

**FY2023 MHSA Community Program Planning Process – July 21, 2021**  
**Children, Youth and Families System of Care: Q&A**



Question/Comment	Feedback/Response
SLC Sparky Harlan	1. For future meetings, can we get these presentations before the meeting? Then we can respond sooner with comments in Chat.
	BHSD RESPONSE: Thank you for your input. The teams will make every effort to provide the presentations ahead of time. When not possible, the presentations will be provided soon after the meeting for review. In addition, links to the video recording will be provided on the website, 1-2 days after the meeting.
Elisa Koff-Ginsborg	2. When you adjust capacity up, are you adding commensurate Sponsored/unsponsored in proportion to existing cases?
	BHSD RESPONSE: Yes.
Kathleen King	3. This is all new to me but I don't expect underutilization for students this year. Going back to school should increase need.
	BHSD RESPONSE: Thank you for your comment. The Department expects this trend and has adjusted to accommodate this increased need in the already approved FY2022 MHSA Annual Plan. In addition, program staff will closely monitor FY2022 Q1 service utilization.
Elisa Koff-Ginsborg	4. When you say something is underutilized since 2018, have the final reconciliations of those years been finalized so it is clear after everything settled with the State, County and Provider that all of the funds are unutilized?
	BHSD RESPONSE: The final settlement/reconciliation process will not change the outcomes. Each program's costs are tracked at the u-code level for both direct services and indirect/cost-based services. This information is provided in summary and detail to each agency. Detail information is provided to the agency's finance team and summary information is provided to the agency's program management staff.
SLC Sparky Harlan	5. Have you talked to these agencies about cutting their budgets to hear issues during pandemic?
	BHSD RESPONSE: Discussions have been had with agencies on their utilization trends and possible adjustment of budgets to maximize services. Adjustment considerations would not impact service delivery or system capacity.
	6. There is a lot of money coming down from state to schools. Is there still a need for MHSA funds to go to schools?
	BHSD RESPONSE: BHSD is closely monitoring the activities and plans with State funding going to schools to address behavioral health needs. It is important to maintain and increase, when appropriate, as we anticipate some funds from the State may be available for a short period of time or one-time funds.
	7. What is the Starlight YTIP? It is not discussed at JJSC or juvenile probation as a service for DJJ youth returning.
	BHSD RESPONSE: The Starlight Youth Therapeutic Integrated Program is the on-site Behavioral Health program at the Ranch. This program is not contracted to serve youth returning from DJJ. YTIP serves youth at the Ranch and provides 30 days of services after release to ensure connections to community partners are made.
Don Taylor	8. Is there a cross walk that shows where reductions are going to? that would be helpful?
	BHSD RESPONSE: Please refer to slide #14 on the July 23, 2021 MHSA SLC Planning Session.

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	<p>9. Is the unsponsored reductions based on post-cost reconciliation? Sometimes unsponsored is utilized at this time when dropped medi-cal, etc. is rectified.</p>
	<p>BHSD RESPONSE: Unsponsored covers denials, unsponsored clients, and those who's Medi-Cal has lapsed.</p>
<p>SLC Mary Gloner</p>	<p>Thank you for recommendation Sparky (in reference to having a presentation related to sources of funding for homeless/unhoused population in County of Santa Clara). Homelessness and serving unhoused is a recurring issue at other MHS planning meetings.</p>
	<p>BHSD RESPONSE: The Department is following up with our housing partners and exploring the option for a stand alone meeting related to this request.</p>