



## **CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

CITY HALL  
10300 TORRE AVENUE • CUPERTINO, CA 95014-3255  
TELEPHONE: (408) 777-3223 • FAX: (408) 777-3366  
CUPERTINO.ORG

### **LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT**

Meeting: June 25, 2019

#### Subject

Consider adopting a position on SB 12 (Beall) – Mental health services: youth

#### Recommended Action

Adopt a position supporting Senate Bill 12 and authorize the Mayor to send a letter of support to the State Legislature

#### Summary

SB 12 establishes the Integrated Youth Mental Health Program (IYMHP), and requires the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) to administer the IYMHP throughout the state made up of centers that provide integrated services to youth ages 12-25 and their families. The bill permits counties, cities, or other local entities, as determined by the MHSOAC, to receive funds for purposes of this program.

#### Status

Passed the Senate 37-0. Has been referred to the Assembly Health Committee. The bill is scheduled to be heard June 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### Support

SB 12 will encourage the development of a network of youth-centric and youth-led drop-in mental health centers by requiring the MHSOAC to administer the Integrated Youth Mental Health Program. This bill requires the MHSOAC to establish core components of the program and establishes selection criteria for funding awardees.

The goal of this model is to develop sites reflective of the unique adolescent/young adult culture of each geographic community being served. These sites become the local youths' own independent place for mental and physical health care. Perhaps most importantly, these centers will serve all youth who enter, no matter if they are insured, underinsured, or uninsured and regardless of immigration status.

According to the author, "mental health problems are among the most common health conditions faced by California children. One in 13 children has an emotional disturbance

that limits participation in daily activities. Yet many youth go without treatment. Two-thirds of adolescents with major depressive episodes did not get treatment, and low-income families are even less likely to obtain treatment. With more than 75% of mental health issues developing before a person turns 25, early detection and treatment greatly improves the health of adolescents as they transition to adulthood. This bill takes proactive steps to reduce the number of underserved or unserved youth by bolstering the mental health/behavioral health treatment infrastructure for adolescents regardless of insurance or immigration status.”

Supporters of the measure include: Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (Sponsor), Anti-Recidivism Coalition, Assn of California School Administrators, Assn of Community Human Service Agencies, Bay Area Community Services, California Alliance of Child and Family Services, California Coalition for Mental Health, California PTA, City of San Jose, City of Santa Monica, City College of San Francisco, Disability Rights California, Evergreen Community College, National Assn of Social Workers – California Chapter, Peninsula Health Care District, and San Jose Evergreen Community College District.

#### Opposition

There is no registered opposition to this measure.

#### Potential Impact

SB 12 could potentially provide local communities with additional resources to assist youth and their families with issues of mental health.

---

Prepared by: Townsend Public Affairs

#### Attachments:

A- Draft SB 12 Support Letter