ALAMEDA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)  
Community Input Survey for FY 25/26 Annual Plan Update

Survey Instructions and Explanation of the Mental Health Services Act:

The MHSA was passed by California voters in 2004 and is funded by a one percent income tax on personal income in excess of $1 million per year. It’s designed to expand and transform California's behavioral health system to better serve individuals with, and at risk of, serious mental health issues, and their families. MHSA Programs in Alameda County focus on reducing seven negative outcomes that may result from untreated mental illness: suicide, incarceration, school failure or dropout, unemployment, prolonged suffering, homelessness, and removal of children from their homes.

The MHSA Division wants your input to help strengthen its mental health and wellness programs to better serve you and your community over the next year. In preparing this survey, we reviewed various existing data sources of community Behavioral Health needs. We'd like your assistance in prioritizing these existing needs and offering us ideas/strategies/solutions to these needs.

There are 24 voluntary questions in the survey and it takes about 10 minutes to complete. All responses are anonymous and optional, you're welcome to leave questions blank. For questions, please contact the MHSA Division at MHSA@acgov.org.

Thank you for your help with this community effort!

Survey Begins:

**Question Number 1**. Please select the one that best applies to you:

Resident of Alameda County

Non-resident of Alameda County

I have family/loved ones that reside in Alameda County

I work in Alameda County

I am part of the behavioral health, SUD or wellness workforce in Alameda County

None of the above

**Question Number 2**. Do you or someone close to you use behavioral health care services (either mental health or substance use) in Alameda County?

Yes

No

Unsure

**Question Number 3**. Are there enough mental health services available in Alameda County in the languages you speak from your specific culture/identity background?

Yes

No

Unsure

**Question Number 4**. Are you aware of changes coming to mental health services in Alameda County as a result of voters passing Proposition 1 - Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)?

Yes

No

**Question Number 5**. If you answered ‘YES’ to the previous question, if you could move 7% to 14% of overall funding from one category to another: Which category would you move *FROM*?

*Housing Interventions* - targets housing individuals who are undergoing homelessness due to serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, and/or substance abuse disorder.

*Full Service Partnerships* - programs are designed for individuals with serious emotional disturbance (SED) or a severe mental illness (SMI) who would benefit from an intensive service program. The foundation of Full Service Partnerships is doing “whatever it takes” to help individuals on their path to recovery and wellness.

*Behavioral Health Services & Supports*- includes crisis, outpatient treatment, early intervention, outreach and engagement, workforce education and training, capital facilities, technological needs, and innovative pilots and projects.

**Question Number 6**. Which category would you move the 7% to 14% of funding *TO*?

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**Question Number 7**. From our review, we identified 11 broad areas of community need. Please rank these needs in order of importance from your perspective. (*"1" is most important; "11" is least important).*

Option 1 - Access, Coordination and Navigation to Services

Option 2 - Behavioral Health Workforce

Option 3 – Crisis Continuum

Option 4 - Housing Continuum

Option 5 – Substance Use

Option 6 – Community Violence and Trauma

Option 7 – Child/Youth/Young Adult Needs

Option 8 – Adult/Older Adult Needs

Option 9 – Needs of Family Members

Option 10 – Needs of Veterans

Option 11 – Needs of the Re-entry Community

**Question Number 8**. For the Area of Need that you *ranked as #1, most important*, please share any ideas/strategies/solutions to help us improve this area for communities in Alameda County. Optional to write a couple sentences.

**Question Number 9**. *What did We Miss?* Please share other concerns or solutions that you have that haven't been mentioned. Optional to write a couple sentences.

**Question Number 10**. In which part of Alameda County do you *LIVE and or WORK and or CARE FOR SOMEONE*?

Option 1 – Alameda

Option 2 – Albany

Option 3 – Ashland/Cherryland

Option 4 – Berkeley

Option 5 – Castro Valley

Option 6 – Dublin

Option 7 – Emeryville

Option 8 – Fremont

Option 9 – Hayward

Option 10 – Livermore

Option 11 – Newark

Option 12 – Oakland

Option 13 – Piedmont

Option 14 – Pleasonton

Option 15 – San Leandro

Option 16 – San Lorenzo

Option 17 – Union City

**Question Number 11**. My AGE RANGE is:

Under 16

16-25

26-59

60 and over

Prefer not to answer

**Question Number 12**. What language do you primarily receive services in?

Please write the language name:

**Question Number 13**. What is your current *GENDER IDENTITY*?

Woman/Female

Man/Male

Genderqueer or Gender Fluid

Transgender: Male or Female

Transgender: Female to Male

Non-binary (neither male nor female)

Two-Spirit (a term used by some Native American/Indigenous individuals)

Prefer not to answer

Other Gender Identity (please specify)

**Question 14**. Which of the following *BEST REPRESENTS* how you think of yourself?

Straight/heterosexual (not lesbian or gay)

Gay/Lesbian

Bisexual

Same gender loving

Asexual

Pansexual

Prefer not to answer

Other (please specify)

**Question Number 15**. What is your *ETHNICITY*?

Hispanic/Latino

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino

Prefer not to answer

**Question Number 16**. What is your *RACE*? (Please select all that apply)

African-American/Black

American Indian/Alaskan Native

Asian

Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian

White/Caucasian

Prefer not to answer

Other (please specify)

**Question Number 17**. If you marked "*ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER*" under question 16, please tell us about our nationality or country of origin? (Please select all that apply)

Asian/Indian

Cambodian

Chinese

Filipino/a

Japanese

Korean

Samoan

Taiwanese

Tongan

Vietnamese

Other (please specify)

**Question Number 18**. Which of the following *STAKEHOLDER GROUP(s),*do you primarily represent? (Please select all that apply)

Active Military/Reserve or Guard/Veteran

Caregiver

Community Member

Consumer

Education

Faith Community

Family member

Former involvement with the foster care system

Healthcare worker

Law enforcement agency

Provider of mental health or substance use disorder programming

Re-entry

Student

Prefer not to answer

Other (please specify)

**Question Number 19**. What kind of insurance (if any) do you have?

I don't have any health insurance.

Medi-Cal

Private health insurance

Medicare

Medi-Medi (both Medi-Cal and Medicare)

Decline to answer

**Question Number 20**. Do you agree with this statement: My Mental Health Services/Substance Use coverage meets my needs.

Yes

No

Unsure

**Question Number 21**. In the past two months, have you been consistently living in stable housing that you own, rent, or stay in as part of a household?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

**Question Number 22**. What types of support services would someone with behavioral health challenges need in order to maintain stable housing?

Case Management

Employment Support

Financial Assistance

Legal Support and Advocacy

Mental Health Counseling

Peer Specialist

Re-entry Support

Substance Use Counseling

Supportive Housing Options

Other (please specify)

**Optional Question 23**. Please provide your contact information if you'd like to be entered into our raffle.

Full Name

Agency/Org

Email Address

Phone Number

Survey Ends: Thank you again for taking the time to provide your input on the County of Alameda’s MHSA Community Survey. We appreciate you! To learn about more ways to get involved, please visit our website at <https://acmhsa.org/>  
This area is to rate the ease of completing this survey with 5 stars being the easiest and 1 star being difficult.