

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, APRIL 09, 2024**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 4

**SUBJECT: ADVANCING MENTAL HEALTH EQUITY: HARNESSING PROPOSITION 1
BOND FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY WELL-BEING (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

Proposition 1 is a two-part measure, that will amend the California Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and create a \$6.38 billion general obligation bond. The California MHSA will be reconfigured to be the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) which will allow for spending for substance abuse disorders and command spending for non-clinical housing services. Secondly, it creates a \$6.38 billion general obligation bond that would fund behavioral health treatment and residential facilities, and supportive housing for veterans and individuals at risk of or experiencing homelessness with behavioral health challenges.

The County of San Diego's Behavioral Health Services Department, in collaboration with community providers; Behavioral Health Advocates; and Chairwoman Nora Vargas, have already done substantial work to identify key investments in the behavioral health continuum to optimize care for the County of San Diego and its communities. Specifically, the Board of Supervisors, under the Chairwoman's leadership, has emphasized the importance of equity, social determination of health, and the upstream investments as priorities for the behavioral health continuum.

Today's board action supports the critical steps of strategic planning and ordering of priorities needed to properly inform County advocacy and planning efforts to address our mental health crisis, invest in our community, and ensure an equitable use of bond funds.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHAIRWOMAN NORA VARGAS

Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to work with the Behavioral Health Services Director to create a process for seeking and investing Proposition 1 bond funding, informed by data; community advocates; and stakeholders, and return to the board within 120 days with a set of priorities to inform County planning efforts in areas such as mental health, substance abuse and housing services that would be eligible for these funds.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego has been actively working on addressing the behavioral health needs of our communities with a specific emphasis on our vulnerable communities. The County has launched several programs to address the unique and specific needs within our County, including the implementation of the CARE Act and Mobile Crisis Response Teams. Despite the implementations of County programs there continues to be a continuous disproportionate amount of infrastructure dedicated to addressing behavioral health needs, with a large disparity within South County. If approved, today's actions will allow for an equitable distribution of Proposition 1 funding.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today’s actions contribute to the County of San Diego’s Sustainability Goals by prioritizing the long-term behavioral health needs of individuals, families, and the region through clear planning and advocacy.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no fiscal impacts associated with today’s recommendations. There will be no change in General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter

