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LEA Workgroup
MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS

Thursday June 17th, 2021



LEA Workgroup Agenda

\$4.4 billion in New Funds for School Mental Health Programs*

How the Funds will be Distributed & How to Apply:

- Funds through the Mental Health System Oversight and Accountability Commission -\$429 million
- Partnerships with Counties- \$250 million
- Partnerships with Health Plans- \$400 million
- New School-based Practitioners:
 - Mental Health School Counselors/Coaches \$228.3
 - Increasing Mental Health Workforce Capacity (general funding) \$426.8 million

*Partial list



2021-22 Children & Youth Behavioral Health Initiative – Legislative Adjustments

May Revision: \$4.4 billion over 5 years to transform California’s Behavioral Health System

- Build on legislative augmentations & other proposals adopted in the past few years
 - Ex: Mental Health Student Services Act, the Early Psychosis Intervention (EPI) Plus Program, Investments in youth drop-in centers
- Proposals lack specific detail or require more analysis & consideration
- Legislature would propose the following changes to the Administration's proposed Children & Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (see table)



Children and Youth Behavioral Health Investments – Legislative Adjustments
(total funds over five years, dollars in millions)

Investment	Governor	Legislature	Difference
Mental Health Student Services Act Partnerships	\$50	\$250	\$200
School-Linked Behavioral Health Partnerships	\$550	\$550	\$-
Student Behavioral Health Medi-Cal Plan Incentives	\$400	\$400	\$-
Evidence-Based Behavioral Health – DHCS	\$429	\$0	(\$429)
Evidence-Based Behavioral Health – MHSOAC	\$0	\$429	\$429
Behavioral Health Workforce Capacity	\$426.8	\$426.8	\$-
Behavioral Health Counselors and Coaches	\$428.3	\$228.3	\$200
Behavioral Health Services and Supports Platform	\$634.7	\$561.7	(\$73)
Behavioral Health Infrastructure – Children/Youth	\$245	\$245	\$-
E-consult Services and Provider Training	\$165	\$165	\$-
CalHOPE Student Support Program	\$45	\$45	\$-
New Medi-Cal Benefit – Dyadic Services	\$800	\$800	\$-
Public Education and Change Campaign - DPH	\$100	\$100	\$-
Public Education on ACEs and Trauma – OSG	\$25	\$25	\$-
Various State Operations and Other Adjustments	\$186.5	\$186.5	\$-
TOTAL	\$4,485.3	\$4,412.3	(\$73)



SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH & MENTAL HEALTH



Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative

School-Linked Behavioral Health Partnerships - \$550M

- Administrative costs associated with implementing student mental health services
- Project planning and management, facilities, materials, training and technical assistance Expand access to behavioral health school counselors and coaches
- Adoption of telehealth technology and data sharing systems
- Flexible funding to address student needs identified by teachers and staff



Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative

Managed Care Incentives & Requirements - \$400M

- Incentive payments provided to managed care plans if a school-based mental health professional provides services at a schoolsite*
- Establishes a universal fee schedule for school-based mental health providers
- Prohibits health plans from refusing to pay for services provided by school-based mental health providers, regardless of whether an LEA is in-network, and prohibits them from requiring preapproval



Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative

Behavioral Health Services & Supports Virtual Platform- \$680M

- Establish a virtual platform targeted at ages 0 to 26 that offers Tier 1 and some Tier 2 services, with streamlined referrals to health plans for more intensive services.
- Services provided virtually, regardless of insurance or health plan. Includes links to other social services like housing and food assistance.
- Includes screening tools and activities.



Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative

Behavioral Health Workforce Capacity - \$427M & \$428M

- Recruit and train 10,000 culturally and linguistically proficient counselors and coaches to serve K-12 and college age youth.
- Increase the number of licensed and unlicensed mental health professionals, including creation of new “behavioral health coaches”
- Funds could pay for training programs, tuition, and mentorship or coaching.



Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative

- Public Education Campaign - \$125M
- Enhance Medi-Cal Benefits (ACEs & dyadic care) - \$800M
- Behavioral Health Infrastructure (mobile crisis teams) - \$150M
- Evidence-Based Behavioral Health Programs - \$429M
- CalHOPE - \$45M
- E-Consult Services & Training - \$165M



MENTAL HEALTH STUDENT SERVICES ACT

- Provides MHSOAC with a second round of funding (\$50M or \$250M) for MHSSA grants that would allow them to fund all additional applicants who did not receive first round of funding (18 counties)
- Legislature: increase funding amounts, including for LA



COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

- Provides a second round of funding (\$2.6B or \$1.1B) for CSPP grants
- Governor's proposal states that \$2.6B would fund more than half of all schools in the state
- Prioritizes creation of new community schools and applicants with high FRPM rates
- New requirement for a match



Questions & Discussion

