

# Serious Mental Illness & Substance Use Disorder Services and Supports for Our Most Vulnerable Community Members: Behavioral Health Services Act (Proposition 1), CARE Court, & SB 43

Behavioral Health Branch, HHSA



# Prop 1: BHSA Reform & Bond BCHIP Funding



Senate Bill (SB) 326 Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) and Assembly Bill (AB) 531 Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act, created language in Proposition 1 (Prop 1)



Reforms MHSA to BHSA



Creates \$6.4 billion general bonds to build new behavioral health community-based treatment facilities



Passed by California voters March 5, 2024

# Bond Behavioral Health Community Infrastructure Project (BHCIP)

- Bond BHCIP Round 1 ONE TIME FUNDS
  - July 17, 2024, Bond BHCIP Round 1 Launch Ready Request for Application (RFA) released
  - Round 1 application deadline December 13, 2024
  - Round 1 Launch Ready awards announced May 2025
- Bond BHCIP Round 2 Unmet Needs
  - Releases May 2025

# BHSA Bond BCHIP Round 1

- Applicants may include counties, cities, tribal entities, non-profits, and for-profits whose projects reflect state priorities and align with facility types.
- Projects must be launch ready with predevelopment design, planning, site control and budgeting details
- Eligible project types include behavioral health and substance use disorder facilities and service sites and that include some transitional residential opportunities
- Services at facilities must be sustainable by the BH Branch for 30 years



# Bond BCHIP: Eligible Facility Types

## Specialized Behavioral Health Treatment Sites

Acute Psychiatric Hospital

Adolescent Residential  
Substance Use Disorder  
(SUD) Treatment Facility

Adult Residential SUD  
Treatment Facility

Behavioral Health Urgent  
Care (BHUC)/Mental Health  
Urgent Care (MHUC)\*

Chemical Dependency  
Recovery Hospital,  
Children's Crisis Residential  
Program (CCRP)Community  
Mental Health Clinic  
(outpatient)

Community Residential  
Treatment System  
(CRTS)/Social Rehabilitation  
Program (SRP)

Community Treatment  
Facility (CTF), Community  
Wellness/Prevention Center  
(tribal entities only)

Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU)

General Acute Care Hospital  
(GACH) for behavioral health  
services only

Hospital-Based Outpatient  
Treatment (outpatient  
detoxification/withdrawal  
management)

Mental Health Rehabilitation  
Center (MHRC), Narcotic  
Treatment Program (NTP)

NTP Medication Unit

Office-Based Opioid  
Treatment (OBOT)

Outpatient Treatment for  
SUD, Partial Hospitalization  
Program

Peer Respite, Perinatal  
Residential SUD Facility

Psychiatric Health Facility  
(PHF)

Psychiatric Residential  
Treatment Facility (PRTF)

Short-Term Residential  
Therapeutic Program  
(STRTP)

Skilled Nursing Facility with  
Special Treatment Program  
(SNF/STP)

Sobering Center (funded  
under the Drug Medi-Cal  
Organized Delivery System  
[DMC-ODS] and/or  
Community Supports)

Social Rehabilitation Facility  
(SRF)



Bond 1 Application: Casa Grande second unit to support community members with co-occurring substance-use disorders and medical conditions



Bond 1 Application: Wellness and Recovery Transitional Housing site with dedicated substance use disorder services.



Bond 1 Partner Applications: reviewing fiscal sustainability for all partnering opportunities to ensure 30 years of service can be budgeted

# Tulare County Bond BHCIP Round 1 Planning

# Current Tulare County BCHIP Projects

BH Urgent Care  
Center, Tulare  
\$ 10.7 million

Psychiatric Hospital  
for youth, Kaweah  
Health  
\$8.5 million

Mobile Crisis Direct  
Services &  
Infrastructure  
\$ 4 million

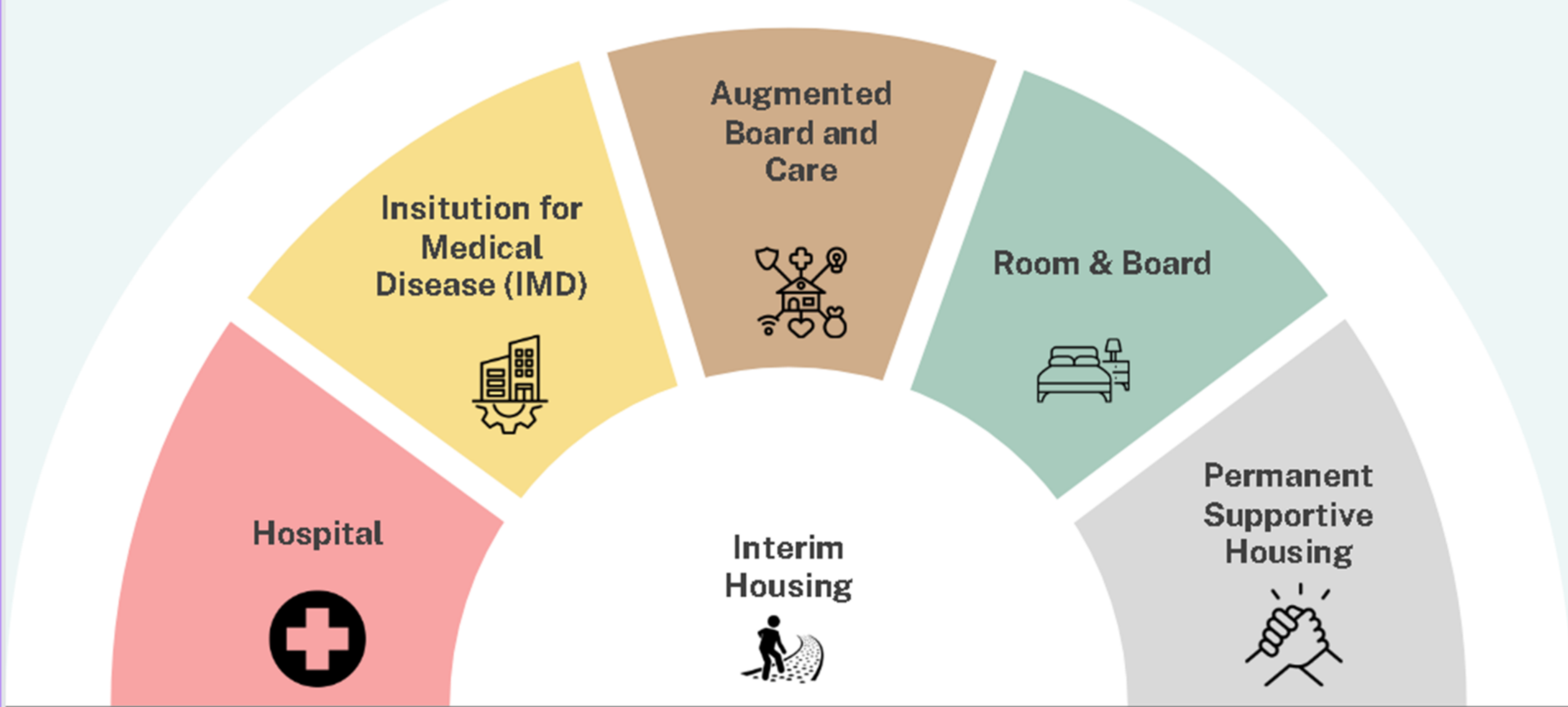


# Additional Projects

Youth Crisis Stabilization Unit in partnership with Kaweah Health, (12) 24-hour beds, funded by CHFFA grant, \$4+ million

Youth field crisis team and vehicles in partnership with Tulare County Office of Education, funded by CHFFA grant, \$500,000





Behavioral Health Level of Care and Housing



# Current BH Housing Spectrum

Transitional Living Center (TLC): Augmented Board & Care, 24/7 Case Management, (53 beds)

Community Living Center (CLC): Semi-permanent supported transitional housing, Case Management during business hours (28 beds)

Crossroads: Transitional Age Youth (18-24): Supported Transitional Room and Board Housing (20 Beds)

Co-Occurring Disorder Residential Program: Transitional Room and Board Housing, (23 Beds) (Services Contracted to CVRS)

East Tulare Avenue Cottages (ETAC): Permanent Supportive Housing, 11 Shared Apartments (22 beds)

Tulare Apartments: Permanent Supportive Housing (8 Shared Apartments, 16 Beds)

Porterville Apartments: Permanent Supportive Housing (10 shared Apartments, 20 Beds)

Casa De Robles: Transitional Age Youth (18-24), Permanent Supportive Housing (13 Beds, Expanding to 25)

No Place Like Home Beds (113 Beds), sites throughout Tulare County

**Upcoming:** Casa Grande augmented Board & Care (80+ beds); **proposed:** Eden House (5 Beds), S+L (5 Beds)

# Background: MHSA



## 5 Funding Components:

Community  
Services and  
Supports  
(CSS)

Prevention  
and Early  
Intervention  
(PEI)

Workforce  
Education and  
Training (WET)

Capital  
Facilities &  
Technology  
Needs (CFT)

Innovation  
Projects (INN)  
(\*5% to State  
Admin)

## Prop 1: BHSA Reform

Proposition 63, also  
known as the Mental  
Health Services Act  
(MHSA)

Passed by California  
voters November 2004  
Went into effect January  
2005

MHSA is funded by 1%  
tax surcharge on  
personal income over  
\$1million per year

# BHSA County Allocations

## New categories effect July 1, 2026

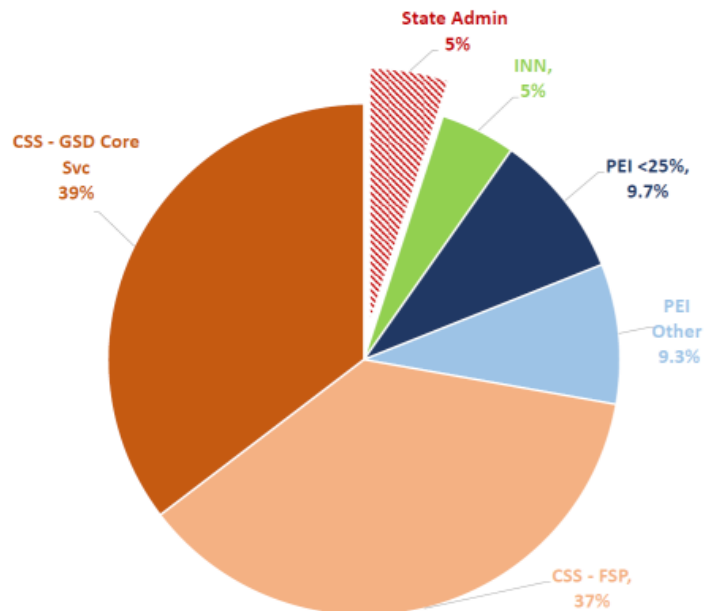
- State takes 10% off the top for Admin/Prevention/Workforce.

## Counties' allocations then split to these new categories:

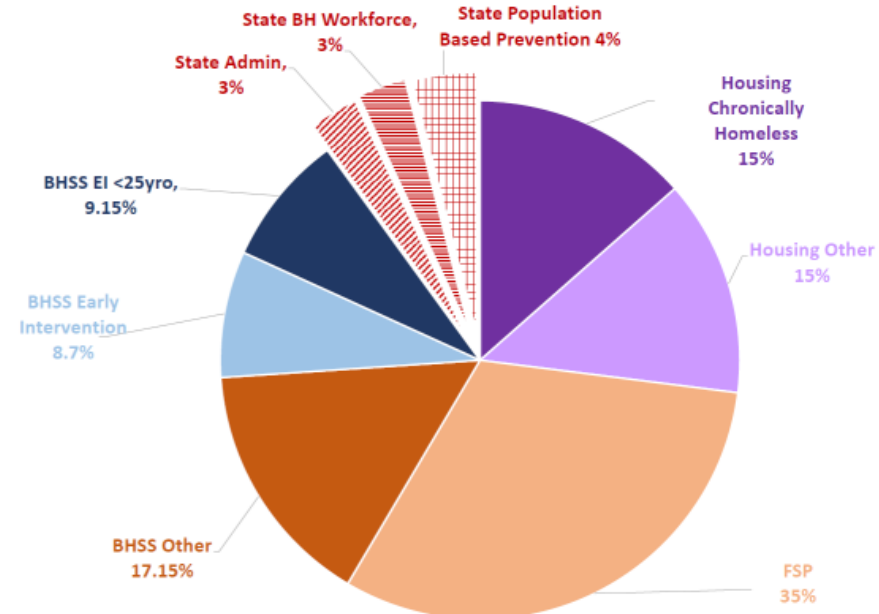
- 35% to Full-Service Partnership (including ACT/FACT)
- 35% to BH Services and Supports (BHSS)
  - must include 51% to Early intervention
  - of which, 51% must be used for 25 years and under
- 30% to Housing
  - must include 50% to chronically homeless
  - must follow Housing First philosophy/requirements

# MHSA vs BHSA Funding

Prior MHSA Funding Components



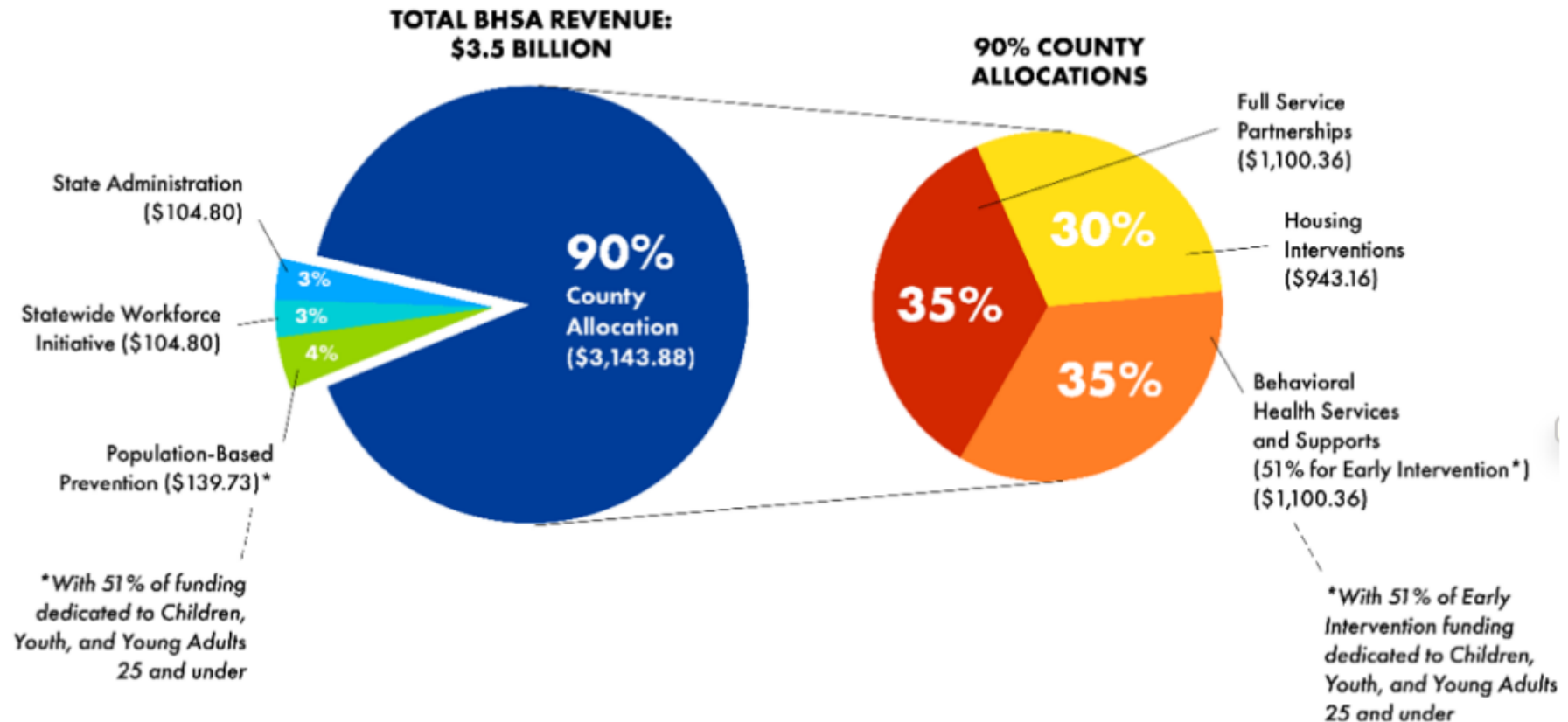
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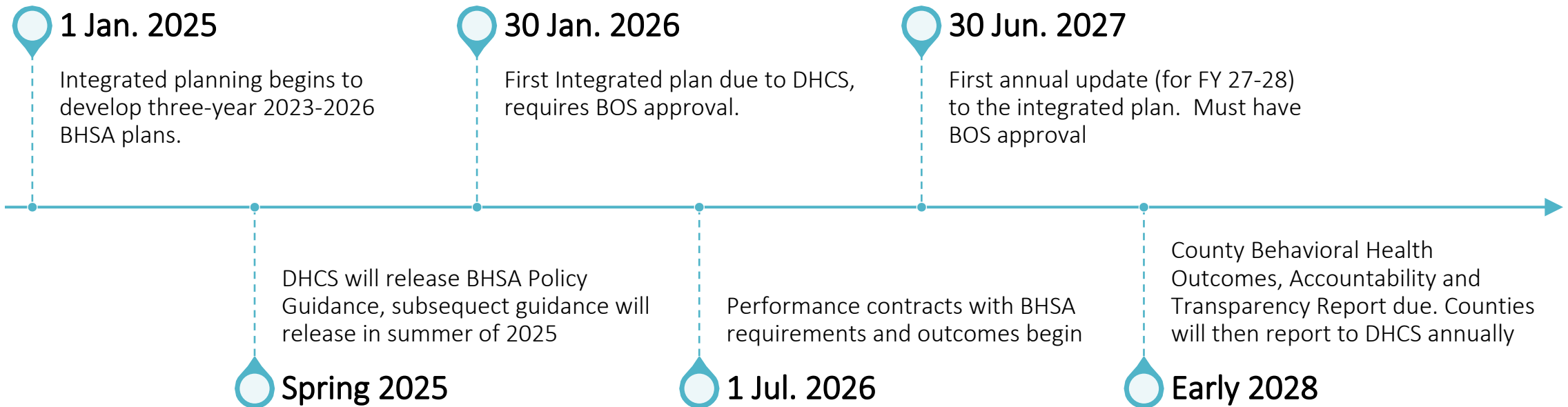
Charts will equal greater than 100% because it reflects the county's required allocations for each component/category, plus the state's allocation.



# BHSA Funding Allocations



# BHSA Project Timeline





# CARE Court

BHSA Reform & Infrastructure Bond, along with BHBH funds, is aimed at helping those in our community that are most acutely mentally ill with co-occurring substance use disorders that often struggle with homelessness. Care Court is an additional service type that will be implemented in December 2024



Court ordered treatment for adults with a diagnosis of Schizophrenia Spectrum or Other Psychotic Disorders, who is not stabilized and unlikely to survive safely in the community or who needs services to prevent deterioration and will benefit from participating in a CARE agreement.



December 1, 2024 implementation



Court ordered services require a CARE plan that provides individualized interventions, supportive services, medication, and housing.



Voluntary program

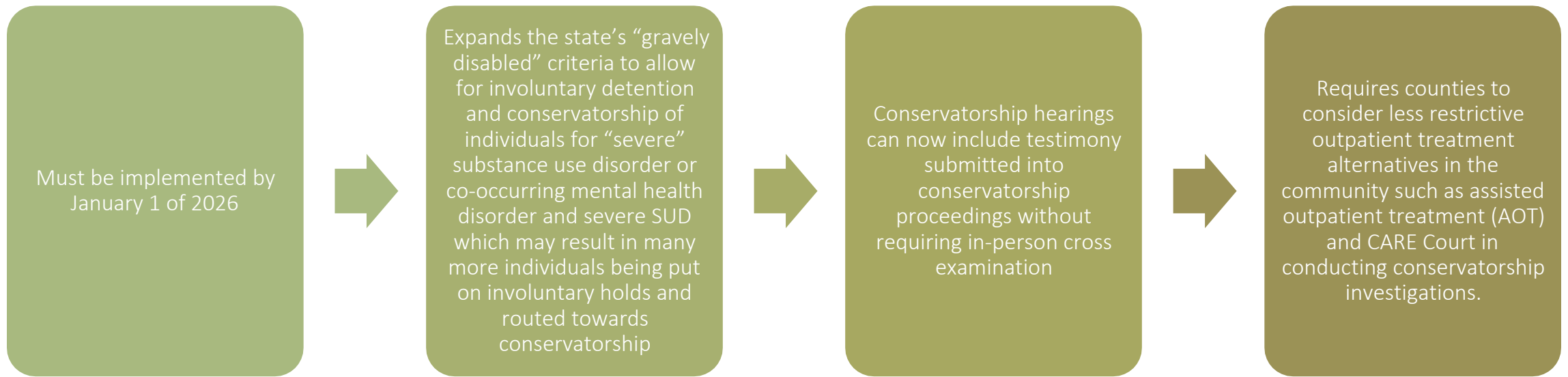


If an individual does not engage in the court ordered CARE plan, then conservatorship will be considered.

# Care Court Implementation Efforts

Stakeholder Meetings began April 2024. Members within two meeting sets include representatives from County Behavioral Health, Public Guardian, Tulare County Superior Court, Counsel, District Attorney, law enforcement, HOPE Team, Kaweah Health, and Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

Contract is pending for these services; the branch will return to the Board of Supervisors for approval in the fall of 2024.



# Additional Policy Impacts to BH Services and Facilities: Senate Bill 43

# SB 43 Impacts



Increased Workforce and provider contracts



High acuity treatment facilities for co-occurring SUDs and medical issues



Clinical assessments for SUD and medical grave disability



Policies & Procedures

# Conclusion

As the behavioral health landscape changes according to legislation, policy updates, and the needs of our community, the Tulare County HHSA Behavioral Branch continues to develop strategy to optimize all eligible funding streams and policy reformation. Our duty to serve our most vulnerable community members suffering from serious mental illness includes building specialized facilities, services, and residential sites to ensure all individuals are connected to appropriate levels of care and available housing options throughout Tulare County.

# Questions?

## Additional Information:

Website: <https://tchhsa.org/eng/mental-health/>

Access to BH Services: 1-866-732-4114

Tulare County Crisis Services: 1-800-320-1616

National Crisis Hotline: 988