



El Dorado County



# MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA)

FISCAL YEAR 2023/24  
PLAN AMENDMENT

Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division

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# MHSA Plan Amendment Regulation

- ▶ The MHSA Plan Amendment is differentiated from the traditional MHSA Annual Update process through the [California Code of Regulations, Title 9, § 3350](#) - *Amendment of MHSA Performance Contract.*

## Community Program Planning Process (CPPP)

- ✓ Draft MHSA Plan Amendment was posted for public comment on the [Behavioral Health Division/MHSA webpage](#) on November 15, 2023. Public Comment ended December 15, 2023 at 5 p.m.
- ✓ Notice of the Public Comment Period was included in a Press Release in the Mountain Democrat and other news outlets, postings on Facebook, direct emails to the MHSA distribution list and notices on Behavioral Health's webpage.
- ✓ The Behavioral Health Commission meeting to discuss the Draft MHSA Plan Amendment was November 15, 2023.

# Community Services and Supports (CSS):

80% of total funding must be for CSS (in reality, it is 76% because 4% goes toward Innovation funding)  
51% of the funding must be used for Full Service Partnership (FSP)

## ► Modified CSS Projects:

1. **Crisis Residential Treatment (CRT) Project:** Expanded description and addition of sub-program to provide stepdown services to clients prior to entering the CRT

✓ No Fiscal Year 23/24 Cost Increase

## Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI):

20% of total funding must be for PEI (in reality, it is 19% because 1% goes toward Innovation funding)  
51% of the funding must benefit individuals 25 years old or younger

### ► Modified PEI Projects:

- 1. Community-Based Outreach and Linkage Project:** This Project has been modified to address mandated State requirements set forth in Behavioral Health Information Notice (BHIN) [23-025](#) requiring all counties to implement 24/7 Medi-Cal Community-Based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services
  - ✓ No Fiscal Year 23/24 Cost Increase. FY 24/25 and 25/26 increase of an additional \$400,000 per year.
- 2. Community Stigma Reduction Project:** This Amendment proposes a modified PEI Community Stigma Reduction Project, with the project being expanded to better serve a wider array of vulnerable community members
  - ✓ No Fiscal Year 23/24 Cost Increase.

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### ► New PEI Projects:

- 1. Project Access Community Outreach Initiative:** This project addresses the limitations of office-based intake systems and documented challenges of engaging clients experiencing greater barriers to access through the current system. Project Access will create dedicated community health engagement positions to link individuals with identified Behavioral Health and supportive service needs to the integrated service models provided by El Dorado Health and Human Services Agency.
  - ✓ Fiscal Year 23/24 Allocation of \$250,000. Fiscal Year 24/25 and 25/26 Allocation of \$500,000 per year.

# Next Steps

- ▶ Board of Supervisors to consider the final MHSA Plan Amendment during their regularly scheduled meeting on February 27, 2024, resulting in:
  - Adoption of the MHSA Plan Amendment as written;
  - Adoption of the MHSA Plan Amendment with revisions; or
  - Decline to adopt the MHSA Plan Amendment
- ▶ Once the MHSA Plan Amendment is adopted:
  1. Behavioral Health completes administrative requirements and begins implementation.
  2. The approved modified and added projects will be added to the next publicly available Draft FY 24/25 MHSA Annual Update anticipating Board of Supervisor consideration June 2024.



# QUESTIONS?

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