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# Director's Update Mental Health Advisory Board

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## Key Issues we are following

- CBHDA is working with the State to potentially partner with them in developing a peer certification training with some funding allocated in a prior fiscal year that remains unspent.
  - State not receptive at this point to doing a State plan amendment with CMS to have the service be Medi-Cal reimbursable under a new category of service.
- AB 727 will allow Counties to utilize MHSA funding to support rental subsidies to consumers receiving services, thus providing more flexibility to Counties.
  - Challenge in freeing up those funds, however, which are currently being used to support the provision of services in the community
  - Still in discussions
- AB 1315 would support a grant program to establish new programs and services for early psychosis and other mood disorders
  - Concerns are for Counties that have already invested funding in these programs- will they be able to apply to expand those programs?



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- Key Issues, continued

- Community Infrastructure Grants: \$17M will be available through a new grant program to support the likely prioritized expansion of children's crisis services in the State.
  - Could potentially be used for mobile crisis, or additional staff at crisis stabilization programs as options
  - Process still needs to be developed including the application process, regulations, etc.
  - Opportunity for input from local mental health boards?
  - CHFFA- California Health Facilities Finance Authority



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## **Budget**

- Successfully passed.
- Behavioral Health working on contracts with our provider networks

## **Drug Medi-Cal expansion**

- Targeting October 1, 2017 as an implementation date.
- Finalizing contract negotiations with the State.



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