

**AGENDA ITEM:** Presentation of Innovation Trends Report

- ENCLOSURES:**
- Mental Health Services Act Innovative Programs: Initial Trends
  - PowerPoint

**OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:** None

**Issue:**

Dr. Deborah Lee will present the enclosed Innovation Trends Report for your information.

**Background:**

The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission’s (MHSOAC’s) Innovation Trends Report analyzed work plans for 86 Innovation Programs developed by 32 counties that were approved by the MHSOAC before Assembly Bill (AB) 100 ended state review and approval of Innovation programs and funds.

The Innovation component of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) provides California the opportunity to develop and test new mental health models with the potential to become tomorrow’s best practices. The MHSA purposes for Innovation programs are to:

- Increase access to services
- Increase access to underserved populations
- Improve the quality and outcome of services
- Promote interagency collaboration.

Through the Innovation component counties design and test new or adapted programs and strategies with the potential to improve mental health delivery consistent with the MHSA-specified purposes identified above. Some of the significant areas in which new mental health approaches are being developed, piloted, and evaluated by county Innovation programs include:

- Expanded contributions to service delivery by persons with mental illness and their family members
- Community-based prevention, early intervention, and treatment models by and for diverse populations
- Alternative responses to mental health crises, including those involving criminal justice systems
- Treatment approaches for transition-age-youth, including youth exiting the foster care system

- Comprehensive and integrated approaches for individuals with co-occurring mental health, substance-use, and/or physical health issues
- Efforts to prevent or combat stigma and discrimination against people with mental illness, and their family members.

More than one-quarter of programs approved by the MHSOAC included one or more of these areas of Innovation. Seventy percent of MHSOAC-approved Innovation programs include a focus on individuals with serious mental illness; the rest address a broader range of prevention and early intervention, evaluation, collaboration, and funding approaches.

MHSOAC staff provided technical assistance to 45 counties to support the development and refinement of their Innovation work plans. The MHSOAC also provided support to the California Institute for Mental Health in its development of training and technical assistance for counties' Innovation efforts, including topic-based learning groups and an interactive e-learning curriculum on evaluation for Innovation that helps counties identify effective program elements that warrant replication and dissemination.