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The Yolo County 2026–2029 Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Integrated Plan comes forward at a moment of meaningful transformation – and opportunity – for California’s public behavioral health system. With voter approval of Proposition 1 in March 2024, the longstanding Mental Health Services Act has evolved into the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), opening the door to a more responsive, inclusive, and person-centered system of care. This new framework strengthens our ability to serve those with the most significant behavioral health needs, while expanding access to substance use disorder treatment, deepening investments in housing, supporting a stronger workforce, and advancing transparency and accountability across county programs.

At the same time, these changes challenge us to think differently – and better – about how we deliver care. While counties must navigate new funding structures, increased administrative responsibilities, and ongoing workforce and fiscal pressures, these shifts also create space to reimagine a system that more effectively reaches those who have too often been left behind. The new funding model, organized into: Full-Service Partnerships; Behavioral Health Services and Supports; and Housing Interventions, provides a clearer pathway to align resources with the people and outcomes most in need.

In Yolo County, we see this not just as a transition, but as a call to action. We are committed to building a more equitable and compassionate system that prioritizes outreach, engagement, and connection to care, especially for individuals experiencing homelessness and those with complex behavioral health needs. By strengthening pathways into treatment and housing, expanding targeted services, and investing in innovative approaches, we aim to meet people where they are and support lasting recovery and stability. This plan is grounded in the voices of our community. We are deeply grateful to the many residents, partners, and stakeholders who shared their experiences, ideas, and hopes for a better system. Your input has shaped a plan that reflects both the urgency of today’s challenges and the promise of what we can achieve together.

Looking ahead, the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency remains steadfast in its commitment to collaboration, innovation, and shared accountability. Together, we are building a behavioral health system that is more responsive, more coordinated, and more centered on the dignity and potential of every individual we serve. This is our vision for the future – stronger, more connected, and grounded in resilience – the Yolo way.

In partnership,

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