



The Innovation Submission Process

A Tool Kit for Counties

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MHSA INN Regulations require Innovative Projects to either:

- Introduce a new practice or approach to the overall mental health system, including, but not limited to, prevention and early intervention
- Make a change to an existing practice in the field of mental health, including but not limited to, application to a different population
- Apply a promising community driven practice or approach that has been successful in a non-mental health context or setting to the mental health system
- Support participation in a housing program designed to stabilize a person's living situation while also providing supportive services on-site



Primary Purpose of the Innovation Project

- Increase access to underserved groups
- Increase the quality of mental health services
- Promote interagency and community collaboration
- Increase access to mental health services, including, but not limited to, services provided through permanent supportive housing



Innovation Toolkit

- Innovation Framework Decision Tree
 - Provides information and guidance on how to design Innovation Project
- MHSOAC Innovation Review Process
 - Visual guide of MHSOAC workflow
- Innovation Project Plan Recommended Template
 - Document will assist counties to ensure minimum requirements are met
- Presentation Guidelines
 - Guides counties on how to present their projects to the Commission



Annual Innovative Project Report

- Name of the Innovative Project
- Whether and what changes were made to the Project during the period and reasons for the changes
- Available evaluation data, including outcomes of the Project and information about which elements of the project are contributing to the outcomes
- For Projects that serve individuals, number of participants served and specified demographic information
- First Report was due 12/30/17
- Pending amendments change due date to within 30 calendar 30 days of Board of Supervisors approval but no later than June 30th



Final Innovative Project Report

- Due within 6 months from completion of the INN project
- Brief summary of the priority issue upon which the INN project was based
- Description of any changes made during the INN project, reasons for the change and impact
- Final evaluation results including outcomes and if applicable, any variation in outcomes based on demographics of participants
- Whether and how the County will continue the INN project, the source of funding, reason for the decision, and how stakeholders were involved in the decision



Final Innovative Project Report (Cont.)

- Whether the INN project achieved its intended outcomes and a summary of what was learned
- Description of how the County disseminated the results to stakeholders, and other counties
- Any other information County considers relevant
- Include copy of materials developed to communicate successful new/changed mental health practices, lessons learned and evaluation results of the INN project



Pending Amendments

Demographic information requirements

- Under 18 years old collect/report as permitted by federal/state education and privacy laws
- Under 12 years old not required to collect/report sexual orientation, current gender identity, and veteran status



Q & A

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