

**Score: 33.5/45**

San Bernardino County's plan demonstrates a strong commitment to language access and disparities reduction, as well as a thoughtful approach to improving the cultural and linguistic diversity of its behavioral health workforce. However, the county's approach to racial disparities reduction could be further expanded across all sections of the plan, not just those focused on early intervention and behavioral health. The county can build on this foundation by continuing to work with the community to implement its integrated plan, identify new strategies, and refine existing ones.

Projected FY 2026-27 BHSA State Funding:

\$259,808,959.04

Projected FY 2026-27 BHSA Spending by Category:

Behavioral Health Services & Supports

\$71,877,738.91

Full Service Partnerships

\$71,877,738.91

Housing

\$61,609,490.50

Total FY 2025-26 MHSA State Funding Received:

\$173,685,282

Domain	Strengths	Opportunities	Score
1. Community Engagement	➤ Hosted community outreach meetings that sought to educate the community on key changes under BHSA and identify priorities for behavioral health transformation ➤ Worked with a broad range of CBOs representing diverse communities, including BIPOC-specific groups	➤ Strengthen accountability by providing a detailed summary of community input and more clearly documenting how community feedback shaped specific strategies, investments, and priorities for the county in the Community Planning Process sections of the plan	3/6
2. Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Workforce	➤ Prioritizes recruitment of workforce that speak languages needed to reach underserved groups	➤ Work closely with community members to evaluate and refine efforts to provide culturally responsive care	5/5

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2. Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Workforce (continued)	➤ Explicitly identifies the use of peer support specialists and community health workers as a strategy to provide culturally responsive care		
3. Language Access	➤ Incorporates best practices to advancing language access via explicit reference to the county's <u>cultural competency plan</u>	➤ Continue to work closely with the community to identify language access gaps and strategies	5/5
4. Racially Equitable Behavioral Health Services and Supports Strategy	➤ Several early intervention programs provide culturally-tailored services for specific groups with the goal of reducing racial disparities	➤ Expand the use of racial equity and disparities reduction services across all BHSA programs, not just FSP and Early Intervention	5/10
5. Funding Equity	➤ Clear effort to braid other funding sources to maximize the impact of BHSA funds ➤ County is working with BHSA contractors to achieve Medi-Cal certification	➤ Strengthen commitment to providing services to all residents regardless of coverage or immigration status by identifying additional specific strategies	3/3
6. Community-Based Care Approaches	➤ BHSA funds are used to fund community-based crisis response programs ➤ BHSA funds are not directed towards the expansion of locked or involuntary care settings	➤ Identify specific strategies to reduce identified disparities impacting BIPOC communities	3/4

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7. Promoting Racial Equity and Addressing Racial Disparities	➤ Specific racial disparities are identified for all statewide behavioral health goals ➤ Specific strategies are identified to address disparities in each statewide behavioral health goal	➤ Work closely with community members to evaluate and refine existing strategies to reduce disparities	9.5/12

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

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