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Director's Update Mental Health Advisory Board

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Key State Issues we are following

- New federal managed care regulations will result in \$36M in new expenses for California Counties (Behavioral Health) in order to implement and monitor Behavioral Health Services
 - Budget bill makes some additional funds available to Counties
- State Budget
 - Agreement on a budget to move to the Governor's desk for signature
- Legislation
 - AB 720 Psychiatric Informed Consent for incarcerated adults
 - For adults who have been sentenced, requires a hearing and adds an informed consent provision
 - AB 700
 - Creates a career ladder for individuals seeking to work in the substance use disorder field



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- Legislation, continued
 - AB 1372 Crisis Stabilization Units
 - Allows for individuals to be served beyond the current 24-hours if necessary
 - Example- children who are waiting for an inpatient bed
 - AB 1136 Health Facilities: Residential and SUD Treatment
 - Creates an online real time bed availability system
 - AB 1250 Counties and Cities Contracts for Services
 - Counties and Cities would have to justify the use of contracted providers over County or City employees
 - Opposed by Counties
 - AB 1315 Early Psychosis Detection and Intervention
 - Establishes a grant program for evidence based treatment programs
 - Funded through private grant funds



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Whole Person Care Grant (“Cruz to Health”)

- CMS provided final approval on June 12
- We have the final grant agreement and we are working on a July 1 start date
- Our initial work will be in hiring staff to manage the project, and developing the workgroups and baseline data reports as we identify individuals to participate in the project
- I have included a copy of the presentation HSA did on the Whole Person Care Grant



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Budget Hearings

- Health Services Agency is June 21 (between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm)
- Evening listening sessions
 - Monday, June 19 @ 7:30 pm in Watsonville
 - 275 Main Street, 4th floor
 - Tuesday, June 20 @ 7:00 pm in Santa Cruz
 - 701 Ocean Street, 5th floor



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