



CRDP Webinar Series

Webinar #1: Mental Health Funding – Part A

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Questions & Answers

1. How do you get audio on? -Christina Z.
n/a
2. When will the recording of this call sent out? - Gulshan Y.

Yes, a recording will be sent out to all attendees and posted on the CPEHN website.
(Answered by Mihae Jung)

3. Was 35% increase from federal or MHSA? - Julie K.

% INCREASE IN SPENDING (ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION)				
	12-13 Actual	19-20 Projected	Increase	% Increase
Select Total Funds	\$6,252.4	\$8,425.1	\$2,172.7	35%
1991 Local Realignment	\$1,352.5	\$1,501.1	\$148.6	11%
2011 Local Realignment	\$1,180.3	\$1,658.0	\$477.7	40%
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant	\$68.6	\$95.2	\$26.6	39%
Medicaid/Federal Financial Participation	\$1,751.4	\$3,161.5	\$1,410.1	81%
Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)	\$1,899.6	\$2,009.3	\$109.7	6%

Note: this has not been published so I ask that this not be shared publicly. We will be publishing a longer, more comprehensive chart book early 2020.

(Answered by Adriana Ramos-Yamamoto)



4. Very good presentation Adriana, Are you involved at all with DHCS CalAIM's restructuring efforts? – *Lilyane G.*

The Budget Center is not represented on any of the stakeholder workgroups, but our team has been following along as best as possible!

(Answered by Adriana Ramos-Yamamoto)

5. How will the young adult expansion impact access to mental health services? – *CPEHN staff*

Beginning January 1, 2020, a new law in California will give full scope Medi-Cal to young adults under the age of 26 and immigration status does not matter. It is estimated that approximately 4.5 percent of adults have serious mental health condition and 10 percent have a mild to moderate mental health condition. The expansion of Medi-Cal to young adults under the age of 26, regardless of immigration status, will ensure that young adults with either a serious mental health condition or mild to moderate mental health condition are entitled to mental health services. California estimates 138,000 young adults will become insured under the new policy. Advocates can work with their local mental health departments to ensure that no young adult under the age of 26, regardless of immigration status, is denied Medi-Cal coverage or access to mental health services.

(Answered by Carolina Valle)

6. Does Carolina believe there will be legislation introduced this year to amend Prop 63/MHSA? – *Stacie H.*

There have been preliminary discussion about the introduction of a ballot initiative. Steinberg Institute has expressed intentions to run a 2020 ballot measure to direct the MHSA resources to homelessness, jails, and PEI for youth. Ballot initiatives are typically introduced two ways: through the collection of signatures (keep your eyes out!) or through the Legislature. If a sponsor ask the Legislature to put it on the ballot, consumer advocates can weigh in through the legislative process.

(Answered by Carolina Valle)

7. Thank you so much for a very good and informative presentation, Carolina. At the beginning of today's DHCS BH Workgroup meeting that started at 10a, it was stated that they had conducted stakeholder engagement. Do you know anything about that and if there were efforts to include diverse communities? – *Lilyane G.*

DHCS also solicited comments from stakeholders on the CalAIM Proposal. The comment deadline was December 16. However, it is unclear the extent and quality of stakeholder



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engagement DHCs has engaged in to gather information on the needs of diverse communities. DHCS did release a [document](#) that provides more information about stakeholder engagement opportunities and venues between now and November 2020. Please subscribe to DHCS' stakeholder email service to receive CalAIM updates and information about upcoming stakeholder meetings. If you are unable to participate in these meetings, public comments are also accepted in writing to CalAIM@dhcs.ca.gov.

(Answered by Carolina Valle)

8. Could you say a little more about the processes to address the procurement procedures?
– *Lilyane G.*

DHCS will be conducting a procurement process in 2020 to receive bids from Managed Care Plans and enter into new contracts. Re-procurement is an important opportunity for resetting priorities and engaging with managed care plans around a common strategic vision and goals, including mental health priorities and partnerships. Currently, DHCS is not required to contract with Managed Care Plans to provide mental health services. The procurement process is an opportunity for community based organizations to advocate that Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans be required to partner with community based organizations to provide mental health services. It is likely that DHCS will release a draft of the Request for Proposals for Contracts after the conclusion of the CalAIM proposal in February.

(Answered by Carolina Valle)

9. Don't know if this was covered but since realignment happened twice in years ending in 1, will that be expected in 2021? - *Roland M.*

It is not clear if realignment will happen again in 2021.

(Answered by Carolina Valle)