

Agenda Item 6:

Behavioral Health Recommendations Update

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Behavioral Health Recommendations Update

- At the March 2023 Council meeting:
 - HCAI staff presented short term and long-term recommendations
 - Council reviewed and discussed the recommendations
 - Council revised and approved revised recommendations

Short Term Recommendations

- Align workforce programs to:
 - Support students with scholarships at all levels of postsecondary education
- Update
 - New Behavioral Health Scholarship Program, which will award individuals seeking training and education along the pipeline from certificate (peer personnel specialists, alcohol and other drug counselors) to clinical doctoral programs
 - New Golden State Social Opportunities Program will award scholarships to individuals in graduate school seeking careers in clinical services

Short Term Recommendations

- Prioritize behavioral health education capacity funds to support an increase in accelerated programs who serve areas of need
- Update
 - HCAI's Social Work Education Capacity Expansion (SWECE) grant program awarded 22 schools. Of the 16 Social Work Expansion applicants awarded, 10 have existing MSW Advance Standing programs and 4 are establishing or re-establishing MSW Advance Standing programs with HCAI funding
 - We are exploring options for our existing programs to prioritize accelerated program growth and target students coming from underserved populations for new education capacity expansion programs

Short Term Recommendations

- Expand funding opportunities to support supervision of behavioral health trainees in community health settings, prioritizing those that emphasize behavioral health integration into primary care services
 - Update:
 - Behavioral health students:
 - Exploring support for educational institutions and organizations supervising students during their field practicum through our existing education capacity grants, including support to prioritize integrated behavioral health settings
 - Behavioral health graduates:
 - Considering programs to support supervision of post-graduates who are earning clinical hours toward licensure, prioritizing integrated behavioral health settings

Short Term Recommendations

- To the fullest extent possible, expand existing loan repayment programs to include faculty as eligible applicants
 - Update:
 - Investigating how to support faculty with our loan repayment programs

Short Term Recommendations

- Augment existing education capacity grant programs to allow awardees to develop student support initiatives across multiple levels of educational attainment, prioritizing programs that feature community partnerships
- Update:
 - Exploring modifications needed in existing programs to allow for the use of funds for student support initiatives, for example, areas such as peer support, mentorships, tutoring, wrap-around services, and school/community partnerships

Long Term Recommendations

- Prioritize behavioral health education capacity funds to support an increase of health professions pathway programs in underserved communities
- Explore the development of streamlined educational pathways, including curriculum models and credit for prior learning for statewide dissemination
- Update:
 - HCAI is still defining the scope and appropriate next steps