

# San Francisco Department of Public Health

## Behavioral Health Services Director's Update for the Behavioral Health Commission

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# Agenda

- BHS Mission and Vision
- DPH Budget Update
- Behavioral Health Residential Treatment Beds Update
  - Marina Inn
  - The Kean
  - Behavioral Health Center at ZSFG
  - Proposition 1 Projects



# BHS Vision, Mission, and Key Tactics

## Vision

For all San Franciscans to experience **mental and emotional well-being** and **participate meaningfully** in the community across lifespans and generations.

## Mission

To provide **equitable**, effective substance use and mental health care and promote **behavioral health and wellness** among all San Franciscans.



# DPH Budget Update

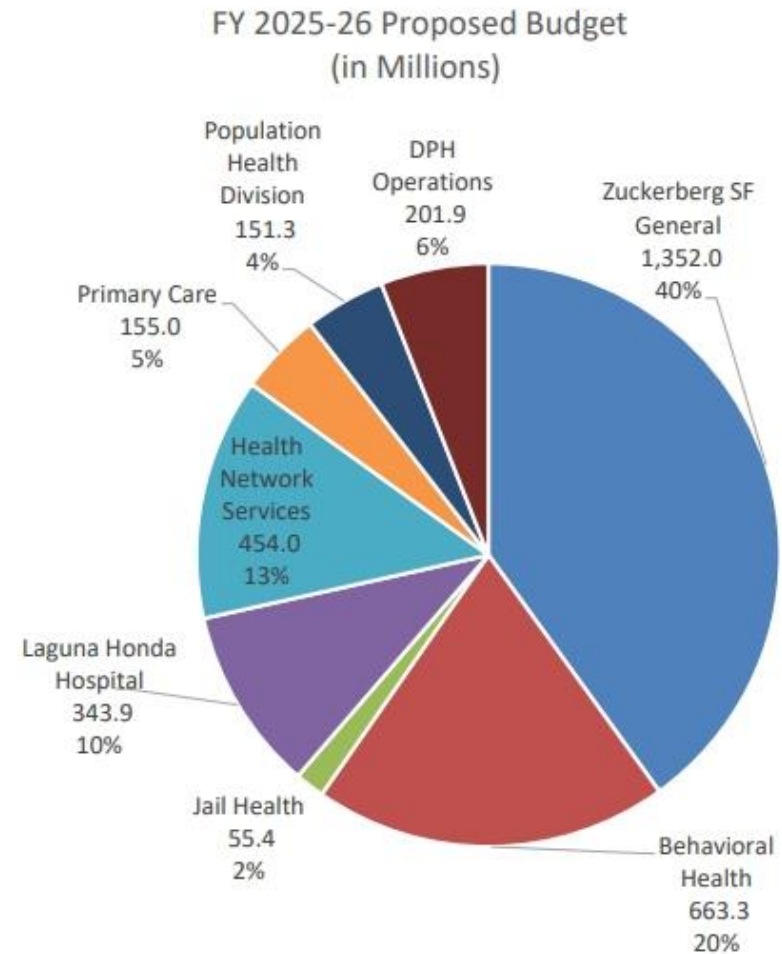


# Overview of the DPH Budget

Growing structural deficit, city-wide expenditures are growing faster than revenues. Closing the deficit required difficult decisions, every department is impacted, including DPH.

## Overview

- Proposed DPH budget remains at a similar level of \$3.38B in FY25-26.
- Two key goals:
  - **Preserving Services:** Maintaining direct care and services that directly benefit our community. Even in tough times, it is vital that we continue providing the essential support that people rely on most.
  - **Supporting our workforce:** a strong workforce and the well-being of our workforce is at the heart of what we do – and is critical to our ability to deliver services.



# Continued: Overview of the DPH Budget

Maximized revenue (Medi-Cal) opportunities and **preserved direct care, services, and staffing.**

- **\$531.4 M of net new revenues** over the two-year budget to reduce general fund support.
- **\$65M Ongoing Reduced expenditures** –
  - **\$33.4M** from operating efficiencies including 206 deleted vacant positions (182 FTE) and/or realigned positions (24 FTE) – **no layoffs.**
  - CBO funding reductions totaling **\$31.6M** in FY2026-27.
- **\$75M New investments** to build a more responsive and proactive Behavioral Health System of Care.



# Behavioral Health Residential Treatment Beds Update



# Summary

Highlights of residential treatment sites in the pipeline:

- Marina Inn
- The Kean
- Behavioral Health Center at ZSFG
- Proposition 1 Projects




# Marina Inn



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**The 68-bed Marina Inn  
Recovery Housing program  
fills the gap between  
substance use treatment  
and independent living.**



### **Highly structured program**

- Onsite case management and wraparound support for workforce development, financial planning, family reunification, and more.
- Offsite recovery and treatment requirements.

### **Abstinence-based living**

To support the recovery journey, residents are required to participate in offsite support groups and agree to live in a community committed to abstinence.

# Summary of Community-Based Organization Agreements

Vendor: The Salvation Army

Budget: \$7,332,990 + \$879,959 (12% contingency)

Term: July 1, 2025-June 30, 2027 (2 years)

Monitoring: Weekly-monthly meetings with program manager, annually through the DPH Business Office of Contract Compliance (BOCC), including for performance and fiscal stability.



# The Kean



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**The 76-bed Kean will provide short-term (30-60 day) health respite beds for unhoused adults as their first step out of homelessness.**



## **Immediate Connections to Care**

Rapid support to address health needs and navigate residents to medical care, behavioral health support, and substance use treatment.

## **Stability and Planning of What's Next**

Once stabilized, case managers help clients take their next steps—whether that's connecting to longer-term treatment, community living, or supportive housing.

# Summary of Community-Based Organization Agreements

Vendor: Westside Community Services

Budget: \$6,941,905 + \$833,029 (12% contingency)

Term: June 2, 2025-June 30, 2026 (1 year, 1 month)

Monitoring: Annually through the DPH Business Office of Contract Compliance (BOCC), including for performance and fiscal stability, along with quarterly reports from the service provider.

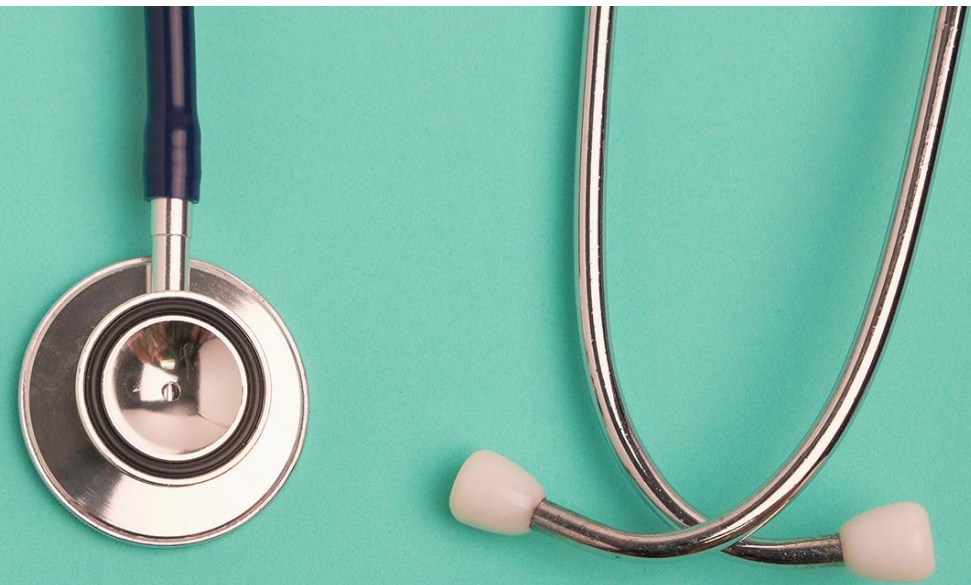


# Behavioral Health Center at ZSFG



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**SF faces a critical shortage of locked mental health beds contributing to hospitalizations, homelessness, and repeated psychiatric crises.**



## **Unique opportunity to increase capacity**

Repurposing the first and second floors of the BHC is the most immediate path to bringing more than 90 locked beds online — doubling capacity in SF.

## **Timely and structured treatment in a safe setting**

Beds will serve individuals under conservatorship or transitioning from acute care, ensuring they receive timely, structured treatment in a safe, therapeutic setting.

# Supporting Current BHC Residents Every Step of the Way

No resident  
will move  
without a  
secure and  
appropriate  
next home.

## **Every resident will remain a DPH client,**

with guaranteed placement in a setting that meets their care needs.

## **DPH is expanding its board and care capacity by contracting services with community-based partners:**

Recent acquisition of 624 Laguna Street and a plan to acquire 601 Laguna Street is designed to serve the majority of current BHC residents.

## **Ensure the best new placement:**

DPH is working closely with residents, their care teams, family members, and legal decision-makers.

# Proposition 1 Projects



# Proposition 1 Update

In May 2025, DPH was **awarded \$27.6 million** in the first round of state funding for behavioral health capital projects under Proposition 1:

- \$6.3 million to reopen 333 7<sup>th</sup> Street as a **16-bed enhanced dual diagnosis** (mental health + SUD) treatment facility – opening 2026
- \$21.3 million for **57 new locked mental health rehabilitation center (MHRC) beds** at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital – opening 2027

DPH has been **awarded \$88 million** in state capital funding for behavioral health projects since 2022, with several projects leveraging Prop C funds as the local match.



*333 7<sup>th</sup> Street (formerly Jo Ruffin Place)*



**Thank you**