



March 27, 2024

The Honorable Rebecca Bauer-Kahan
Chairwoman, Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 5210
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1788 (Quirk-Silva) Mental health multidisciplinary personnel team – Support with amendments

Dear Chairwoman Bauer-Kahan,

On behalf of the California State Association of Psychiatrists (CSAP), I write in support of AB 1788 and respectfully request that the bill language be amended from Mental Health to Behavioral Health.

AB 1788 would empower counties to create an interchangeable plan for the mental health care of justice-involved individuals through the needs of a multidisciplinary team.

While CSAP supports the bill and its intentions, by changing the language to Behavioral Health it would be more inclusive and allow for a more accurate and comprehensive representation of the individuals the legislation is aimed at helping. Further, changing the wording to Behavioral Health mirrors other reforms taken by the Newsom Administration and the Legislature.

For these reasons, CSAP is pleased to support AB 1788 and respectfully requests that the bill be amended from Mental Health to Behavioral Health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Yoder', is placed below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Paul Yoder
Legislative Advocate

CC: Members, Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee
The Honorable Rebecca Bauer-Kahan