Innovation Project 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 TOOL KIT
Innovation Toolkit

- **Innovation Framework Decision Tree**
  - Provides information and guidance on how to design an 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

- **Commission Meeting Recommendations**
  - Guides counties on how to present their projects to the Commission
Innovation Framework Decision Tree

Start: Need identified by the County. Does County currently have strategy for identified need?

Yes, current strategy is sufficient.

No. OR Yes, but...

current strategy is too expensive. OR current strategy is not effective. OR current strategy is ineffective with some consumers.

Conduct broad research components including, but not limited to, literature review, consultations and county collaborations to identify existing alternative strategies that will address the issue.

Can other funds (excluding Innovation funds) be used to address issue?

Innovation Funds not needed.

Will this innovative approach contribute to significant learning, collaboration or create opportunities to partner with other counties?

Develop Innovation Program Plan and Logic Model while drawing upon previously gathered research, and technical calls, ultimately leading to informed decision making.

Submit Proposal to the State and prepare for calendaring.
Innovation Review Process

Presubmittal:
County must have completed three local steps below before moving forward:
- 30-day public review
- Local MH Board hearing
- BOS approval or calendared date to appear before BOS

Submit Final Innovation Plan, including budget, to MHSOAC.

Commission staff to review if proposal meets requirements per regulations.

Technical Assistance Calls may be offered to address questions and/or concerns. If major changes are needed, counties may have to repeat the 3 local approval processes and start process over.

If requirements have been met, County will be calendared.

Note: County may be calendared out a minimum of 30 days depending on Commission agenda.

Commission staff will complete staff analysis.

County to prepare presentation materials.

County presentation of Innovation Project to Commission.

Upon approval by Commission, MHSOAC will mail approval letter to County.
Project Plan: Recommended Template

- Application Checklist
  - 30 day public comment period
  - Local Mental Health Board Hearing
  - BOS approval or prospective date to be calendared
  - Desired Presentation Date with Commission

- Section 1 – Regulations
  - General Requirement
  - Primary Purpose
Project Plan: Recommended Template (cont’d)

- Section 2 – Project Overview
  - What is the challenge/need?
  - What is the proposed project?
  - How many individuals will be served?
  - What does the County hope to learn?
    - Do the learning objectives have outcomes that can be measured?

- Section 3 – Additional Regulatory Requirements
  - CPP; Stakeholder involvement; Cultural Competence
  - Evaluation
  - Sustainability
Section 4 – Budget / Expenditure Sources

- Budget narrative
- Budget by Fiscal Year and budget category
- Leveraging of funds
  - Federal Financial Participation
  - Other MHSA funding sources
  - 1991 Realignment
- Sustainability of proposed project
Innovations: Things to consider

- An innovative project may affect any aspect of mental health practices or evaluate a new or changed application to solving mental health challenges. Examples may include:
  - Administrative, governance, processes and procedures
  - Education and training for service providers
  - Advocacy
  - Services and interventions
  - Research

- There is no such thing as a FAILED project
  - There is learning in what doesn't work
  - Allows counties to take a risk by testing or trying new ideas
Commission Meeting Recommendations

■ Presenters
  ▪ Recommend between 2-4 presenters per project
  ▪ County encouraged to bring support for public comment
  ▪ Brief biography of presenters to include name, title, and area of expertise in relation to the project

■ Presentation
  ▪ Presentation should be between 10-15 minutes
  ▪ Recommend 5 slides to include the following:
    ▪ Presenting Problem / Need
    ▪ Proposed project to address the need
    ▪ What is innovative about the project? How will the project be evaluated?
    ▪ Budget
    ▪ Sustainability
Innovation Dashboard: Quick Snapshot

**INNOVATION DASHBOARD**

April 2019

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* APRIL: Butte (1), Alameda (1)
MAY: Ventura (1), Los Angeles (1), Orange (1)
† This excludes extensions of previously-approved projects, Tech Suite additions, and government holidays.

**Average Time from FINAL to COMMISSION CALENDAR**

52 days†

**Previous Trends**

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**Number of Counties that have presented an INN Plan since 2013:**
55 Counties
93%

**Number of Counties that have NOT presented an INN Plan since 2013:**
4 Counties
7%
Innovation Incubator

- History
- Goals
- Roles
- Multi-County Opportunities for Collaborative Innovation Projects
  - March 20, 2019 - MEMO
    - Statewide Early Psychosis Learning Collaborative
    - Allcove: One Stop Shop for Integrated Youth Mental Health Support
    - Incompetent to Stand Trial Population-Criminal Justice
    - Full Service Partnership (FSP) Innovation Project
    - Youth Innovation Project
    - Schools and Mental Health
Q & A

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