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# AGENDA ITEM 11A

Action

May 28, 2015 Commission Meeting

Solano County Innovation Plan

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**Summary:** The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) will consider approval of Solano County's Innovation (INN) Program: Mental Health Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Cultural Transformation. Staff reviewed the county's plan and recommends that the Commission approve \$6 million for a five-year period.

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

The Solano County Mental Health Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Cultural Transformation program meets MHSA requirements by making a change to an existing mental health practice or approach, with the primary purpose of promoting community collaboration. The INN project introduces and evaluates a new way to engage people with lived experience of mental illness from diverse communities (with a focus on Latino, Filipino, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning), community and organizational leaders, advocates, and County and contract staff. The engagement goal is to develop and implement mental health services that are culturally appropriate and accessible. The primary vehicle of transformation is through the implementation of Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards for cross-sector quality improvement.

The county will evaluate: (1) The effectiveness of enhanced inter-agency collaboration through the cross-sectional team approach; (2) Success in implementing CLAS standards and in increasing cultural responsiveness of the Behavioral Health Service Delivery System; (3) Resulting increases in access to mental health services for underserved populations; (4) Improved patient experience of behavioral health services; (5) Cost data.

The Solano County INN program complies with all MHSA requirements for an Innovation Program.

**Enclosures:** Solano County Innovation Plan Summary.

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

**Recommended Action:** Approve Solano County's Innovation plan in the amount of \$6 million for a five-year period.

**Presenter:**

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

**Motion:** The MHSOAC approves Solano County's Innovation Project:

- Name: Mental Health Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Cultural Transformation  
Amount: \$6 million  
Program Length: 5 Years