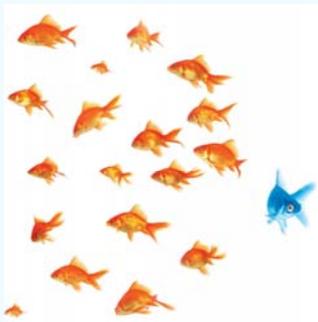




# MHSA Innovative Programs



WELLNESS • RECOVERY • RESILIENCE

## MHSA Innovation Promise and Potential

Why Innovation?

- What we don't know exceeds what we know
- Creativity of community
- Transformation: develop and evaluate new mental health practices, encourage adoption throughout California

Challenge to public sector innovation

- Every county creates, innovates
- Some Innovative Programs won't work
- Reluctance to change

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## MHSOAC Responsibilities

- Counties' Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plans and Annual Updates, including programs for innovations, shall be submitted to the MHSOAC within 30 days of adoption by boards of supervisors
- County mental health programs shall expend funds for their innovation programs upon approval of the MHSOAC

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## Innovation to Date

- 55 of 59 counties: at least one approved Innovative Program
- 169 Innovative Programs approved to date
  - 101 approved by MHSOAC
  - 68 Approved Locally
  - Additional two submitted to MHSOAC
- Average time from submission by county to MHSOAC approval (post-AB 1467): 22.4 business days

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## Staff Work with Counties on Innovation Program Plans

- Pre-submission technical assistance and support, if county requests
- Review of submitted plan for consistency with MHSA requirements using MHSOAC review tool
- Phone conference with county
- Support and review county's revisions
- Submit to MHSOAC

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## MHSA Definition: Innovation

- Introduces new mental health practices/ approaches including prevention and early intervention *or*
- Changes an existing mental health practice/approach, including adaptation for a new setting or community *or*
- Introduces a new application to the mental health system of a promising community-driven practice/approach that has been successful in non-mental health contexts or settings

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## Mental Illness/Mental Health

- Innovation may affect virtually any aspect of mental health practices or assess a new or changed application of a promising approach to solving persistent, seemingly intractable mental health challenges.

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## Primary Purposes

- Increase access to services
  - Increase access to services for underserved groups
  - Improve the quality of services, including measurable outcomes
- Promote interagency and community collaboration

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## MHSA General Standards

- Community collaboration
- Cultural competence
- Client-driven
- Family-driven
- Focused on wellness, recovery, and resilience
- Integrated service experience for clients and their families

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## Time-Limited Pilot Projects

- If an innovative project has proven to be successful and a county chooses to continue it, the project work plan shall transition to another category of funding as appropriate
  - Timeline
  - Evaluation
  - Budget

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## Timeline

- Timeline with sufficient opportunity for learning, testing, making decisions, and disseminating
  - Maximum five years (draft regulations)
  - Key activities and milestones
    - ◆ Implementing and refining
    - ◆ Evaluating
    - ◆ Making decisions
    - ◆ Communicating successes and lessons

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## Evaluation

- Plan to evaluate whether/how Innovative Project has proven to be successful
- Expected outcomes of Innovation
- How and at what frequency outcomes will be measured
- How outcomes relate to Innovation's primary purpose
- How county will assess which elements of Innovation contributed to positive outcomes

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## Budget

- Includes anticipated future Innovation funds
- County provides budgets for each fiscal year and total budget, specifying MESA Innovation funds
- Budget is consistent with a time-limited pilot; county has option to provide narrative with brief rationale for budget

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## Supporting Innovation

### Evaluating and Assisting Counties' Innovation Evaluations

- MESA Innovation evaluation: CiMH
  - ◆ Technical assistance
  - ◆ CiMH PEI and Innovation Clearinghouses
  - ◆ Policy recommendations
- Statewide evaluation of impact of Innovation component
- Sharing and implementing new effective approaches

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## Innovation Resources for Commissioners

- County plan
- Summary of county plan
- MHSOAC Innovation Review Tool
- MHSOAC Innovation technical assistance tools
- Staff
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