



Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) Update January 2023

A Thriving Economy

BHRS expands the behavioral health system of care through mental health services and grant-funded activities. Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) has nine Requests for Proposals open for each of the sub-components of the MHSA Three Year Program and Expenditure Plan for 2023-2026. We seek providers that can continue, enhance, expand, or deepen the specialty mental health (Community Services and Supports) and Prevention and Early intervention continuums of services. The Requests for Proposals close on 1/27/23. Several programs collaborate with public health, social services, and other community service providers to enhance and expand the system of care. One of BHRS' grant-funded programs is the Dual Response Mobile Crisis program which is a collaboration with Law Enforcement to jointly respond to 911 calls that have a behavioral health component. Law Enforcement is present for emergency service and public safety response, and Behavioral Health crisis workers are present to support resolving behavioral health emergencies in the home. This program responded to 31 calls in December, serving 18 unduplicated individuals. An MHSA-funded program collaborates with the County Jail to coordinate discharge planning and follow-up care for inmates with behavioral health concerns. This program had 60 contacts with 30 unduplicated individuals in December. Another MHSA-funded program is a therapeutic court program that uses the civil court process for individuals at risk for criminal or higher-level civil court proceedings. BHRS has a grant-funded program to collaborate with mental health providers and County School Districts, MHSSA, to augment mental health, crisis prevention, and other risk factor reduction in schools. BHRS requested and was granted an extension of this project through December of 2026 and approved by the Board of Supervisors on January 10, 2023. BHRS Community Wellness and Substance Use Disorder Treatment (SUDT) prevention program facilitates several programs to collaborate with community partners, schools, and Tribal Government organizations to bring substance prevention, youth leadership, and other resiliency and protective factor activities education and support to the community.