
AGENDA ITEM 9A

Action

February 26, 2015 Commission Meeting

**Approve San Francisco County's
Innovation Plans**

Summary: The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) will consider approval of San Francisco County's Innovation Programs: Addressing the Needs of Socially Isolated Adults (ANSIA) Program and the Transgender Pilot Program (TPP). Staff reviewed the county's two programs and recommends that the Commission approve \$500,000 for the ANSIA Program and \$536,392 for the TPP, for two-years.

The Mental Health Services 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 or approach, or a 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) promote interagency and community collaboration (4) increase access to services.

The ANSIA Program adheres to these requirements by making a change to an existing mental health practice or approach and has the primary purpose of increasing access to underserved groups by engaging and connecting socially isolated adults living in the Tenderloin neighborhood in San Francisco with social networks and behavioral health services through the use of the peer-to-peer model.

TPP adheres to the MHSA requirements of an Innovation program by making a change to an existing mental health practice or approach and has the primary purpose to increase access to underserved groups by creating social support networks that will engage Trans Women of Color into mental health services that are culturally responsive.

Presenters:

Jose Oseguera, Chief of Plan Review and Committee Operations.

Deborah Lee, PhD., MHSOAC Consulting Psychologist.

Enclosures: San Francisco County Innovation Plan approval summaries.

Recommended Action: Approval

Motion: The MHSOAC approves San Francisco County's Innovation Projects:

- Name: Addressing the Needs of Socially Isolated Adults
Amount: \$500,000
Program Length: 2 Years
- Name: Transgender Pilot Program
Amount: \$536,392
Program Length: 2 Years

For a total amount of \$1,036,392.