
AGENDA ITEM 1A

Action

June 25, 2015 Commission Meeting

Stanislaus County Innovation Plans

Summary: The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) will consider approval of three Innovative Project funding proposals from Stanislaus County. The total amount of MHSOAC Innovation funds for which Stanislaus County is requesting MHSOAC approval is \$438,751.

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) requires that an INN program does one of the following: a) Introduces a new mental health practice or approach, 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 INN 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; or (4) Increase access to services.

The three Innovative Projects comply with all applicable MHSA requirements.

Staff reviewed the county's first proposed Innovative Project, Quiet Time, and recommends that the Commission approve \$139,684 for two years. Quiet Time intends to increase the quality of services, including better outcomes by making a change to an existing mental health practice or approach. The project will adapt for Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED) children a school-based stress reduction and wellness model that has demonstrated success with students who do not have an SED.

Staff reviewed the county's second proposed Innovative Project, Father Involvement Project, and recommends that the Commission approve \$212,565 for two years. The Father Involvement Project promotes interagency collaboration by

making a change to an existing mental health practice or approach. This project intends to improve mental health and related outcomes, reduce risk factors, and build protective factors for fathers at high risk of mental illness by promoting collaboration among community service organizations.

Staff reviewed the county's third proposed Innovative Project, Youth Peer Navigators, and recommends that the Commission approve \$86,502 for two years. Youth Peer Navigators intends to increase the quality of services, including better outcomes by making a change to an existing mental health practice or approach. This integrated youth-centered project intends to mobilize peers to engage young people with mental illness or SED and their families and to help them navigate the mental health service system.

Presenters:

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

Enclosures: Innovation Plan Approval Summaries for each Innovative Project

Handout: A PowerPoint for each project will be presented at the meeting.

Recommended Action: Approve Stanislaus County Innovative Projects.

Motion: The MHSOAC approves Stanislaus County's three Innovative Projects:

- Name: Quiet Time
Amount: \$139,684
Program Length: two years
- Name: Father Involvement Project
Amount: \$212,565
Program Length: two years
- Name: Youth Peer Navigators
Amount: \$86,502
Program Length: two years