



**California Association of Local Behavioral Health  
Boards and Commissions**

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The Honorable Dr. Joaquin Arambula &  
Assembly Budget Subcommittee Members  
CA Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Health & Human Services  
Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: The Promise of Prop. 63 & the Future of Mental Health Funding in CA (12/9/19 Hearing)

Dear Chair Arambula and Budget Subcommittee No. 1 Members,

At this time of consideration regarding Proposition 63 and the future of mental health funding in California, it is important to understand that **Performance Outcome Data** is essential to understanding the promise of Proposition 63. Yet, for Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) programs, each of the 59 local mental/behavioral health agencies are collecting and reporting on different performance outcome data, with some counties/jurisdictions providing meaningful data, and some providing very little performance outcome data (see Performance Outcome Data Summary attached).

We urge state agencies/councils/commissions to begin identifying, collecting and reporting on a standard set of performance outcome data for MHSA components, to include providing the mechanisms/resources by which CA's 59 local mental and behavioral health boards and commissions can provide meaningful comment on local performance outcome data.

With this data in place, CA's 59 local mental health boards/commissions will be better equipped to advise locally and comment on performance outcome data to the CA Behavioral Health Planning Council (per WIC 5604.2 #7); (Note: *The CA Behavioral Health Planning Council is tasked with reviewing and approving the performance outcome measures, and reviewing the performance of mental health and substance use disorder programs based on performance outcome data and other reports from the State Department of Health Care Services and other sources.* (WIC 5772))

Sincerely,

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