



Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) Update January 2024

Behavioral Health Accomplishments for 2023:

- Completed the implementation of CalAIM documentation and billing and payment reform.
- Handed out 2,325 (two dose) boxes of Narcan to the community.
- Became authorized by DHCS to request larger batches of Narcan from the DHCS Narcan Distribution Project.
- Participated in 38 community events for program awareness and distribution of program materials and prevention materials.
- Visible attitude change around Narcan distribution from the public (shift from “I don’t need that” to “That is so great that you provide this”).
- Implemented Health Information Exchange connection.
- Post-COVID resumption of jail groups for both sentenced and un-sentenced.
- Increased BHRS staff bilingual capacity.
- Active Mentored Internship Program.
- Applied for and were awarded grants.
- Continued to expand Mobile Crisis to meet the new mandated mobile crisis response that became effective 1/1/2024.
- Reduction in the percent of individuals being detained in Mobile Crisis (approximately 41% detained in June 2022 to approximately 11% in November 2023).
- Implemented Jail data collection within the BHRS E.H.R. that allows tracking of individuals that are arrested but also are in the Behavioral Health system.
- Implemented Microsoft Projects.
- Streamlined many of the fiscal processes.

A Safe and Healthy County:

BHRS Substance Use Disorder Treatment (SUDT) services is working in collaboration with Juvenile Probation to create a summer program for the Juvenile Justice participants. BHRS received a \$25,000.00 stipend from Health Management Associates to work with Probation to keep juveniles connected during the summer months with a focus on growth and development.

BHRS SUDT also received an \$85,000.00 stipend from Health Management Associates for the drug court programs. The focus of these funds is to work with enhancing the programs and implementing changes to align with new regulations.



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LPS Conservatorship (Mental Health) Placement Costs FY 23/24			
FY 23/24	Total Costs	General Funds	Realignment Funds
November 2023	\$343,203.68	\$0	\$343,203.68
Total (YTD)	\$1,767,163.51	\$0	\$1,767,163.51

BHRS Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services currently has 130 clients enrolled in the various programs. In the last 2 months, 25 individuals have successfully completed their programs.

BHRS SUDT programs within the Mendocino County Jail have expanded to provide services once again to the main jail. With the expansion there are 12 new participants joining the program.

LPS Conservatorship

Number of LPS conserved individuals in November 2023 were consistent with the previous months. The Public Conservator office and the placement team is always reviewing individuals in higher level of placements to work towards achieving their goals to be eligible for lower level of placements including independent housing. In November 2023, there were more clients placed out of county than in county due to needing higher level of care.

Number of Clients Placed In and Out of County			
FY 23/24	Out of County	In County	Total Number of Clients
November 2023	40	20	60

LPS Conservatorship

A conservatorship established under the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act to provide for individualized treatment, supervision, and placement of individuals who are gravely disabled as a result of a mental health disorder (Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5350).