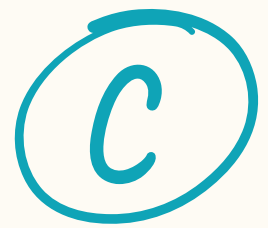


BHSA Racial Equity Scorecard

Los Angeles County



Score: 21.5/45

Los Angeles County's BHSA Integrated Plan features a very robust community engagement strategy consisting of 688, multiple iterations. The county's workforce strategy also emphasizes bilingual workforce, including peers and community health workers as a key component. However, the plan does not contain a robust language access strategy, nor does it clearly articulate how funded programs will reduce observed behavioral health disparities. Future revisions can build on the existing plan by explicitly articulating how funded programs will reduce health disparities and by incorporating existing language access measures documented in the county's language access plan.

Projected FY 2026-27 BHSA State Funding:

\$848,871,000

Projected FY 2026-27 BHSA Spending by Category:

Behavioral Health Services & Supports

\$297,105,000

Full Service Partnerships

\$297,105,000

Housing

\$254,661,000

Total FY 2025-26 MHSA State Funding Received:

\$688,185,500

Domain	Strengths	Opportunities	Score
1. Community Engagement	➤ Conducted multiple rounds of community engagement in 2025 and 2026 to gather iterative public feedback ➤ Engaged a wide range of CBOs serving BIPOC, refugee, and immigrant communities, leveraging Underserved Cultural Community (UCC) committees ➤ Shared disparity data and provided translated materials and meetings in Korean and Spanish, with live translation available on request ➤ Documented programmatic and policy changes implemented in direct response to community feedback	➤ Continue expanding multilingual engagement and meeting formats across additional threshold languages in future planning cycles	6/6

Domain	Strengths	Opportunities	Score
2. Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Workforce	➤ Prioritizes hiring peer, parent, and clinical staff with language capabilities matching client needs within Full Service Partnerships and WET programs	➤ Establish concrete metrics, timelines, and quantitative targets to track progress in reducing workforce demographic and linguistic gaps over time	4/5
3. Language Access	➤ Existing Cultural Competency Plan contains many provisions that reflect best practice for ensuring limited English proficient populations can access services	➤ Substantially embed the complete Cultural Competency Plan directly into future integrated plan updates, explicitly outlining criteria for identifying priority languages and ensuring service access for limited English proficient populations ➤ Incorporate opportunities for community input to inform language access priorities	0/5
4. Racially Equitable Behavioral Health Services and Supports Strategy	➤ Mentions several programs designed to serve specific BIPOC, immigrant, and refugee groups utilizing bilingual staff and peer support specialists ➤ References the utilization of Community-Defined Evidence Practices (CDEPs) across behavioral health programming	➤ Identify specific CDEPs and dedicated programs tailored for BIPOC, immigrant, and refugee populations ➤ Explicitly articulate how programs will reduce identified disparities	4/10
5. Funding Equity	➤ Demonstrates a comprehensive strategy to blend and maximize multiple federal, state, and local funding streams alongside BHSA revenue	➤ Develop a strategy using state and local funds to preserve service availability for uninsured residents regardless of immigration status	2/3

Domain	Strengths	Opportunities	Score
6. Community-Based Care Approaches	➤ Identifies existing racial disparities affecting institutionalization ➤ Focuses on reducing institutionalization through the expansion non-locked community-based alternatives	➤ Transition crisis response away from law enforcement responder models towards independent, community-led crisis response teams ➤ Directly connect identified disparities in institutionalization rates to dedicated community-based services, programs, and partnerships designed to reduce unnecessary care escalation	1/4
7. Promoting Racial Equity and Addressing Racial Disparities	➤ Identifies baseline racial and ethnic disparity data across a majority of the county's statewide goal areas	➤ Expand data collection to systematically measure and track language disparities alongside race and ethnicity across all goals ➤ Identify how behavioral health programming will address and reduce identified disparities	4.5/12

The BHSA Racial Equity Scorecard Project evaluates county Integrated Plans across key behavioral health equity priorities.

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