



## Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) Update January 2023

### An Effective County Government

BHRS, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) is engaged in the CalMHSA Workforce Education and Training Regional Partnership which offers loan repayment for employees that work in the public behavioral health workforce for a minimum of one year. BHRS, MHSA is also involved in the CalMHSA statewide Peer Certification process to create consistent standards for employment and billing practices among the behavioral health peer workforce, whose expertise arises from lived experience. BHRS recently (December 30, 2021) submitted our Annual Update to our Cultural Responsiveness Plan to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). The plan requirements were updated by DHCS this year, creating a slightly revised format and organization. Still, the content reviews the application of Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Service Standards in Mendocino County Behavioral Health services and providers. It is available on the MHSA website Mental Health Services Act | Mendocino County, CA. In addition, BHRS is scheduling one of our annual cultural responsiveness trainings with Dr. Ricardo Carrillo; the date is anticipated in February and will be announced on the MHSA website by the end of January. BHRS, MHSA is completing our Annual Revenue and Expenditure Report for Mental Health Services Act Programs, which will be posted to the MHSA website by January 31, 2023.