Getting to Know FARS

CBHDA Financial Analysis and Review Subcommittee (FARS)

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Mission:
Assure the accessibility of quality, cost-effective, culturally competent behavioral health care for Californians by providing leadership, advocacy, and support to public behavioral health programs.

Purpose:
- To advocate for the public behavioral health system and its delivery of care to persons experiencing behavioral health issues in California.
- To promote the reduction of individual and community problems related to unaddressed behavioral health issues.
- To convene behavioral health professionals for the purpose of informing public policy and improving the delivery of behavioral health services.
Financial Analysis & Review Subcommittee

- Directs Mission, Values and Purpose of CBHDA
- Works on behalf of the Board
- Review Behavioral Health policy issues and make recommendations to the Board
- Advisory body on fiscal matters that directly concern county behavioral health programs

**Activities**

- Review state notices and give feedback before they are released statewide
- Work with state agencies, including DHCS, on funding and distribution methodologies
- Meet with state agencies to discuss issues and help shape solutions prior to implementation statewide, and offer information or data as necessary on county fiscal operations
- Participate in state subcommittee work groups as needed
Gaining Momentum

Projects & Priorities are Growing:

- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Revenue and Expenditure Report review
- MHSA Fiscal Regulation input
- MHSOAC Fiscal Transparency Tool
- Fiscal Institute Panel Presentation
- Forecasting Cost Projections for the implementation of CCR

FARS Advisory Value

- Recent success with OAC on revisions to the Fiscal Transparency Data Visualization Tool

Innovations Funding Input

- Approval process
- Reversion changes
- OAC dialogue on increasing innovative services/opportunities across counties
Continuum of Care Reform

- Implementation
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- Changing the continuum of services that support children, youth and families to achieve permanency
- Systemic and infrastructure changes for mental health services: rate structures, training, accreditation, accountability & performance

FARS Subcommittee Membership

- 3 representatives from different counties located within the 5 geographic regions
- Los Angeles is allowed 1 representative.
- Expanded membership needs with different specialties to meet goals
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