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AGENDA ITEM: Special Informational Presentation on Prevention, Early Intervention (PEI) and Innovation (INN) Programs, Including Findings Related to Approved MHSA Program Plans Identified in the Media

- ENCLOSURES:**
- MHSOAC Report of Findings on MHSA Prevention, Early Intervention and Innovation
Includes:
 - Individual Summaries of PEI and INN Programs Described in News Reports

 - **OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:** PowerPoint Describing MHSOAC Report of Findings on MHSA Prevention, Early Intervention and Innovation will be provided at the September 10th Commission meeting.

Issue:

Several recent news stories focused on how MHSA funds are being spent, particularly for PEI and INN programs. The articles identified concern about whether funds spent on “wellness programs” would be better spent on “people with real mental illness.” The articles also identified specific elements of 13 PEI or INN programs in 12 counties plus one element of a Community Services and Supports (CSS) program.

The MHSOAC is responding to the articles by conducting today’s special informational meeting to present findings related to the expenditure of MHSA funds for PEI and INN and providing specific information related to the programs cited in the news articles.

The MHSOAC report reviews the statutory purpose and intent of the MHSA, requirements for a Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) program, requirements for an Innovation (INN) program, and trends identified so far in counties’ PEI and INN programs.

In addition to this general level of review, the report analyzes the specific programs identified in the news articles. MHSOAC staff: (1) examined these programs through reviewing the plans counties prepared when initially proposing these programs; (2) had direct contact with each county to learn more about the program elements, program implementation, and costs; and (3) validated that these programs comply with MHSA statutes and guidelines. The Commission is providing this report and its findings consistent with its responsibilities to oversee and account for the implementation of MHSA programs and expenditure of MHSA funds.

Background:

The MHSA was developed to address the comprehensive needs of California's public mental health system. As such it includes funding for: (1) Community Services and Supports (CSS) for adults and older adults with serious mental illness and children and youth with serious mental illness or emotional disturbance; (2) Prevention, Early Intervention (PEI); (3) Innovation (INN); (4) Workforce, Education and Training (WET); and (5) Capital Facilities and Technological Needs (CFTN).

The MHSA requires that:

- 20% of funds be spent on prevention and early intervention programs to “prevent mental illnesses from becoming severe and disabling.”
- 5% of funds available for CSS and PEI be spent on innovative programs to increase the quality of services including better outcomes, to increase access to services including access for groups typically underserved, and to promote interagency collaboration.