

## ABSTRACT

### The Innovation Submission Process-A Toolkit for Counties

The MHSOAC controls funding approval for the Innovation (INN) component of the MHSA. The goal of Innovation is to increase access to underserved groups, increase the quality of services, promote interagency collaboration and increase access to services. Counties select one or more goals and use those goals as the primary priority or priorities for their proposed Innovation plan. In order to support the counties in submitting their Innovation proposals, MHSOAC staff worked with several volunteer counties to build an Innovation toolkit that would improve and streamline the overall process of Innovation at both the staff and county levels.

The Toolkit is composed of the following documents:

- **Innovation Framework Decision Tree** - this form provides information and guidance in guiding the framework on how to design an Innovative Project
- **MHSOAC Innovation Review Process** - this form is a high-level visual of what the process should look like to provide transparency for the counties and work flow with MHSOAC
- **Innovative Project Plan Recommended Template** – the completion of this document will assist the counties to ensure that the minimum requirements are met, as required by law and/or regulations
- **Presentation Guidelines** – this tool is to assist counties when presenting their Innovation projects to the Commission.

This toolkit will provide clarification and transparency on the Innovation Submission Process to the MHSOAC.