
AGENDA ITEM 6A

Action

May 28, 2015 Commission Meeting

Los Angeles County Innovation Plan

Summary: The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) will consider approval of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health's Innovation (INN) program, Health Neighborhoods. Staff reviewed the county's plan and recommends that the Commission approve \$92,034,880 for five years.

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 INN program complies with all MHSA requirements for an INN program.

The Health Neighborhoods project proposed by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health adheres to these requirements by introducing to the mental health system a promising community driven practice or approach by addressing the root causes and correlates of trauma among individuals across the lifespan who are at risk of or experiencing a serious mental illness or emotional disturbance. The primary purpose of this INN project is to promote interagency and community collaboration in order to improve access to and quality and outcomes of mental health services, including a range of community-based services and supports.

The Health Neighborhoods project is defined by five key principles. Each Health Neighborhood will implement strategies from a menu of options that were developed collaboratively among community stakeholders and the County.

Presenters:

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

Enclosures: Innovation Plan Approval Summary:
Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

Handout: A PowerPoint will be provided at the meeting.

Recommended Action: Approve the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health's Innovation Project.

Motion: The MHSOAC approves Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health's Innovation Project:

- Name : Health Neighborhoods
Amount: \$92,034,880
Program Length: 5 years