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Director's Update Mental Health Advisory Board

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Key Issues we are following

- SB 906 Peer Certification Bill
 - Repeat of a prior bill to establish a certification process for peer and family support services
 - This bill may also open up a pathway for these services to become reimbursable under Medi-Cal.
 - Will likely include a clause to include peer staff who are already working within a community mental health center



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Department of Health Care Services Audit (DHCS)

- At a minimum of every 3 years, DHCS performs an audit of each county behavioral health department to determine compliance on a set of systems domains and compliance with documentation standards.
- Santa Cruz County's audit was held from February 26th to March 1.
- The County spent the last 12 months preparing for this audit.
- This years audit was much more extensive than in prior years.



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Department of Health Care Services Audit (DHCS), continued

- System Domains: Prior audit 140 Domain Areas

This year's audit 157 Domain Areas (40% of the new domain areas were added after July 1.

Current score: 85-90%

- Chart Review: Prior audit: 50% denial rate

This year's audit: 90% compliance rate (may be higher)



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■ **Key Issues, continued**

- Final audit for this year is our annual external quality review audit on April 11 and April 12.

MHAB Presentation to the Board of Supervisors

- April 24, 2018 sometime after 9:00am
- Regular agenda item, and limited to 10 minutes



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