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# AGENDA ITEM 05

Action

April 28, 2016 Commission Meeting

Stanislaus County Innovative Project

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**Summary:** The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) will consider approval of Stanislaus County's request to fund its Innovative project, Suicide Prevention Initiative. The cost for the project is \$627,957 for a total of three (3) years.

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) requires that an INN project 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 project address 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 Stanislaus County Mental Health Innovation project, Suicide Prevention Initiative, has a primary purpose of increasing the quality of services including better outcomes.

The project scope proposes to look at the issue of suicide through multiple angles by convening representatives from different agencies and interested parties across the community for a targeted approach to suicide prevention and intervention.

This project is designed to find effective community-based methods for increasing suicide prevention and awareness in Stanislaus County and determine if a centralized infrastructure will increase partnerships between individual sectors in the effort to decrease suicides.

Stanislaus County is requesting authorization from the MHSOAC to fund this three-year project in the amount of \$627,957.

**Presenters:**

- Introduction: Brian Sala, PhD, Deputy Director, Evaluation and Project Operations
- County Presenter: Mr. Dan Rosas, MHSA Policy-Planning/Public Information Officer

**Enclosure:** Innovation Plan Approval Summary: Stanislaus County Innovation

**Handout:** A PowerPoint (or other documents) will be presented at the meeting.

**Proposed Motion:** The MHSOAC approves Stanislaus County's Innovation Project:

Name: Suicide Prevention Initiative

Amount: \$627,957

Project Length: 3 Years