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## MHSA Annual Update for BOS meeting 6/25/19 at 11am

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**Valerie Akana** <vakana@alumni.gsb.stanford.edu>

To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, HHS-MHSA-m <mhsa@edcgov.us>

Hello,

I would like to have this email submitted as a public comment on the MHSA Annual Plan Update which is to be heard by the Board of Supervisors on 6/25/19 at 11am. There is no agenda yet published so I don't know what the agenda item number is...

I fully support the MHSA Plan as proposed by Human Services staff. I especially want to state my support for the Community Hubs project in particular, because there has been much concern expressed by some of the Behavioral Health Commission members as to whether or not this project should be funded by MHSA funds. As I understand it, the Community Hubs project is classified as a MHSA "innovation" project and has already been blessed by the State MHSA team. Getting the State to bless an innovation project is no easy feat and I believe that we should be grateful that this project was approved and thank our staff for their expertise and skill at getting the State to approve it.

Per the State's criteria, an innovation project must advance our learning in some way and I believe the investment in the Hubs has the potential to teach us a lot. In addition, if we do not continue to move this project forward, it is possible that we will lose this funding and it will revert to the State pot. That would be a shame because I believe the Hubs can teach us a lot about how to prevent childhood trauma, and thus one of the environmental factors contributing to mental illnesses. I know that for my family in particular, had there been a Community Hubs program when my youngest siblings were growing up in a severely traumatizing environment, they might have had a better chance of developing resiliency, instead of severe mental illnesses.

My hope for the Community Hubs is that they are so wildly successful, that we eventually eliminate the need for behavioral health services in our County, at least for mental illnesses due in large part to childhood trauma. And, with the Hubs, I hope we could also identify the early signs of organic mental illnesses so that we could try to keep them from becoming severely debilitating for our kids and families. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Val Akana  
Placerville

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From: **MHSA El Dorado** <mhsa@edcgov.us>  
Date: Mon, Jun 17, 2019 at 1:45 PM  
Subject: Re: [MHSA] MHSA update at Board meeting  
To: Valerie Akana <vakana@alumni.gsb.stanford.edu>  
Cc: HHS-MHSA-m <mhsa@edcgov.us>

Hello Val,  
Thank you for your email. The MHSA Annual Update will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on Tues., June 25 at 11 a.m.

Thank you,  
Heather

On Fri, Jun 14, 2019 at 7:53 PM Valerie Akana <vakana@alumni.gsb.stanford.edu> wrote:

Hi All,