


MEMORANDUM

DATE	April 30, 2018
TO	Board of Psychology
FROM	 Cherise Burns Central Services Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #21(b)(2)(O) – AB 2619 (Allen) Mental Health Services Funding: Homeless Persons

Background:

AB 2619 (Allen) would appropriate \$10,000,000 from the General Fund to the State Department of Health Care Services to be distributed to counties for the purpose of funding innovative programs to provide mental health services to California's homeless population. Under current law, the Mental Health Service Act establishes the continuous appropriated Mental Health Services Fund to fund various county mental health programs by imposing a tax of 1 percent on annual incomes above \$1,000,000. Existing law requires county mental health programs to develop plans for innovative programs, and provides funding for these programs from the Mental Health Service Fund.

Location: 3/22/2018 Assembly Committee on Health

Status: 4/17/2018 In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Action Requested:

The Policy and Advocacy Committee recommends the Board watch AB 2619 (Allen) as it could significantly increase access to mental health care for this vulnerable population.

Attachment A: AB 2619 (Allen) Bill Text

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AB-2619 Mental health services funding: homeless persons. (2017-2018)

SECTION 1. *The sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the State Department of Health Care Services. The department shall allocate the appropriated funds to county mental health programs for the purpose of funding innovative programs, consistent with Section 5830 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, to provide mental health services to California's homeless population.*