last month, Todd.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:20:52**

Sure.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:20:54**

Uh, o-on, uh, page four, it's talking about the civil grand jury reports. (paper rustles) In it, the health recovery service joined social services and probation to offer response to the Board of Supervisors this morning.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:21:11**

Uh, and then it says, "Highlight work of jail reentry team, employment development counselors, CalFresh, employment and training program, and various CEOs offering employment work for formerly incarcerated indi-"

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:21:25**

So is that- did- d- were they awarded money to have that kind of program and where did it come from?

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:21:37**

So, the- there- those programs are funded. Um, that is not in response necessarily to the civil grand jury report. Those are existing programs. Um, as to who funds and how those programs are funded, um...

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:21:57**

The employment and training related programs, I, I believe are funded through the probation department. Um, beyond that, I don't know. I know that DHRS does fund, um, some reentry positions. I believe we have three reentry positions right now and so we do provide some funding in that realm, um, but those are county staff positions.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:22:25**

And then my other question is, in terms of the, uh, 2.7 million to expand existing Carmela-- Carmele-- Carm-

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:22:41**

Carmelita.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:22:43**

Caarmelita House Mental Health Services Act Innovation Project and create nine beds of permanent supportive housing.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:22:43**

Um...

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:22:47**



Uh, focus on women experience homelessness and at-risk homelessness awaiting decision from Housing and Community Development Department.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:22:53**

Yes. We are still waiting.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:22:57**

Um, so we did, we did receive, um, an inquiry from th- the state Department of H- Housing and Community Development.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:23:08**

Um, they asked for more information about our application, which we took as a very positive sign.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:23:21**

Mm-hmm.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:23:22**

Okay.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:23:22**

Um, but since then, we have not heard anything. And I just checked this morning, they have not yet publicly asked, um, any awards since June.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:23:25**

The question is, you know, uh-

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:23:28**

My question is, is it, um, equitable in the whole scheme of things to say you've got permanent housing when you're obviously, you know, working with services and trying to get better, and I think the objective would be to be able to work in the community and stand on your own feet. And so that beds would open up for other people who need them, and not just say, "You've got this forever."

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:24:00**

Sure.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:24:01**

You know? That concerns me a little bit.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:24:06**

Move.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:24:08**

Okay.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:24:10**

And if, if I may just say, Kim, I, I, I think it's a, it's a valid point. And, you know, ultimately it's our goal to have people moved into the, the least restrictive types of placements where they can exercise as much independence as possible.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:24:27**

Right.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:24:28**

Um, that particular funding, the Home Key Plus funding was specifically for permanent supportive housing. And so that's the model, um-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:24:43**

The Home Key is..

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:24:43**

Mm-hmm.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:24:43**

... that we were applying for.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:24:44**

Historically we've been a permanent support of housing, um, as a funding source.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:24:46**

Okay.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:24:47**

And so just 'cause someone moves in there doesn't mean they, they can't move on to another type of setting.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:24:50**

Alright, thank you for your report.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:24:56**

Now we're moving on to... I wish Bobby was here, but, uh, review list of sites and vote on next site visit. (paper rustles)

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:24:56**

Right. Okay. And does Home Key have those same practices?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:25:05**

Okay, discussion.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:25:14**

(clears throat)

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:25:15**

Oh, never mind, I'm going too fast. The next item is discussion on joint meeting.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:25:21**

And this is just really about, uh, uh, historically the, um, the AOD board, um, has done their own thing and, you know, had their own board and, um-

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:25:44**

... uh, responsibilities between the AOD board and the behavioral health board. So in areas that we can work together with the AOD board to streamline, uh, when we do inspections, uh, perhaps have a couple people from the AOD board but more importantly get together with the o- AOD board and figure out where do we wanna go from here? How do we collaborate in terms of site visits?

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:26:24**

When I was on the AOD board, uh, a year ago was that, um, we have a joint meeting, uh, quarterly.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:26:30**

So, yes, Mike.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:26:32**

My suggestion would be, um, I think what we used to do, um-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:26:34**

Mm-hmm.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:26:36**

So, I, I had coffee with John Riley who's the chair of the AOD board and, um, came to realize that it would be beneficial for us and them if we could meet like we used to, which is quarterly. And that way, we're not stepping on each other's toes and, uh, we can discuss site visits. So that's my suggestion.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:27:00**

And then perhaps a report then goes to the Board of Supervisors with our findings?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:27:02**

Sure.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:27:02**

No. It goes to, uh-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:27:03**

... site visits or?

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:27:07**

Yeah, any corrections or, you know, I don't know if our board wants to just do that itself, um, like we have before. But we do need to generate a document that the provider gets. These are the areas that we're seeing that have some potential corrections to them or more clarification. Um, so that's the reporting part of that.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:27:33**

You know, if... What?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:27:35**

I, I... So, are you talking about, um-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:27:40**

On paper.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:27:41**

Um-

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:27:42**

In other words, they're not getting... Board of Supervisors isn't getting information.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:27:45**

... information from the AOD board-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:27:49**

No.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:27:50**

... and our board in regarding site visits?

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:27:54**

They're not getting our information on site visits?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:28:01**

I don't know.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:28:02**

I think what Todd explained to me or to us, like, maybe six months ago was that our s- recommendations go to the Board of Sequesters. The AOD board's recommendations go through Behavior Health first and then on to the Board of Sequesters. Is that what I under- st- that's- is that the difference?

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:28:02**

They are getting ours.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:28:05**

They are, yes.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:28:05**

Yeah. But not the AOD board's?

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:28:09**

That's my assumption, but that'll be clarified next-

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:28:23**

... for the site visit. My recommendation for both of the boards is that the recommendations come through my office first because there are many things that we can do internally to address issues with a vendor. We hold the contracts, we hold the funding, so we can, we can do a lot there. Um, that does not preclude either board fr- frankly from going straight to the Board of Supervisors since you're both independently board, uh, appointed boards. So, it's just, I think in terms of getting the changes that you would like to see from these, um, vendors, it's, it would be most efficient to work through the ... director's (audio cuts out) .

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:28:25**

So, I, so I am not aware that there's very clear practice here about what happens with the recomme-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:29:03**

So, um, back to joint meetings. I would, like I said, I would suggest quarterly.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:29:07**

Sounds like a plan.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:29:12**

(audio cuts out) vote on it or if it comes up to the agenda next time?

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:29:18**

Any comments from persons on the board in regards to this discussion about site visits and coordinating with the AOD board?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:29:31**

I know we discussed that we have quarterly type business because we can't, like, meet with them every meeting, but, um, I thought it was gonna be on the agenda to, um, vote on how quarterly type business.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:29:49**

Quarterly?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:29:50**

I mean, quarterly meetings.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:29:51**

Joint, joint.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:29:53**

Joint meetings.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:29:55**

Okay.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:29:56**

Quarter, uh, there's... Quarter.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:29:59**

We're just... Yeah, if we don't have, um, it under an action item. Well, it's sort of under an action item.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:30:10**

And just, you guys, it doesn't have to be, like, an official vote. You can just decide if that's what you wanna do. It, it doesn't have to be official.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:30:18**

Okay, well I move, sorry-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:30:22**

I have one question real quick.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:30:25**

Yes.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:30:26**

That, that everybody on the board needs to also agree during quarterly-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:30:29**

Mm-hmm.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:30:29**

... say our quarterly, uh, joint meetings as well. Have they agreed to do that yet or are we just voting to do that and then-

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:30:43**

I'm meeting with the chair. My feeling is, is that they, they are, um, motivated to meet with us, that they would like to.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:30:51**

Okay.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:30:52**

So I don't think it's gonna be a problem.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:30:55**

All right.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:30:57**

The way we... And just the way we used to do it was, um, one quarter we'd have it on the Behavioral Health Board night and the next quarter we'd have it on the AOD Board night, so we'd kind of alternate. And their meetings are the first Monday of the month.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:31:06**

But this time in September we're doing it on Behavioral Health Board.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:31:10**

Gotcha.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:31:12**

So one of the, in terms of, uh, a site visit that I'm very interested in going to is, um, Marin Health. Um, Jeffrey DeVito is the psychiatrist who, uh, is in charge of, uh, whoever comes in that's has a problem with substance abuse or OD-ing. He keeps track of that. Um, and if they come in through the emergency room-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:31:12**

Okay.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:31:44**

... evaluated and then they go out to unit A if that's the appropriate place for them where they're now in-patient.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:31:54**

Um, there was a period of time when I first got on this board that they weren't doing that in that way. They used to do that when I worked at the hospital, but they had dropped some of those. So now some of these key components are back in place and they're working well. So Jeffrey, um-

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:32:17**

Um, Bobby has spoken to him about doing a presentation here.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:32:23**

And along with that, um, I'd like to do a site visit at MarinHealth (door closes) and, um-

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:32:34**

And, uh, have it be the DD, the ACCESS line, and Unit A.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:32:46**

Can, um, can we jump back to the joint meeting thing?

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:32:50**

Yeah.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:32:51**

Um, so I would make a motion that we take a vote on it about quarterly meetings, joint meetings with the AOD board.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:32:54**

Okay, so um, I'll make a motion that we have joint meetings with the AOD board-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:33:02**

Quarterly.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:33:04**

Yeah, which are quarterly.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:33:06**

I second that.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:33:09**

Uh, your motion. I mean, I motioned-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:33:12**

I made the motion. You made the motion. He seconded it-

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:33:15**

All right, okay. We're good. All in favor?

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:33:22**

Back to site visits. So, it sounds like that's where you're going to- where your suggestion is headed.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:33:32**

Sounds, yeah, I think that's, uh, you know, it's one place where we're going we're covering a lot when we go there.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:33:42**

And we could coordinate with the AOD board if they're interested on that visit.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:33:48**

So is Jeffrey coming for a presentation first or is there a site visit first?

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:33:53**

Um...

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:33:53**

Well, he would be...

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:33:56**

It might be a little bit later. I think probably we'll do the site visit first.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:34:04**

And then because, uh, September meeting is gonna involve John Riley and members of the AOD board.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:34:16**

So that'll be busy enough, I think, that meeting.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:34:18**

At Marin Health.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:34:20**

Okay.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:34:22**

And, uh, Marin Health emergency room, the access line, and unit A.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:34:46**

... the emergency room?

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:34:47**

Is it-

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:34:51**

I think, I think, you know, A is very doable. Um, they, I don't know, we can ask them about the emergency room, um, I don't know how excited they would be to have different people coming in there but-

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:35:06**

Well, their, their rooms in the emergency room are pretty private.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:35:07**

Mm-hmm.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:35:07**

I mean, it's chaotic, no one-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:35:11**

Sure, yeah.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:35:13**

But if it's quiet, we'll just do a quick walk through.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:35:18**

But does that have anything to do with us?

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:35:25**

Um, well, we certainly do contract with MarinHealth. Um, we don't, we don't have any direct contract for emergency room services but we do certainly, uh, have a contract for many other services. So, I think it would be... I think we, we could ask them though-

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:35:34**

So, a person with Medi-Cal is in crisis, they'll often show up at the emergency room.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:35:41**

Mm-hmm.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:35:44**

The fund, you know, Medi-Cal is, we get reimbursement from the Medi-Cal. And then, we also get reimbursement from an in-patient stay.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:35:51**

Right.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:35:52**

From the Medi-Cal.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:35:57**

So, I just think it's good to get out there in the community and see what, you know, because it's, it's... There's a lot of money that goes through there.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:36:06**

Um, we talked about a site visit at 9:20 in the morning.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:36:07**

Mm-hmm.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:36:15**

Uh, that would be a follow-up on, uh, uh-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:36:17**

Progress Foundation?

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:36:19**

Yeah, Progress Foundation.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:36:22**

We did, we talked about that last-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:36:25**

Tabled it or something.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:36:26**

Meeting.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:36:26**

Oh, that's true. You weren't here.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:36:27**

Right.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:36:30**



Yeah. We tabled it or something.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:36:34**

Yeah, because they just wanted to look at some more... I guess, you guys have already been there, and you wanna-

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:36:43**

We've been there, but we have questions, you know. Um, I think it would be good to go back, just to see what they're doing with staffing.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:36:51**

About two, I'm sorry about-

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:36:52**

Yeah.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:36:52**

... two of you who has been. So, we were supposed to..... discuss something from, from the site visit at Progress Foundation.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:36:54**

Mm-hmm.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:37:03**

Well, it'll be, it could be on the list. I would think it would be done after the Marin Health.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:37:14**

Okay. 'Cause it seemed like it was a urgency.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:37:14**

Okay.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:37:16**

Dalton.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:37:17**

Yeah, hi. Um, so is it possible to also, um...

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:37:24**

Are, are, are just to reach out, once to.....

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:37:32**

Um, nothing has changed since my last report about them. Um, I go back, um, as a part of my school agreement, um, in the first week of September. But I think it'd be nice to kinda see how they're doing stuff, and how... or just what their new expansion, um, on age group. I believe it'd be nice to see their new facilities too.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:37:55**

Um, and if they've updated anything that...

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:37:57**

Mm-hmm.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:38:01**

Okay, sounds good.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:38:05**

We can visit. Anything else?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:38:05**

So when it comes time, we'll-

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:38:06**

Thank you.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:38:07**

Um, Vanessa?

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:38:09**

Yes.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:38:10**

... make that appointment.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:38:11**

Kim, do we wanna vote on where our next site visit is gonna be?

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:38:12**

Yes.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:38:13**

Oh, uh, I'll make a motion that the next site visit is at Marin Health.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:38:37**

Do I hear a second?

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:38:39**

I second.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:38:43**

All in favor?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:38:43**

We're ready for you, Vanessa.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:38:45**

Aye.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:38:46**

Oh, just a minute (laughs) . So, as Todd said, we are moving forward with the DHSA integrated plan. Um, I've been attending a lot of meetings. It looks like the workforce education information won't come out until the end of next year. Or, sorry, not the end of next year, the end of this year. So we'll know more about what the state is going to do. It has been quiet around prevention. Um, so still not sure what the state is going to do with regard to prevention. It does look like, from the last time they released any information, that that money will probably stay up at the state level and not come back down to counties. Um-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:39:45**

And, and just with regard to, so another big thing with BHSA is, it's, um, da- data-driven. So the state is releasing a lot of data that they want counties to look at, in addition to working with local health jurisdictions around, um, community health needs, community health improvement plans. So working with not only, um, our public health here, but working with some managed care plans around planning for... The, um, community health assessment hasn't been finalized yet, but I was at a meeting a couple weeks ago, that's moving towards being finalized, and then they're gonna start rolling out some planning for the, um, plan, the community health improvement plan, um, which will also be informed by not only the data that BHSA is getting, but all of that community input that I received over those months. So, all of that is going into what we're planning for, how we're addressing some of these questions, um, that are coming up. And so, October 3rd is when we're hoping to have it released.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:41:06**

Any board members questions for Vanessa?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:41:10**

Local health data is, as far as... When... Okay. So when it comes to the improvements, are we gonna be, like, um, looking also to talk to for a different help?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:41:29**

I... Well, they just... So the, the CHA and the CHIP will be more so driven by the managed care plans and public health, um, with some input certainly of what we've all received through the BHSA community planning. Um, they, right now, don't have a...

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:42:00**

... plan of how they're going to take input, but I know that community input is definitely gonna go into it. I just don't know what that will look like, um, if they're gonna talk to individuals, if they're gonna have it kind of like how MHSA had community planning, having different events, if they're gonna have a survey. I'm not sure what the plan is, 'cause right now, they're just trying to finalize the community health assessment, 'cause there's a lot of different people who, um, it's all through that Healthy Maroon Partnership. Um-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:42:42**

Healthy Maroon Partnership, do they work with, like, internalized racism?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:42:46**

Yeah. Jamir is the, like, one of the co-chairs. Jamir.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:42:51**

Oh.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:42:52**

Reynolds. Yeah. So-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:42:53**

I wish I was a co-chair.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:42:57**

Yeah.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:43:00**

Yeah. So, it is, it is there. Not only is that there, but there's a lot of stuff right now that they're absolutely talking around, um, undocumented folks and how that's gonna affect, um, Medi-Cal and reimbursement, 'cause that's something that's not just going to affect BHRS, but is gonna affect a lot of these managed care plans as well, when it comes to physical health as well. So, that's a big topic.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:43:32**

Um, the, the funding that's for the, that we've already voted on for Mental Health Services Act, the peer program, the school program, are those funds still intact?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:43:43**

That's, all those are intact, intact until the end of MHSA. So, until-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:43:51**

June.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:43:52**

... June.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:43:53**

26th.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:43:55**

... 30th of next year, 2026, before BHSA goes into effect.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:44:02**

Which, which is what we voted for. I mean-

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:44:06**

Uh-huh.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:44:07**

... when we came in here, it was that one additional year of-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:44:11**

And do you see that getting refunded?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:44:13**

Right. Right.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:44:15**

Re- Like, you mean, re-up the money?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:44:15**

... that innovation project.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:44:15**

Yeah. Yeah.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:44:18**

Not unless the state is gonna do what- I don't know what the state is gonna do with prevention.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:44:23**

Yeah.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:44:24**

So-

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:44:26**

All right.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:44:28**

I imagine the state might do it in some ways that they're doing innovation right now, which is they're doing their own grants. So, they'll probably have something where, um, organizations, or schools, or individuals could apply to the state for these, this money. I imagine that might be how it might go.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:44:51**

Possibly.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:44:51**

For school districts?

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:44:52**

There's, there's no question this is a huge shift.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:44:58**

Oh, yeah.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:44:58**

Um, you know, \$12 million gap-

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:45:03**

... that we're experiencing. It's, it's, it's incredibly meaningful and what we're doing right now internally is trying to, you know, use the community planning process to help us understand what are the priorities, what can we preserve as best as possible. Um, you know, we wanna continue to provide high-quality services. That's our top priority. And so, how can we do that with less money available to us? Um, but also understanding there's this new housing category. That's the whole point of BHSA is this creation of a new housing category. And so, how can we be creative with that-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:45:33**

Mm-hmm.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:45:34**

...

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:45:37**

um, both in terms of identifying existing programs that we're funding differently, but now we can fund in this new BHSA umbrella. Um, but also potentially, uh, using it as new funds for new housing related programs.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:45:53**

Um, public comment on any agenda items. Please limit to two minutes per speaker.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:45:55**

Mm-hmm.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:45:57**

A lot of moving parts.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:46:05**

Thank you.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:46:08**

I'm envious in one way because your pace of public comment and having meetings in October and November, uh, is greatly enhanced. I mean, we're, we're trying to do it in June of next year, uh, 'cause we haven't got a clue as to how we integrate, um, both the task you're taking on, which is how do you spend 30% of MHSA on housing. We're doing a really good job in my county, uh, to figure out how to mitigate the impact of MHSA's carve-out.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:46:43**

We aren't doing anything, as far as I can see, to take the five times as much money as we've got in other pockets that are in the health department. Notably, a big chunk of money that I'm on the oversight committee called Measure O. Um, but opioid, Measure O, realignment, everything else that we've got that should be included in the integrated plan, including, um... And it was interesting listening to your A- you know, alcohol and drug and mental h- we don't even have a board that deals with, we don't even have programs 'cause we killed them 15 years ago. We're trying to resurrect substance use. So the whole question of how do you put an integrated plan together that includes mental health and substance use when you don't have anybody who can talk to substance use, and you haven't got very many programs, and you're trying to give them equal weight, and they don't like you.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:47:39**

So that's our dilemma. I'm gonna be following your public hearings and the process because I think that's something we're gonna be getting into very much. I'm gonna be trying to accelerate it early. Um, we aren't doing site visits. We're trying to figure out what our contracts are. We're getting a copy of every contract the county has and every report that they filed last year saying how far along they were on last year's contracts. We really want to figure out if we finally have to cut a whole lot out because Trump denies us all federal funds, who we should fund with local money.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:48:17**

Okay, let me jump in. Um, first off, Vanessa, were you talking about MHIP? We're in Healthy Youth Partnerships, or were you talking about something else?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:48:27**

I'm talking about, um, Healthy Marin Partnerships, HMP.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:48:40**

Wow. Okay, that's really close to the other one. Okay, got it. Um, and I checked in with Dr. DeVito just to see, 'cause I thought it was unusual that he was at Unit A, and he's really not. Uh, he basically, uh... Heather Carlborg is the one in charge there, and she'd be the one to contact anything with Unit A. He is on staff at Marin Health, but he really is not tied into the Unit A. So just for that position.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:49:05**

Yeah, he's a, he's a psychiatrist.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:49:10**

Yeah, exactly.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:49:11**

But does evaluations that come into 3PD.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:49:16**

He's wonderful. He is one of the best. Uh, now going forward, the joint board meetings, I love what you did about voting it in. Uh, the little problem is just that, um, between going dark with the different boards and stuff, you know, the best attempt is to go quarterly with joint board meetings. But it might, from past experience, might be two times a year, might be three times a year. It depends on how much the boards are able to handle it. So that's just a little two-second thought there. Finally, there's a real problem for, in the world of prevention and harm reduction. And this conversation goes on and on, especially at coalitions level. Um, so Narcan, Narcan, Narcan is available in so many places around the county, and OD Free Marin, Overdose Free Marin has really changed its structure in the last month. And so if you go to the OD Free Marin website, they're actually looking for community members to be plugged into it. Uh, but it's not really a, a county community, uh, coalition anymore. It's what's called a collaborative. So if you need any Naloxone, I got it here. Finally, harm reduction. This is a good example of it. If you have somebody who is in addiction, and I would say 25 plus, no problem. Kids in high school, I think twice about giving this to them because it's tacit approval. Thank you. I'm not...

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:50:21**

Thank you, Mike.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:50:23**

Yeah. Thanks, Mike. Yeah, Mike.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:50:25**

Do you guys have kiosks?

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:50:30**

Oh, yes, 83.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:50:31**

Yeah, well, these are like vending machines.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:50:31**

I know. We've got big vending machines that are all over the county that we're putting up that have dozens of the 3Ps.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:50:41**

Uh, I just had a quick question. When you mentioned the, uh, emergency room at the hospital, do you mean the main emergency room or unit B?

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:50:41**

I applied to become a member of the Board at my first meeting.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:50:51**

The main emergency room.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:50:55**

I see.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:50:55**

Do you have jurisdiction over unit B? Because it's a county, uh, facility.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:51:00**

Well, yeah. I mean, any time that it's... something is county and they're... they util-... they get their money through Medi-Cal to pay for services, that's where we have jurisdiction.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:51:14**

So my suggestion would be to also site visit unit B.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:51:19**

Yes.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:51:20**

Yeah.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:51:22**

Yes.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:51:26**

That'll be another place we'll look at.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:51:27**

Sure..... about this. I think it was, like, maybe two months ago.....

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:51:28**

Dalton?

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:51:35**

budget for our reconciliation bill path.....

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:51:40**

if we had known, m- maybe not like, uh, the full impacts of it, but if we had any idea of what the overall consequences of this now becoming a law, what it would be. And I know at that time, everything was still in, in, in this moment of trying to be, um.....

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:52:08**

challenge or parts were legal, illegal. But I'm just, uh, checking back in to see if we have any, um, knowledge on what that would do for our undocumented, um...

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:52:39**

... for those on SNAP or Medi-Cal or things like that, um, if there is knowledge at this point. I know it's still so unknown in a lot of places.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 18:52:51**

Yeah. Thank you for the follow-up question, Dalton. Um, so our, uh... On September 9th, I believe it is, um, that's a Tuesday, at the Board of Supervisors meeting, our chief fiscal officer and the county's director of legislative affairs are combined doing a presentation to the Board of Supervisors on the anticipated impacts of this, uh, federal bill, um, primarily on, um, Medicaid and Medi-Cal revenue and what that's gonna mean for our clients. Um, you know, I think

there's, there's the issue of people falling off of, of Medi-Cal, um, (clears throat) and I think the reality is we're, we're gonna find ourselves in a situation where, where people are going to delay care and they'll, they'll try to receive care primarily through emergency rooms or crisis units. So, I am very worried about, um, uh, about our community and what that's going to mean for folks, um, who are just not gonna be getting primary care, outpatient behavioral health care. Um, so it's significant. Um, the exact numbers, I don't know right now, but they'll, they'll have those numbers on September 9th.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:54:04**

Thank you so much.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 18:54:06**

The next section is report on events that behavioral health board members will attend/have attended.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:54:17**

So, um, I'm sorry. And so, when they said that the local health data and improvements-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:54:25**

Yes. Are there some of the improvements, Ms. Vanessa?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:54:31**

I'm sorry-

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:54:32**

Like because if, you know, like when you mention... I'm sorry. Going backwards. He dumped them, just reminding me like what I really was thinking. Um, when they, you know, look at the, uh, in public in, in the health and youth crisis, and I know a lot of people have been coming to me like saying, "We're going through a lot of internalized racism." And that's... When you say data, are they gonna be looking into that? Because things have changed and there's new data. I am. So many people is not getting treated right now.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:55:02**

I think w- with like racism per se, no. And one reason why is because it's not something that folks are actually measuring. Like, there are racism scales. I've developed one myself for children and youth. But those mainly go through research studies and no one is really going out in the community and giving it. So like, for example, I can...

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:55:32**

I have to look at arrest data for PHSA. And it's very clear to me that African American and Latinos are over-represented in both adult and child, right?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:55:47**

We know why. Um, but it's not in there. It's not in there as like, how do you address this factor of it? It's just, what do you do to reduce the number of arrests? So in it, it's not-

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:56:03**

... address systematic- systemic racism. Um, nor is it being measured in any, I would say, real sense. It's one of those things that is inferred, but is not measured.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:56:21**

Yeah, because it- It- Like, when you were saying they want to look into the local health data and see some improvements. So, the data is already put out there. (laughing) So, how can you incorporate it?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:56:32**

Yeah. And the data-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:56:34**

That makes sense.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:56:34**

I mean, the data that they're doing is, like-



**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:56:36**

Mm-hmm.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:56:36**

... utilization data, penetration rate data, arrest data, um, kids engaged in school, uh, institutionalize- You know, it's all, like, kind of- A lot of it is DHCS data.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:56:51**

But in it is not...

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:56:57**

I think what you're talking about is, like, really getting at people's experience with racism and discrimination.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:57:01**

It's not getting... It- it's one of those things that we can infer, but it's not... There's not a measurement for it.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:57:05**

I mean, like with health-

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:57:10**

Okay, let's get that focused on. Report on events that behavioral health board members will attend/have attended. Mariliz, do you want to talk about your events?

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:57:14**

We may have a lot to share with the state.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:57:22**

I don't remember if I attended any of them.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:57:26**

Oh.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:57:26**

That you've attended?

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:57:32**

They're not always local to the Bay Area, but they are from California and th- they're- a- a- a- and they are- are- are first generation students.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:57:38**

Students who are the first in their families to not only be in the United States, but to attend higher education. So, um, I helped show them around, um, my school that they would be starting at in two and a half weeks and-

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:58:41**

There was definitely some hard conversations around the changes we've seen during this administration. Um, okay, that is all I have. Um, (papers rustle) my response. In September, I'll be starting back up with my observations at, um, uh, uh, Amed Davidson, um, in Zara Pelt. (papers rustle) Um, (chips crunching) did you attend any events?

**user - Aug 12, 2025 18:59:21**

My daughter's wedding.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:59:24**

(laughs)

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:59:27**

Congrats.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:59:28**

The best of all. (laughs)

**A - Aug 12, 2025 18:59:30**

Thank you.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:59:35**

All right, um, I just wanna go over a couple of things here. Um, I, in June and July I attended the CBC training with NAMI. The goal is to take the CBT training national and to reach parents, families and persons interested in the adept-adaptation of tools or interactions with persons with mental health challenges.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 18:59:58**

Um, June, I attended peer support training law and ethics. Um, July, I attended the Commission on Behavioral Health, State of California, Persons with Lived Experience in Listening session.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:00:15**

And basically, uh-

**C - Aug 12, 2025 19:00:30**

There's a whole lot of money that this is... So I'll just read this. It says, "The California Commission for Behavioral Health, CBH, Innovation Partnership Fund is 100 million investment according to bhsoac.gov. More specifically, the fund will receive 20 million annually from Fiscal Year '26 to '27 and through '30 to '31.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 19:01:05**

The commission can also redirect another 20 million annually from the Mental Health Wellness Act funding if needed to support innovative approaches to crisis prevention, early intervention, and response in behavioral health field. This initial investment is intended to act as a seed to catalyze a much larger pooled fund, including resources from philanthropy and the private sector and other partners."

**C - Aug 12, 2025 19:01:37**

So, basically, there was a phone call. You know, I got invited because I'm a person with lived experience. Um, the Innovation Partnership Fund working framework, so they're in the beginning stages of planning all of this. Um, some of the information here just feels a little contradictory. But the Innovation Partnership Fund, established through Prop 1 and administered by California Commission of Behavioral Health, is designed to invest in bold, equity-centered solutions that fundamentally improve how behavioral health, mental health and substance use services are delivered, experienced and sustained across the state.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 19:02:32**

Um, then they've got definitions of, uh, the innovation. The purpose of the funding proposal under the Innovation Partnership Fund, we would propose that innovation be defined as a new or adapted approach to solving persistent problems in California behavioral health system, especially those that relate to equity access, workforce shortages and service fragmentation. And then it says, uh, to be considered innovative under the fund, a project must advance new models, tools, partnerships or technologies not yet widely implemented in California. This may include adopting or scaling efforts underway in the county, but that could be scaled in other counties. In other words, be duplicated.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 19:03:20**

So not new, new projects of-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 19:03:24**

Yeah, this is, this is a, this is a, this is-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 19:03:29**

... areas where it's not implemented.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 19:03:32**

This is Proposition 1 funds that are to be, you know, um, introduced, scaled, community-defined, evidence-based practices that increase access to prevention, treatment and recovery supports, particularly for historically underserved populations and inclusive of harm reduction approaches. (door closes) Uh, they're supposed to, they're supposed to demonstrate a clear break in the status quo.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 19:03:57**

Be actionable, ready for real world implementation, uh, with bold new models co-created with people with lived experience. At its core, innovation is about transforming how we deliver care with impact, equity and goodness. So the, the priority populations are, uh-

**C - Aug 12, 2025 19:04:17**

Uh, the statutory framework under Prop 20 is clear and specific about who shall be served by this fund. As outlined in the Welfare Institutions Code, Innovation Partnership Funds shall be designed for the purpose of improving behavioral health services app- programs and practices funded pursuant to 5892.1A for the following groups: community-defined, evidence-based practices, low-income populations, communities impacted by other behavioral health disparities, other populations that are t- as determined by Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Account- Accountability Commission. This is to provide services for children and youth.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 19:05:14**

Children are chronically homeless or experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, are in or at risk of being in the juvenile justice system, are re-entering the community from a youth correctional facility, are in the child welfare system, or at, are, or are at risk for institutionalization. The adults and older adults who meet one or more of the following criteria: are chronically homeless or experiencing homelessness, or at, uh, at risk of homelessness, are in or at risk of being in the justice system, are re-entering the community from state prison or county jail, are at risk of conservatorship or at risk of in- institutionalization. And they talked about the pillars, early intervention, workforce, expanding peer, traditional and nontraditional providers to s- to align with community needs, enhancing quality and integration of behavioral health systems and services.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 19:06:13**

You know, then they talk about equity, financing and sustainability, public-private partnerships, lived experience and community leadership, alignment with statewide behavioral health transformation efforts. Uh, and then you're supposed to be, it says to demonstrate agility and lean process integration.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 19:06:36**

So long and the short of it is that the commission is holding these listening sessions to- to- what they're doing is they're putting this framework together right now.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 19:06:52**

Um, I attended the August 7th- 7th listening sh- session. There'll be one tomorrow on the 13th from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. All community members are- can attend. September 3rd, uh, from 3:00 to 4:00 PM. If you're interested in attending, I'll give you the dates.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 19:07:14**

So, uh, and then, I guess, you saw some of this, um, federal executive order and- and- and the impacts, right? You do- you're able to read that.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 19:07:27**

But- so the whole idea of this is- is- one question I have will be, and Vanessa may know, is how many- how many projects are gonna be funded-

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:07:45**

I don't-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 19:07:46**

... with all that money?

**A - Aug 12, 2025 19:07:48**

I mean, I will say, first, that- that money originally when the (laughs) governor did his budget was wiped out and then they got it successfully back in the budget.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 19:07:51**

Yeah.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 19:07:52**

Um, I don't know how many projects are gonna get funded. Um, this is, you know, they took innovative funds out- out from counties and this is the new way. So I was saying, like, this is- might be how they might approach the public health is the same kind of thing, is having more of these small-term time grants that they're more so are giving to CBOs and isn't going through the county.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 19:08:30**

But how many are they gonna actually have? I don't know. (door closes) Um, particularly, I don't know if they're gonna have, like, we're only gonna fund X amount of money. You know, um, if they're gonna have particular RFPs-

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:08:49**

Mm-hmm.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 19:08:50**

Um, or if it's just gonna be a kinda (smacks lips) free-for-all with everyone-

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:08:52**

Yeah, so-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 19:08:53**

... coming with every single idea.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 19:08:56**

... I'm gonna ask some questions tomorrow about what you're talking about. You know, h- how does this... If, you know, is it, is it... H- depending on the number of grants, which they probably haven't decided because they haven't seen any proposals for anything that's new, that, uh, that meets the criteria, addresses the disparities and all these different things, how does... You know. Uh, and it's gotta be new and never done before.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 19:09:29**

Yeah. And I'd be interested in, uh, also asking, like, is it going to be, like, you're gonna have a call for RFPs around workforce, you're gonna have a call for RFPs around adult services, around child services-

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:09:43**

Uh-huh.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 19:09:43**

... around... You know, or is it going to be everyone just submit all these ideas because then (microphone rustles) ... Oh, sorry. That, to me, seems a bit much to kind of weigh all of these. Like, "Oh, here's a great workforce, but here's a great direct services. Well, here's something for children. Well, here's something that's gonna support the schools." So, I, I, part of me wonders if they're gonna have specific RFPs that they're gonna do calls for. Um-

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:10:14**

Yeah.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 19:10:15**

... and give people an idea of, like, is there going to be a ceiling?

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:10:17**

So, um, I have a great idea.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:10:23**

Right.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:10:24**

Fully staff the clinics.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 19:10:26**

Especially clinics that, er, they're having sp- you know, I know in Marin City, they need, they called, uh, uh... they, they do online stuff for, uh, SUD.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 19:10:43**

And, uh, I believe they do, uh, you know, so you can...

**C - Aug 12, 2025 19:10:50**

you go to these sessions. They have the sessions through the wellness center and then, every six months, you can talk to a counselor. So, that's just sort of checking a box, you know. When people come into a clinic, they're coming in there for help. You've gotta have the structure set up, you know, and, and have it operational to meet people when they're ready to talk. You know, I mean, it's like having a, uh, an emergency room, not, well, exactly, without... the doctor's not there, um, and we're only open till noon-

**D - Aug 12, 2025 19:11:32**

Mm-hmm.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 19:11:33**

-and you can use that computer over there, and, and here's the website.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 19:11:34**

Mm-hmm.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 19:11:38**

So, are they answering... 'cause I've been to a number of these listening sessions and they, they seem to not answer questions. Have they been answering questions in the ones that you've gone to?

**C - Aug 12, 2025 19:11:54**

Uh, they're answering, yeah, they're, they're hearing the questions. I mean, but the first one I went to, th- they were, uh, redoing the language in some of this.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 19:12:00**

Mm-hmm.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 19:12:00**

So, I just said, "Well, you should say this, this and this." You know? That makes it more clear. You talk about peers. Are you talking about peer specialists?

**D - Aug 12, 2025 19:12:18**

Mm-hmm.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 19:12:20**

You know, that's what we wanna hear. Um, or we'll see if they change the language in that. I mean, they're literally just putting their whole report together.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:12:21**

Yeah.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 19:12:22**

And gathering information but, I think that it would be really, uh, a waste of time, unless we really know what they're gonna be looking for and who can apply-

**D - Aug 12, 2025 19:12:32**

Mm-hmm.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:12:33**

... what the criteria is, then-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 19:12:38**

I would also be, just 'cause has, as I've gone to some of these meetings in the early days when they started talking about this, that it's not going to be a bunch of pre-picked ideas.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 19:12:56**

I, I sometimes get the sense of like, oh-

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:12:58**

Oh, yeah. They, they've already got it figured out. Yeah.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:13:00**

Okay.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 19:13:01**

They already have it figured out and they're just kinda, kinda roll with what it's figured out and it's not... The things I heard are like, that is not what folks need.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 19:13:10**

So, I would, I would be lis- in those sessions listening and, for any of you who are in it, like strongly advocating that this comes back and it's... There's a lot of community input in it and public input put, and that we're addressing local needs, and that there's a lot of transparency around how these funds are gonna get doled out.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:13:36**

Uh-

**user - Aug 12, 2025 19:13:37**

We can adjourn it early. We did last month.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:13:38**

Right.

**C - Aug 12, 2025 19:13:44**

Okay. Well, um, I wanted to, uh, just thank, uh, Najet. How do you say your na- last name?

**user - Aug 12, 2025 19:13:57**

It's Nijmez. Nijmez.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:13:59**

Nijmez?

**D - Aug 12, 2025 19:14:01**

Nijmez, yes.

**D - Aug 12, 2025 19:14:03**

Sure.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:14:04**

Appreciate you showing up to our meeting.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:14:04**

Yeah. Thank you for coming.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 19:14:07**

Thank you.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:14:08**

And, uh-

**A - Aug 12, 2025 19:14:17**

There was also a few other people that were supposed to come that didn't show up, so...

**user - Aug 12, 2025 19:14:25**

I will add you to the mailing list so you'll get the agenda-

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:14:29**

Great.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:14:30**

... and the minutes and stuff.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:14:33**

Thank you.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:14:34**

Okay?

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:14:35**

Okay.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:14:35**

Yeah.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 19:14:35**

... then we'll hold an interview with you.

**user - Aug 12, 2025 19:14:36**

Yes, I understand.

**B - Aug 12, 2025 19:14:36**

I'll do that tomorrow.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 19:14:38**

Yeah. So, that's how it goes. And then it goes to the Board of Supervisors and they try to vote several people at once.

**A - Aug 12, 2025 19:14:39**

And after you attend three meetings-