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Summary of CBHA Member Survey on the Mental Health Services Act

CBHA surveyed 70 agencies who provide services through programs that are funded by the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA).

Programs Funded by the MHSA

- 76% of survey respondents have programs that are funded by Community Services and Support (CSS), which is the largest component of the MHSA. This funding is used to provide essential direct services to adults and older adults with serious mental illness and children and youth with serious emotional disturbances.
- 76% of respondents have programs that are funded by the Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) component of the MHSA. Designed to prevent mental illnesses from becoming severe and disabling, this program enhances timely access to services for underserved communities.
- 30% of respondents have programs that are funded by the Innovation (INN) component of the MHSA, which allows agencies to implement novel approaches in the mental health system that strengthen community collaboration to increase the quality of services.
- 23% of respondents have programs that are funded by the Workforce Education and Training (WET) component of the MHSA. These programs address the ongoing behavioral health professional shortage and in growing the workforce, help expand services to underserved communities.



Funding Utilized to Address Behavioral Health Disparities in Underserved Communities

Several members reported that they rely on MHSA funding to provide client-centered activities that empower the client throughout their mental health treatment plan.

Various members indicated that they utilize CSS funding to provide wraparound services that are not considered traditional mental health services under Medi-Cal. The flexibility to leverage these dollars helps agencies provide services to low-income families in underserved communities.

Another member uses CSS funding to provide mental health services to veterans. This population is at risk for suicide, self-harm and domestic violence. Further, untreated behavioral health issues can put individuals at greater risk for becoming unhoused and increase the potential for law enforcement involvement.



Multiple members attested that partnerships with schools have been significant in addressing behavioral health concerns. For example, one member described that their agency links families to housing, shares information about food banks, and even provides services on school campuses, regardless of the academic calendar.

CBHA Member Survey on MHSA Utilization:

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Strength Based Implementation



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- Preserve What Works
- Ensure Infrastructure Expansion Aligns with Community Needs
- Keep Equity at the Center
- Continue Innovation and Accountability