

HB22-1281: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-CARE CONTINUUM GAP GRANT PROGRAM

Bill Summary

The bill creates the Community Behavioral Health-Care Continuum Gap Grant Program to be administered by the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) and appropriates \$90.0 million from the Behavioral and Mental Health Cash Fund to the grant program. Of the money appropriated, the BHA must award \$45.0 million for community investment grants and \$45.0 million for children, youth, and family services grants.

Health District Board Action

The Board voted to Amend HB22-1281. The Board recommends amendments that would ensure: 1) that Special Districts be included in the definition of a Local Government, 2) language to ensure all evidence-based or evidence informed services along the behavioral health services continuum are eligible for community investment grants, and 3) that grant awards for access to substance use disorder treatment, medication-assisted treatment (MAT), and the funding for mobile MAT models are not limited to non-profit hospitals, but expanded to include other behavioral health providers.