

**Santa Barbara County Superior Court  
County of Santa Barbara**

**JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION  
COMMISSION**



**AGENDA**

**Commission Meeting  
Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**In Person Location:** CenCal Health – Conference Room  
4050 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93110

**Zoom Information:**

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\*\*Meeting Facilitator Gabriela Ferreira - Chair

**Convene the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission**

**Roll Call of Commissioners and Guests**

- Commissioners attending this meeting: Gabriela Ferreira, Donna Tanney, Barbara Kate Repa, Lynn Houston, John Forhan, Samuel Leach, as well as Chief Probation Officer Holly Benton, Melinda Barrera, Probation Office Representatives, and Guests.

**Closed Session: Public Employee Appointment (Government Code section 54957(b)-)**

- Chief Probation Officer Holly Benton – Personnel Matter/Public Employee Application Review of Deputy Chief Candidates (Welf. & Instit. Code section 225 et seq.) (15 minutes)

**Probation Report**

- 10 minutes allocated for Probation to provide report.

**Presentation and Discussion Promoted by Commissioner John Forhan**

- 15 minutes allocated for discussion of emails (attached) sent on dates: 06/30, 07/01, 07/06 (2), 07/09, 07/17, 07/18, and 07/19.

**Discussion Re Confirmation of Inspection Schedule and Date for Completion of Report**

- Juvenile Hall
- Los Prietos Camp
- STRTP (Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program)

**Public Comment**

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**Review and Approval of July Minutes**

**Call Vote to End Meeting**

**Next Meeting  
September 21, 2023**

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**Possibilities for Advocacy on the needed residential Beds**

2 messages

**JohnForhan** <jpfinsb@cox.net>

Fri, Jun 30, 2023 at 2:41 PM

Reply-To: JohnForhan &lt;jpfinsb@cox.net&gt;

To: "Celichowski, John" &lt;jpfinsb@cox.net&gt;, "Ferreira, Gabriela" &lt;gabriela@ferreiralawgroup.com&gt;, "Houston, Lynn" &lt;lynnhouston2020@gmail.com&gt;, "Repa, Barbara Kate" &lt;bkrepa@yahoo.com&gt;, "Tanney - JJDPC, Donna" &lt;drtanney@gmail.com&gt;

Hi Everyone

Before we all get into the long weekend, I want to let you know of some almost immediate developments on "not enough beds for 5150s placement and mental health crises in general. The 2 housing prospects I knew about have both fallen through - neither Sanctuary House nor Cottage will be expanding the programs they already have in the near future.

On the other hand there are developments at both Dignity House of Marion Hospital and the Sheriff's departments which may be good opportunities:

1. Dignity House is willing to try convincing Marion Hospital's executives to apply for a license to admit under 18s to their residential PSU which opened in Sept of 2022 and was the subject of the Independent's article this week. This might be a very good time to use whatever influence our North County members might have with Board Members at Marion. Jill( Austin?) , a program director there is very supportive of that happening and would like us to follow up in any way we can. She specifically mentioned possibly coordinating with their Board's upcoming consideration for approval of their current program's expanding to voluntary rather than only involuntary admissions and working more closely with Cottage Hospital.

2. SB County Sheriff Dept's executive committee is meeting soon to consider opening a 3rd Pod at the new jail site in SM to take even more inmates from SB, leaving SB with more space at the jail than originally expected. It might be possible to get some space, if significantly remodeled to be far from adults in custody, on the current SB jail property site. They have indicated at our Sheriff's office a willingness to consider this. So again, if any of you have influence with the Sheriff's Dept., now might be a good time to get on record with a "beds" request and offer to work with them on the possibility. Nick Welch indicated in his story the the Supes are addressing the general need for more residential treatment in the middle of July.

So much food for both thought and action. Although I have not been able to get return calls from some important leaders in the community, we can certainly count on support from NAMI, Sanctuary House, Families Act, and Behavioral Wellness among others. My personal thanks to Lynne Gibbs, Jill Austin, and Suzanne Riordan for their time with me this week.

Happy 4th to all of you, JohnF

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**Lynn Houston** <lynnhouston2020@gmail.com>

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Wonderful John! Thanks for your work on this. I don't know anyone at the Sheriff's office unfortunately.

Lynn

Somewhere Roaming

On Jun 30, 2023, at 3:41 PM, JohnForhan <jpfinsb@cox.net> wrote:

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**In case you didn't receive the Attachment - Full article in Independent of 6-27-23**

2 messages

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**JohnForhan** <jpfinsb@cox.net>

Sat, Jul 1, 2023 at 1:42 PM

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Eight years ago, on November 22, county movers and shakers — armed with ceremonial ribbon-cutting scissors — opened the county's brand-new Crisis Stabilization Unit, a 23-hour mental-health treatment center with eight recliners and staffed by clinicians trained to treat people on the verge of a mental-health precipice. There were lots of balloons and optimistic speeches delivered that day.

The CSU, as it was called, would offer a place for people who would otherwise find themselves in the county's perpetually overwhelmed Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) — with its scant 16 beds — or sent to facilities out of the county. In the first three months of that year, the county had exported 1,111 people in acute psychiatric distress to such places.

"This is the most exciting day for the county," exclaimed then-supervisor Janet Wolf. The CSU would lighten the load on the county's PHF, reserved for patients determined to pose an imminent threat to themselves or others and placed on involuntary holds. At the CSU, people in crisis could voluntarily decompress and then obtain longer-term treatment closer to home.

Fast-forward to the present.

The CSU, administered by the county's Behavioral Health Department, remains very much a dream unrealized, operating at less than half of its licensed capacity. Since May 2022, it's been shut down completely. Plans to reopen the CSU — reengineered to function as a locked facility now able to accept patients placed on involuntary, as well as voluntary, holds — have been thwarted yet again.

Mental-health administrators say they'll have a better idea in August when the new reopening date might be. Chronic staffing shortages — especially for high-end skilled clinical positions — has so plagued the Department of Behavioral Wellness that administrators are now authorized to pay \$90,000 signing bonuses to recruit new psychiatrists. For the time being, however, it's all hands on deck to keep the county's critically needed PHF staffed at levels required to continue operating as a 16-bed facility. Accordingly, all CSU staff has been transferred to the PHF.

This underscores the extent to which the 16 beds at the PHF have been nowhere near enough to meet the demand. So limited is that PHF bed space that Santa Barbara County is the only county in all of California where law enforcement officers do not issue 5150 involuntary mental-health holds on individuals deemed a threat to themselves or others.

The utility of — and need for — a locked CSU was highlighted at a downtown forum hosted last Thursday evening by mental-health advocates associated with the local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Dr. David Ketelaar, the emergency room medical director and consultant for Marian Medical Center in Santa Maria, described the arduous journey he undertook to get such a facility licensed and built and the results since it opened last September. Ketelaar, who's been with Marian since 1997, said their Outpatient Psychiatric Unit (OPU) has now treated nearly 500 patients experiencing "very significant crisis." The impact on the hospital's emergency room, he said was immediate: Prior to OPU, the average acute mental-health patient would spend more than 30 hours in the ER awaiting treatment. Since OPU opened, that time had plummeted with 70 percent released to their own homes.

Cottage Hospital's director of psychiatry, Paul Erickson, expressed some astonishment at Ketelaar's numbers, noting that Cottage releases only 30-40 percent of its 5150 emergency room admissions back home. (Cottage has created a special emergency room holding unit to handle patients experiencing acute mental-health crises; it sees about 70-80 such patients a month.)

In response, Ketelaar explained that many patients are so hard to place with follow-up inpatient care that they'll remain in the OPU for several days. During that time, Ketelaar noted, the acuity of the crisis will subside to a point where some patients no longer require inpatient treatment and can safely be referred back home. But he bemoaned the lack of follow-up options available to mental-health patients.

For patients needing follow-up treatment for heart problems — or other traditional medical trauma — the referral time would be one or two hours; for those with mental health problems, a four-to-six-hour wait is often required, and not infrequently considerably more than that. That should not be the case, he said, in an integrated trauma care system.

Making matters tougher still, Ketelaar explained, is that most of the patients seen at the OPU are Medi-Cal recipients for whom reimbursement rates are notably lower than what's provided by private insurers. "This is not an easy undertaking," he said. When he initially broached the issue of opening a locked facility on Marian's medical campus, he said all the experts told him he should pursue a voluntary holding model instead.

The voluntary approach is much cheaper, he said, and the licensing requirements far less stringent. But he pushed for the involuntary approach anyway. "This is one part of the continuum. It's not a fix-all," he said. "But it's where the patients are." He said the facility cost Marian more than \$2 million to build and that the state oversight agencies made the task significantly more difficult. "We're in Santa Barbara County. That makes us both small enough and big enough to make a difference when we advocate with one voice."

Marian's OPU is not open to walk-in patients or drop-offs by law enforcement. Given the acuity of some patients — who share a common open space — that could pose security and safety concerns. All patients must be screened by the emergency department first. Ketelaar said he hopes the OPU will get more use as other physicians — especially the county's psychiatric practitioners — can make referrals as well.

Ketelaar got the biggest applause of the night when he took decisive issue with the county's often-stated strategy on providing more outpatient care options in hopes of reducing the need for inpatient beds, such as at the PHF. "I've been hearing that concept for three decades now and it hasn't worked," Ketelaar stated. "Can we stop that conversation?"

In a follow up e-mail, Ketelaar elaborated, "For three decades, all the improvements in outpatient care have NOT gotten us to a steady state where we have adequate inpatient bed capacity."

Grand juries for just as long have highlighted the county's acute shortage of acute care beds. Even with 16 beds, they've concluded the PHF is woefully small to serve the county's needs. But many of the 16 beds — as many as half — are often filled by individuals not experiencing an acute crisis but who have been deemed by the court as being incompetent to stand trial. Mental-health advocates have long been advocating for more beds and some county supervisors are now pushing Behavioral Wellness administrators to provide them an assessment of just how many more beds they think Santa Barbara County needs. That number does not currently exist. The supervisors are scheduled to hear that matter mid-July.

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Thanks so much for sending this John. Sad, to say the least.

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### Fwd: The Morning: Social class is not about only race

1 message

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Thu, Jul 6, 2023 at 5:20 PM

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From: Carol Forhan <cforhan@pipeline.sbcc.edu>

To: John Forhan <jpfinsb@cox.net>

Date: July 5, 2023 at 12:04 PM

Subject: Fwd: The Morning: Social class is not about only race

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From: **The New York Times** <nytdirect@nytimes.com>

Date: Wed, Jul 5, 2023 at 3:40 AM

Subject: The Morning: Social class is not about only race

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## The Morning

July 5, 2023



By [David Leonhardt](#)

### Good morning. We're covering affirmative action, Israel's deadly military raid and tourists in Europe.



The UVA campus. Carlos Bernate for The New York Times

## Colleges' blind spot

The University of Virginia, one of the country's top public universities, enrolls a strikingly affluent group of students: Less than 15 percent of recent undergraduates at UVA have come from families with incomes low enough to qualify for Pell Grants, the largest federal financial aid program.

The same is true at some other public universities, including Auburn, Georgia Tech and William & Mary. It is also true at a larger group of elite private colleges, including Bates, Brown, Georgetown, Oberlin, Tulane and Wake Forest. The skew is so extreme at some colleges that more undergraduates come from the top 1 percent of the income distribution than from the entire bottom 60 percent, [one academic study found](#).

It's worth remembering that this pattern has existed despite affirmative action. Nearly every college with an affluent enrollment has historically used race-based admissions policies. Those policies often succeeded at producing racial diversity without producing as much economic diversity.

After the Supreme Court decision last week [banning race-based affirmative action](#), much of the commentary has focused on how admissions officers might use economic data, like household income or wealth, to ensure continued racial diversity. And whether they figure out how to do so is important (as I've [previously covered](#)).

But racial diversity is not the only form of diversity that matters. Economic diversity matters for its own sake: The dearth of lower-income students at many elite colleges is a sign that educational opportunity has been constrained for Americans of all races. To put it another way, economic factors like household wealth are not valuable merely because they are a potential proxy for race; they are also a telling measure of disadvantage in their own right.

As colleges [revamp their admissions policies](#) to respond to the court's decision, there will be two different questions worth asking: Can the new system do *as well* as the old one at enrolling Black, Hispanic and Native students? And can it do *better* at enrolling lower-income students? So far, the public discussion has tended to ignore that second question.

## The F&M model

Creating more economically diverse selective campuses is both difficult and possible.

It is difficult because nearly every aspect of the admissions system favors affluent applicants. They attend better high schools. They receive help on their essays from their highly educated parents. They know how to work the system by choosing character-building extracurricular activities and taking standardized tests multiple times. In many cases — if the applicants are athletes or the children of alumni, donors or faculty members — they benefit from their own version of affirmative action.

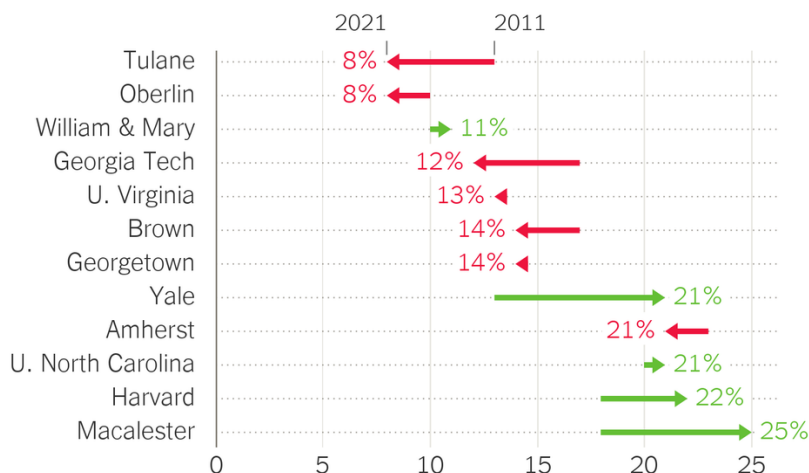
Nonetheless, some colleges have recently shown that it is possible to enroll and graduate more middle- and low-income students.

These newly diverse colleges include several with multibillion-dollar endowments (like [Amherst](#), Harvard, [Princeton](#), Swarthmore and Yale). The list also includes colleges with fewer resources — like [Franklin & Marshall](#), Macalaster, [Vassar](#) and Wooster — which have had to make tough choices to find the money to increase their scholarship budgets. Crucially, these campuses have not sacrificed one form of diversity for another: They also tend to be racially diverse.



## Economic diversity at 12 selective colleges

Share of first-year students receiving Pell Grants, in 2010–11 and 2020–21



Source: Education Department, via Ithaka S+R

Admissions officers at such colleges have recognized that talented students from humble backgrounds usually don't look as polished. Their essays may be less impressive — perhaps because they received less editing from adults. The student's summer activity may have been a job in her own impoverished neighborhood — rather than a social justice trip to an impoverished area overseas.

Many of these students have tremendous promise. By admitting them, an elite college can change the trajectories of entire families. A college dominated by affluent students, by contrast, is failing to serve as the engine of opportunity that it could be.

I'm not suggesting that economic diversity is an adequate replacement for racial diversity. The United States has [a specific history of racial discrimination](#), especially against Black and Native Americans, that continues to restrict opportunities for today's teenagers. The Supreme Court ruling that banned race-based affirmative action at times seemed to wish away this history, imagining that the country had moved beyond racism. In truth, students of color, at every income level, face challenges that white students do not.

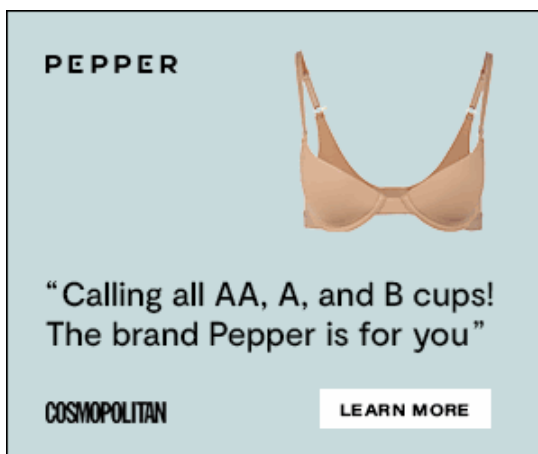
But many of the people who run elite colleges have had their own blind spot in recent decades. They have often excluded class from their definition of diversity. They enrolled students of every race and religion, from every continent and U.S. region, without worrying much about the economic privilege that many of those students shared.

Now that colleges are legally required to change their approach, they have a new opportunity to broaden their definition of diversity.

## Related

- The Supreme Court's decisions on affirmative action and student debt have handed Democrats an opportunity to talk about class and improve their elitist image. [The Times's Jonathan Weisman](#) asks, "Will the party pivot?"
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### War in Ukraine



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# Fwd: Fwd: California Awards \$30.5 Million for Kids' Mental Health, and Support for Parents and Family Caregivers

2 messages

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Thu, Jul 6, 2023 at 5:16 PM

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From: Lynne Gibbs <gibbslyn2@gmail.com>

To: undisclosed-recipients;

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Subject: Fwd: California Awards \$30.5 Million for Kids' Mental Health, and Support for Parents and Family Caregivers

Family Service Agency, Santa Barbara, was one of the awardees.

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From: **DHCS Communications** <DHCSCommunications@dhcs.ca.gov>

Date: Thu, Jul 6, 2023 at 12:19 PM

Subject: California Awards \$30.5 Million for Kids' Mental Health, and Support for Parents and Family Caregivers

To: <DHCSSTAKEHOLDERS@maillist.dhs.ca.gov>



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Thursday, July 6, 2023

Governor's Press Office: (916) 445-4571

## California Awards \$30.5 Million for Kids' Mental Health, and Support for Parents and Family Caregivers

SACRAMENTO – As part of Governor Gavin Newsom's \$4.7 billion [Master Plan for Kids' Mental Health](#), California today [awarded](#) \$30.5 million to 63 groups to support youth mental

health through community and evidence-based practices, supporting parents, grandparents, and other family caregivers.

“California is making unprecedented investments to help kids dealing with mental health challenges,” said **Governor Newsom**. “We’re meeting kids, parents, and families where they are to deliver critical mental health support – helping them grow up healthier and stronger by connecting them with key resources in their communities.”

“Today’s grant awards are the Governor’s youth mental health investments in action,” said **First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom**. “We’re taking a holistic, community-centric, whole family approach to addressing youth mental health– recognizing that to meet California kids where they are at and provide them support when they need it means reaching their parents and caregivers with the best in class mental health tools, resources, and programs.”

**AWARD DETAILS:** Today’s \$30.5 million in grants were awarded by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to 63 groups. The evidence-based practice (EBP) and community-defined evidence practice (CDEP) models funded include: Positive Parenting Practices, Incredible Years, Healthy Steps (Medi-Cal Dyadic Services Benefit), Parent Child Interaction Therapy, Effective Black Parenting Program, Positive Indian Parenting, and a variety of other community-defined parenting support programs.

“The CYBHI seeks to reimagine the systems that support behavioral health for California’s children, youth, and their families, especially for those most at risk,” said **DHCS Director Michelle Baass**. “DHCS is awarding grants to organizations seeking to strengthen families and improve youth behavioral health based on robust evidence for effectiveness for children and families, impact on racial equity, and sustainability.”

**WHY THIS MATTERS:** By scaling successful models throughout the state, DHCS aims to improve access to critical behavioral health interventions, including those focused on prevention, early intervention, and resiliency/recovery, for children and youth. There is a specific focus on children and youth from Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) communities.

**HOW WE GOT HERE:** Over the past 18 months, DHCS engaged with more than 1,000 unique and diverse stakeholders and key implementation partners across California, including youth, families (including caregivers), local educational agencies and educators, health care providers and payers, behavioral health experts, and community-based organizations. DHCS prioritized hearing from children, youth, and families, with more than 300-plus children and youth engaged via focus groups, surveys, and regular advisory body meetings.

Through an extensive community engagement process, DHCS selected a limited number of EBPs and CDEPs to consider for scaling throughout the state, subject to further refinement based on an assessment of sustainable financing mechanisms, including Medi-Cal and commercial coverage and/or other funding streams. DHCS published its [grant strategy](#), which details the goals of the grant program across six distinct rounds of funding.

**BIGGER PICTURE:** These awards were funded through the [CYBHI](#), a \$4.7 billion investment in behavioral health and a key component of Governor Newsom’s Master Plan for Kids’ Mental Health. They focused on equity, centering efforts around children and youth voices, strengths, needs, priorities, and experiences, especially for those most at risk; driving transformative systems change; and using ongoing learning as the basis for

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change and improvement in outcomes for children and youth. CYBHI is a major element of the Governor's transformation of California's mental health system – including the new ballot measure proposed for March 2024 with a bond to build housing with accountability (AB 351, Irwin) and reforms to the Mental Health Services Act to deliver services with results (SB 326, Eggman).

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SPOTLIGHT

## SF paramedics undergoing new training to initiate psychiatric holds

By Andrew Fortin-Caldera | Examiner staff writer  
Jul 6, 2023



A 2021 revision to the San Francisco Health Code will expand the authority to place patients on 5150 holds to paramedics who have completed the requisite training.

San Francisco paramedics are training to place people experiencing mental health emergencies on involuntary psychiatric – or 5150 – hospitalization holds.

Mayor London Breed announced on Thursday that at least 23 San Francisco Fire Department community paramedics attached to the department's Street Crisis Response Team are receiving the training as part of a city-wide effort to "better serve people experiencing mental health emergencies."

The paramedics will receive six weeks of additional training that include practicing trauma informed care, de-escalation techniques, resource navigation and recognizing social determinants of a patient's health.

Those who undergo the training will join a force of 55 other paramedics who have already received the specific behavioral health training needed to initiate the holds.

Only community paramedics who hold the rank of captain currently have the authority to place patients under involuntary hospitalizations, though a 2021 revision to the San Francisco Health Code will expand that authority to lower ranked paramedics on Monday.

Breed said in a prepared statement that expanding the training to more emergency responders equips them to provide patients the proper aid needed in times of distress.

"This new program will give SFFD community paramedics the tools to better help people experiencing a mental health emergency," Breed said. "When someone fits the criteria of a 5150 hold, it is critical that they receive care in a timely manner. This is about getting people the help and care they need in their moment of crisis."

The California Welfare and Institutions code holds that a person who poses a danger to themselves or others, or who is "gravely disabled," as a result of a mental health disorder can be placed by authorities into custody for 72 hours – beginning at the time the person is detained – to undergo "assessment, evaluation, and crisis intervention."

From 2021 to 2022, there were almost 14,000 holds conducted at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, California Pacific Medical Center, Kaiser Permanente, Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, Saint Mary's Medical Center and UCSF, according to the mayor's office.

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## **Andrew Fortin-Caldera**

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**Fwd: Board of Supervisors to Hear Jail Diversion and Bed Needs Reports on Tuesday**

1 message

Carol Forhan &lt;jpfinsb@cox.net&gt;

Mon, Jul 17, 2023 at 5:01 PM

To: "DRTANNEY@gmail.com" &lt;DRTANNEY@gmail.com&gt;, Gabriela Ferreira &lt;gabriela@ferreiralawgroup.com&gt;, Barbara Kate Repa &lt;bkrepa@yahoo.com&gt;, Lynn Houston &lt;lynnhouston2020@gmail.com&gt;

AGENDA #5. This message is from John Forhan.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Lynne Gibbs <gibbslyn2@gmail.com>**Subject: Re: Board of Supervisors to Hear Jail Diversion and Bed Needs Reports on Tuesday****Date:** July 17, 2023 at 8:07:57 AM PDT**To:** undisclosed-recipients:;**CORRECTION: Please note the agenda items noted below have been changed to #4 and #5.****The Beds agenda item is #5.**

On Mon, Jul 17, 2023 at 7:58 AM Lynne Gibbs &lt;gibbslyn2@gmail.com&gt; wrote:

Hello Friends,

Tomorrow, Tuesday (July 18th), the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors will receive reports on Jail Diversion progress, and Mental Health infrastructure (beds). They are the final agenda items -- departmental items #5 and #6. Nevertheless, we are told they could conceivably be heard as early as the morning.

See the full agenda at [County of Santa Barbara - Calendar \(legistar.com\)](https://legistar.com), including instructions for joining in-person or virtually on Zoom.

Public comment can be made in person in Santa Barbara, by video from the Santa Maria hearing room, by audio via zoom, and/or submitted in writing to the Clerk of the Board ([sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us)) as an email attachment. Note "BOS Statement June 18 Dept. Item #5" (or #4) in the subject line.

See [County of Santa Barbara - File #: 23-00726 \(legistar.com\)](https://legistar.com) for the Beds Update, and [County of Santa Barbara - File #: 23-00722 \(legistar.com\)](https://legistar.com) for the Jail Diversion report.

See Public Comment from NAMI Santa Barbara County and Families ACT! attached.

Lynne Gibbs, NAMI Santa Barbara County Public Policy Chair, Families ACT! Advisor, Treatment Advocacy Center Ambassador

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**Fwd: Information Session: SB 326 - MHSA "Modernization"**

1 message

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Tue, Jul 18, 2023 at 3:02 PM

To: "Celichowski, John" <jpfinsb@cox.net>, "Ferreira, Gabriela" <gabriela@ferreiralawgroup.com>, "Houston, Lynn" <lynnhouston2020@gmail.com>, "Repa, Barbara Kate" <bkrepa@yahoo.com>, "Tanney - JJDPC, Donna" <drtanney@gmail.com>

May be of interest about future money and space for juvenile 5150s as well.

----- Original Message -----

From: Lynne Gibbs <gibbslyn2@gmail.com>  
To: undisclosed-recipients@missing-domain, missing-domain  
Date: 07/18/2023 5:48 PM EDT  
Subject: Fwd: Information Session: SB 326 - MHSA "Modernization"

SB 326 is the "MHSA Modernization" bill.

If it passes the legislature, it would be a March 2024 ballot measure.

See below.

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From: **Cal Voices** <info@calvoices.org>  
Date: Tue, Jul 18, 2023 at 9:59 AM  
Subject: Information Session: SB 326 - MHSA "Modernization"  
To: <gibbslyn2@gmail.com>



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**Cal Voices is providing an information session to inform stakeholders on the impacts that SB 326 will have on the behavioral health system if passed by the legislature and approved by the voters on the March 2024 ballot.**

**Monday, July 24, 2023**

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

(This session will be recorded)

## BACKGROUND

On June 19, the Legislature introduced for the first time 233 pages of changes to the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and related law in Senate Bill 326. The bill fundamentally alters the public behavioral health system and will likely result in loss of funding to community-based service providers, and loss of services to mental health clients and their families.

Cal Voices believes the MHSA was a hallmark ballot initiative intended to transform the mental health system, and believes it puts the clients, and the community in a position of shared power (long overdue) with the government entities creating programs and policies to serve our behavioral health needs. We believe SB 326 has catastrophic consequences for our public behavioral health system and the people it serves.



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**Please read down to the paragraph about "transition" foster kids and think about how we could help with and use this. Can someone forward this to Sam?**

2 messages

JohnForhan &lt;jpfinsb@cox.net&gt;

Wed, Jul 19, 2023 at 8:10 AM

To: "Celichowski, John" &lt;jpfinsb@cox.net&gt;, "Ferreira, Gabriela" &lt;gabriela@ferreiralawgroup.com&gt;, "Houston, Lynn" &lt;lynnhouston2020@gmail.com&gt;, "Repa, Barbara Kate" &lt;bkrepa@yahoo.com&gt;, "Tanney - JJDPC, Donna" &lt;drtanney@gmail.com&gt;

The [Buena Tierra project, converting the former Goleta Super 8 motel into permanent supportive housing](#), is making progress toward its goal of housing local people experiencing homelessness as the [Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara](#) has begun accepting applications through the county's [Coordinated Entry System](#).

An access point has opened at the Showers of Blessings center at St. Athanasius Church at [300 Sumida Gardens Lane](#) in Goleta from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays. At the access point, potential applicants can begin the housing assessment process with the Coordinated Entry System, which verifies eligibility for housing programs and helps match homeless people to housing and services.

Goleta's community relations manager, Kelly Hoover, emphasized that the Showers of Blessings site is not a place to directly apply for Buena Tierra housing, but it is a good place to start the housing assessment process.

"We are heartened to learn that this October the transformation of the former Super 8 hotel into Buena Tierra will be complete," Goleta Mayor Paula Perotte said in a recent news release. "We are also pleased that people experiencing homelessness can access a Coordinated Entry System site to be connected to services."

The permanent supportive housing project, at [6021 Hollister Ave.](#), is a collaboration between the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara — which will run operations at Buena Tierra — the [City of Goleta](#) and [Santa Barbara County](#).

The housing development will consist of 65 total units, with 59 units providing a new home for people experiencing homelessness, one unit housing an on-site property manager, and five units to be converted to community space for a "robust offering" of services, according to the City of Goleta.

Of the 59 supportive housing units, 36 will be reserved for people experiencing chronic homelessness — defined as "an individual with a permanent disability and has been homeless for at least 12 months" — and 15 units are set to be reserved for homeless young adults ages 18 to 24 or youths at risk of homelessness.

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Renovations and conversion work of the former motel include adding modular kitchenettes to the units, expansion of the electrical room, renovation of a laundry room and community room, and more that is detailed in an [environmental assessment](#) prepared by [Rincon Consultants](#).

The Buena Tierra development has received nearly \$19 million in state funding for new [Homekey](#) projects, as well as additional funding reserved by the City of Goleta and by the county.

Other local housing projects in the county to receive state Homekey funding include [Homekey Studios](#) in Lompoc, which was awarded \$3.12 million, and [Hedges House of Hope](#) in Isla Vista, which was awarded \$6.99 million.

The [county Board of Supervisors](#) also [approved a resolution Tuesday to authorize the county community services director to submit an application for Homekey grant funding](#) for an eight-unit project near Mission Street in Santa Barbara to provide permanent supportive housing for transitional-age youths.

If the state Homekey grant funds are awarded for this project, the City of Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County and the [Turner Foundation](#) also have committed to contributing matching funds.

Additionally, the Board of Supervisors is scheduled to hold a [special meeting at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday](#) to consider approving a no-interest loan of \$90,000 to the Turner Foundation to use for this project as an earnest money deposit for the acquisition of the property at [2011 Oak Ave.](#) in Santa Barbara.

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