



INNOVATION PLAN APPROVAL SUMMARY

County: Alameda

Review History

County Submitted Innovation Plan: **November 9, 2009**
MHSOAC Review Team Meeting: **December 2, 2009**
MHSOAC Letter to County Providing Feedback: **December 9, 2009**
MHSOAC Staff Provided Technical Assistance to County: **December 15 and 16, 2009**
County Submitted Final Version Plan: **January 12, 2010**
MHSOAC Vote regarding Plan Approval: **January 28, 2010**

Innovation Plan Summary

Alameda County's Innovation Project introduces a Request for Proposal and venture capital style funding process designed to engage the larger community, beyond traditional mental health providers. The Innovation expects to generate creative projects that will increase the quality of services, including better outcomes for individuals living with mental health issues. While this approach to funding has been effective in the private and nonprofit service sectors, Alameda County believes it is important to test its effectiveness in a public mental health agency. The County will assess: (1) whether participation of diverse non-traditional agencies and community members and mental health consumers and family members in developing Innovative projects and making funding decisions will increase participants' engagement and empowerment; (2) whether the projects funded will improve the quality and outcome of services; and (3) whether this approach to funding will bring efficiencies and other benefits to the County.

BUDGET: \$ 2,543,800

Staff and the Plan Review Team Recommend: APPROVAL