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Monterey County Mental Health Services Act

**FY 2018-2020
AB 114 Reversion Plan**



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Introduction and Overview

On December 28, 2017 Monterey County Behavioral Health (MCBH) received Information Notice 17-059 from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Mental Health & Substance Use Disorders Services (MHSUDS). The purpose of Information Notice 17-059 was to inform counties of the following:

- The process the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will use to determine the amount of unspent Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds subject to reversion as of July 1, 2017;
- The appeal process available to a county regarding that determination; and
- The requirement that by July 1, 2018, each county must prepare and publicly post a plan for MHSA funding subject to reversion from Fiscal Years 2005-06 through 2014-15.

Background and Local Impact for Information Notice 17-059

Assembly Bill (AB) 114 (Chapter 38, Statutes of 2017) became effective July 10, 2017. The bill amended certain Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections related to the reversion of MHSA funds. AB 114 implemented provisions concerning funds subject to reversion as of July 1, 2017. Funds subject to reversion as of July 1, 2017, were deemed to have been reverted and reallocated to the county of origin for the purposes for which they were originally allocated (WIC Section 5892.1 (a)). Funds that could be subject to reversion as of July 1, 2017, were distributed to counties from Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-06 through FY 2014-15.

Spending Plan for Funding Subject to AB 114

Pursuant to AB 114 (Chapter 38, Statutes of 2017) and the Department of Health Care Services Information Notice 17-059, each County must prepare and publicly post a plan for MHSA funding subject to reversion from Fiscal Years 2005-06 through 2014-15.

As of April 24, 2018, Monterey County, in conjunction with the California Department of Health Care Services, has identified the following funds that were subject to reversion as of July 1, 2017.

MHSA Funds Subject to Reversion by Fiscal Year and Component

Monterey	CSS	PEI	INN	WET	CFTN	Total
FY 2005-06	\$ -					\$ -
FY 2006-07	\$ -					\$ -
FY 2007-08	\$ -	\$ -				\$ -
FY 2008-09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
FY 2009-10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
FY 2010-11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 373,737			\$ 373,737
FY 2011-12	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 407,256			\$ 407,256
FY 2012-13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 656,975			\$ 656,975
FY 2013-14						\$ -
FY 2014-15						\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,437,968	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,437,968

Plan to Spend the Funds Deemed Reverted by June 30, 2020.

As all funds subject to reversion were originally allocated to Innovation funding component activities, funds subject to reversion in Monterey County are required to be spent on Innovation projects prior to June 30, 2020. As of July 1, 2017, Monterey County Behavioral Health has no Innovation projects currently being implemented. Therefore, all funds subject to reversion will be spent on one or more of the three Innovation projects submitted to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) on May 2, 2018.

Beginning in the spring of 2017, Monterey County has developed three new Innovation projects based on community input received during its recent Community Planning Process (CPP) activities, which are documented in Monterey's MHSOAC FY 18-20 Three Year Plan and MHSOAC FY18/19 Annual Update. These documents, which detail the project plans and CPP involved (including public comment periods), can be found on the MCBH website at:

<http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/health/behavioral-health/mental-health-services-act>.

In summary, the CPP involved with developing these Innovation projects began in spring of 2017, and involved 13 focus groups and a door-to-door survey conducted in the 10 most underserved Latino zip codes in Monterey County. These Innovation projects were developed as part of this CPP, and further refined during the CPP when developing the MHSOAC FY18/19 Annual Update in spring of 2018. The CPP involved in developing the MHSOAC FY18/19 Annual Update included four community engagement forums. During this CPP, utilizing funds subject to reversion to support the proposed Innovation projects was put forward as MCBH's plan for spending the funds deemed reverted by June 30, 2020. The public review period for this reversion plan was then held from March 23 to April 23, and subsequently approved by the Monterey County Behavioral Health Commission on April 26, 2018. The Monterey County Board of Supervisors approved these Innovation projects as part of the MHSOAC FY18-20 3-Year Program and Expenditure Plan in November 2017, and are recommended to approve the MHSOAC FY18/19 Annual Update on June 12, 2018.

The following Innovation programs have been vetted by MCBH, Monterey County stakeholders, the Monterey County Behavioral Health Commission and the Monterey County Board of Supervisors. These projects were developed from local stakeholder input concerning areas of need, and the project models were further refined through extensive community engagement and feedback sessions.

Summary of Innovation Projects

1. Transportation Coaching by Wellness Navigators: \$1,234,000 over three years (FY 18/19-20/21)

This Innovation project aims to increase the independent transportation skills of MCBH clients by employing a transportation coaching program that is informed by a new transportation needs assessment tool. While the service goals in the project are to increase access to services and improve rates of recovery, the primary Innovation learning goals of this project are focused on measuring the impact and value of the transportation needs assessment tool to be developed. By creating a valuable tool and identifying best practices for promoting client independence, this Innovation project may offer valuable knowledge to the broader mental health services community.

Specific learning goals of this project are to:

1. Assess whether or not the use of the transportation needs assessment tool and subsequent transportation coaching lead to greater levels of independence and recovery reported by participating clients.
2. Identify which transportation coaching activities correspond to improved levels of independence and recovery.
3. Quantify the staffing costs/investment associated with improving a clients' level of independence (i.e. "step-down" in level of transportation coaching needs)

The total timeframe (duration) of this Innovation project is 3 years, with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2018 and end date of June 30, 2021. Funds from FY10/11, FY11/12 and FY 12/13 will be applied to the first two fiscal years of operation through June 30, 2020.

2. Screening to Timely Assessment: \$2,526,000 over 3 years (FY 18/19- FY 20/21)

To better meet the increased demand for services, MCBH has proposed the development of a comprehensive web-based mental health assessment application that can screen for a broad spectrum of mental health disorders and refer individuals to the appropriate level of care within the MCBH system. The demand for services in ACCESS programs has seen a significant increase in recent years, with the number of clients served over the three-year period from FY15-FY17 increasing by more than 100%, from 2,521 to 5,087. Meanwhile, the level of staff capable of responding to these community needs has remained unchanged. This project introduces a new practice to the mental health system, including prevention and intervention, by providing a technological solution for promoting greater accessibility to services. This innovative tool for providing screening and referral services alleviates burdens on ACCESS staff that are operating at full capacity, and encouraged improved rates of access for potential clients.

This program aims to increase access to mental health treatment services in Monterey County. To assess the relationship between use of this application and greater accessibility to services, and its value to consumers/users more generally, the following learning goals will be evaluated:

- Determine if this screening tool accurately gauges type and severity of mental illness and links people to the correct level of care.
- Determine if this application provides meaningful and accurate referral connections to the appropriate service / resource as efficiently as possible.
- Assess whether this web-based screening tool reduce the hours and cost associated with in-person assessments.
- Assess whether individuals (staff, community provider, peer, etc.) using this application to assist a person in need find this application useful for connecting that person to resources. We have many local agencies who want to test this including local law enforcement who hope to use this to link community members to care.
- Assess the impact the implementation of this application has on the total volume of clients entering ACCESS services, including its effect on the demographics of clients served.

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3. Micro-Innovation Grant Activities for Increasing Latino Engagement: \$1,240,000 over 3 years (FY 18/19-FY 20/21)

The primary problem to be addressed by this Innovation project is the relatively low number of Latinos utilizing Behavioral Health services in Monterey County. Monterey County Behavioral Health (MCBH) functions as the “safety net” mental health provider in the county, and therefore sets the demographic profile of the local Medi-Cal eligible population as the benchmark for who mental health services should be designed for and accessed by. In FY2016/17, Latinos made up 75% of the Medi-Cal eligible population in Monterey County, yet comprised roughly 53% of MCBH mental health service consumers. This Innovation project seeks to increase the number of Latinos receiving mental health services in Monterey County by enabling a diffuse network of micro-innovation activities designed specifically by and for local communities, neighborhoods, niche cultural or ethnic sub-groups, etc. The goal of using micro-innovations is to test new ways of doing business in diverse Monterey County communities where Latinos are underserved.

This Innovation Project aims to increase the number of Latinos served by mental health services in Monterey County. Therefore, the main learning goal of this Innovation Project is to determine if any of these micro-innovation activities are effective in engaging Latino populations with needed mental health services. Specific learning goals of this project are to:

- For each micro-innovation, identify how many Latino individuals that have never engaged with mental health services received a referral for mental health treatment services.
- For each micro-innovation, identify how many Latino individuals followed through on a referral and received mental health treatment services.
- Identify if the total count of Latinos served increased during this Innovation project.
- Identify if any micro-innovation activities demonstrate capacity for sustainability in impact and/or funding.
- Identify if and how cultural barriers were addressed.
- Additional learning goals unique to target populations will be established in the development and approval of micro-innovation activities.

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