



September 17, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 465 (Eggman) Mental health— REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the California State Association of Psychiatrists, I respectfully request your signature on SB 465 (Eggman), which would require the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) to report to the Legislature each year on how full service partnerships (FSPs) are meeting the goal of serving Californians most in need of the intensive, wraparound care that FSPs provide, and how the programs may be improved to prevent the high and increasing prevalence of homelessness, criminalization, and hospitalization for those experiencing severe mental illness.

FSPs are a crucial piece of California's public mental health service system, and receive a significant investment from the Mental Health Services Act. Though these programs are designed to focus on Californians of all ages experiencing the most severe mental health challenges, the programs could be strengthened to better prevent homelessness, criminalization, and hospitalization of those experiencing severe mental illness.

In 2019, the Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health requested that the MHSOAC approve a multicounty project to reframe FSPs around an outcomes-oriented approach that remains client-centered. With another project running in LA County, these projects indicate that there is work being done at the local level in recognition that FSPs can be improved and strengthened to achieve more robust outcomes and be more fully accountable.

SB 465 would amend the Mental Health Services Act to broaden the group of children eligible for MHSOAC-funded services. It would also require the MHSOAC to report to the Legislature the outcomes from FSPs and make recommendations on how FSPs may be improved to better serve these populations.

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For all these reasons, the California State Association of Psychiatrists is pleased to support SB 465 and requests your signature on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Yoder", with a stylized, cursive script.

Paul J. Yoder  
Legislative Advocate

CC: Senator Susan Eggman