



MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT

**Fiscal Year 2022-23
Plan Update**

September 19, 2022

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Fiscal Year 2022-23 Plan Update

The updates included in this MHSA Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Plan Update were supported by Sacramento County's MHSA Steering Committee across several meetings.

Community Services and Supports (CSS) Component

To date, Sacramento County Behavioral Health Services has invested in the development of 221 permanent support housing units/apartments with another 273 apartments in the development pipeline. These 494 apartments across 18 developments are dedicated for individuals living with serious mental illness who are also at-risk of or experiencing homelessness.

On April 21, 2022, the MHSA Steering Committee discussed and supported expanding our permanent supportive housing efforts by dedicating \$11 million in CSS Component funds to finance/develop additional dedicated apartments through the MHSA Housing Program.

Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Component

The approved FY 2019-20 MHSA Annual Update contains the Round 1 Time-Limited Community Driven PEI grant program. The program, administered by CalMHSA, awarded up to \$10 million in PEI funding to 34 grants for up to two years of operation with time allotted for start up and transition/wind-down.

On April 21, 2022, the MHSA Steering Committee discussed and supported releasing \$10 million PEI Component funds for a second round of time-limited PEI community building grants. Grants will be administered by the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) and funded activities will:

- Be community-driven and align with PEI regulations;
- Include evidence based, promising practices, or culturally/community defined practices;
- Include strategies for community capacity building; and
- Focus on outcomes and performance measures.

Innovation (INN) Component

The approved MHSA FY 2022-23 Annual Update includes the FY 2022-23 budget for the Innovation (INN) Project 3: Behavioral Health Crisis Services Collaborative. This four year project term began December 11, 2018 and will end December 10, 2022.

During the project term, increased staffing costs, as well the COVID-19 pandemic, impacted the project budget resulting in approximately \$1,701,899 in increased MHSA INN expenditures. The FY 2022-23 budget for INN Project 3 included in the approved MHSA FY 2022-23 reflects these increased costs and increases the total INN funds for this four year project from \$13,885,361 to \$15,587,260.

Capital Facilities and Technological Needs (CF/TN) Component

The previously approved Technological Needs (TN) project, contained within the CFTN Component, funds and addresses our commitment to move to an Electronic Health Record (EHR) and Personal Health Record to improve client care through a multi-phased approach.

The California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) is California's initiative around new updates to the Medi-Cal program in California. For the first time in many years, there is

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significant behavioral health focus being incorporated into the CalAIM initiatives. This includes two of the most important behavioral health initiatives: 1) documentation redesign, and 2) payment reform.

CalMHSA, in collaboration with and on behalf of behavioral health and counties from across the state, is working on a semi statewide EHR to help implement all of the CalAIM initiatives. Sacramento County participated in the CalMHSA competitive process to select a vendor and EHR system. On May 19, 2022, the MHSA Steering Committee expressed support for these efforts and Sacramento County will join in the implementation of this new semi-statewide EHR.

Per WIC Section 5892(b), Counties may use a portion of the Community Supports and Services (CSS) Component funds to sustain TN projects once the time-limited TN funds are exhausted. The amount of funds may not exceed 20% of most recent five year average allocations to the County.

In FY 2022-23, an additional \$4,075,391 will be transferred from CSS to TN to support these efforts. This additional transfer is within the 20% limit authorized by statute.

The Draft MHSA FY 2022-23 Plan Update was posted for a 30-day public review and comment period from August 19, 2022 through September 18, 2022. No comments were received during the posting period; therefore these updates will move forward as described.