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# AGENDA ITEM 3A

Action

February 26, 2015 Commission Meeting

Approval of the San Benito Innovation Plan

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**Summary:** The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) will consider approval of the San Benito County Innovation Program, Health Care Integration Project. Staff reviewed the county's plan and recommends that the Commission approve \$919,403 for three years because the Innovation Program complies with all Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) requirements.

The Mental Health Services Act requires that an Innovation program does one of the following: a) introduces new mental health practices or approaches, including but not limited to prevention and early intervention b) makes a change to an existing mental health practice or approach, including, but not limited to, adaptation for a new setting or community, or c) introduces to the mental health system a promising community-driven practice/ approach, that has been successful in non-mental health contexts or settings.

The law also requires that an Innovation program addresses one of the following as its primary purpose: (1) increase access to underserved groups, (2) increase the quality of services including measurable outcomes, (3) promotes interagency and community collaboration (4) increase access to services. The Innovation program complies with all MHSA requirements for an Innovation Program.

The San Benito County Behavioral Health Health Care Integration (HCI) program adheres to these requirements by making a change to an existing mental health practice or approach and has the primary purpose of promoting interagency and community collaboration. The county will adapt the Impact model, which was originally developed to improve outcomes for older adults with depression who are identified in primary care settings, to address the complex needs of persons with SMI and chronic health conditions. The traditional IMPACT model, which was designed to be delivered in a fully-staffed medical clinic, will be adapted for the small rural community of San Benito County that has difficulty

hiring psychiatrists and nurses. San Benito County will adopt the Impact model to accommodate the skills and expertise of its workforce.

**Presenters:**

- Jose Oseguera, Chief of Plan Review and Committee Operations
- Deborah Lee, Consulting Psychologist,

**Enclosures:** Innovation Plan Approval Summary: Glenn County Innovation

**Handout:** A PowerPoint will be provided at the meeting.

**Recommended Action:** Adopt

**Motion:** The MHSOAC approves San Benito County's Innovation Project:

- Name : Health Care Integration  
Amount: \$919,403  
Program Length: 3 Years