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Bcc'd to BHS Staff, BHS Providers and Contracted Providers

Hello,

The attached flyer is being sent to all Behavioral Health Services stakeholders, county-funded or contracted providers, colleges, universities, labor and worker organizations and other interested parties. The Policy Innovation Center is holding a series of virtual Public Input Sessions regarding the *Elevate Behavioral Health Workforce Fund*. Competitive Request for Proposals (RFPs) are anticipated to be released in 2025 to support four programs that will provide new opportunities for current and prospective professionals interested in or working in County-funded Behavioral Health programs in San Diego County.

- **RFP #1: Nurse Practitioner (NP) Expansion Grant Program**
Launches and expands local NP programs to support students in getting educational and clinical experience in public Behavioral Health settings.
- **RFP #2: Behavioral Health Apprenticeship Network Program**
Provides apprenticeships to help individuals become Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Counselors, Case Managers, Community Health Workers, and other in-demand roles.
- **RFP#3: Peer Support Training Grant Program**
Trains, places, and retains Peer Support Specialists in San Diego County.
- **RFP #4: Social Work, Counseling, and Therapy Internship Program**
Provides paid, high-quality internships in public Behavioral Health settings to master's level Social Work, Counseling, and Therapy students.

The eight virtual Public Input Sessions (2 sessions per RFP) will be held from Tuesday, April 1 – Friday, April 4, 2025 and will be dedicated to discussing:

- Program design, logic model, scope of work, and allowable uses of funds
- Eligible entities, payment structure, and project outcomes
- Contracting timelines and process
- Program risks and key considerations

For more information about registration for the virtual input sessions, please see the attached flyer.

For questions or additional information, contact the Policy & Innovation Center at

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Please share this flyer with interested organizations and institutions that may have a vested interest in these public Behavioral Health RFPs.

Thank you,

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