

**Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Performance Review Report
Orange County Program Review
May 10, 2022**

FINDINGS

Finding #1: Orange County did not submit the adopted Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Annual Update (Update) to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) within 30 days after adoption by the County Board of Supervisors, which occurred on May 21, 2019. (Welfare and Institution Code (W&I Code) section 5847(a)).

Recommendation #1: The County must submit each subsequent adopted Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan (Plan) and Update thereafter to DHCS within 30 days of adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

Finding #2: Orange County did not include a narrative description of the training provided to participants in the Community Program Planning Process (CPPP) in the adopted FY 2017-20 Plan and FY 2019-20 Update. (California Code of Regulations, title 9, section 3300(c); Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission FY 2015-2016 MHSA Annual Update Instructions (pg 3); MHSOAC FY 2014-2015 Through FY 2016-2017 MHSA Plan Instructions (pg 3)).

Recommendation #2: The County must include a narrative description of the training provided to participants in the CPPP in each subsequent adopted Plan and Update thereafter.

Finding #3: Orange County did not identify each Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) program as a Prevention Program, an Early Intervention Program, Outreach for Increasing Recognition of Early Signs of Mental Illness Program, Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Program, Suicide Prevention Program, Access and Linkage to Treatment Program, or Program to Improve Timely Access to Services for Underserved Populations in the adopted FY 2017-20 Plan or 2019-20 Update.(Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 3755 (I)(2)). Although the County included in the PEI budget worksheet projected expenditures for each program funded with PEI funds by fiscal year, specifically each program funded with PEI funds is not identified as a required program.

Recommendation #3: The County must update PEI budget worksheet(s) to identify programs as Prevention, Early Intervention, Outreach for Increasing Recognition of Early Signs of Mental Illness, Stigma and Discrimination Reduction, Suicide Prevention, Access and Linkage to Treatment, and Improve Timely Access to Services for Underserved Populations in the next adopted Plan and Update and each subsequent Plan and Update thereafter.

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SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS

Item #1: CPPP

Suggested Improvement #1a: DHCS recommends the County include in the adopted Plans and Updates a narrative description of the stakeholders who participated in the planning process in enough detail to establish that the required stakeholders (faith based organizations, LGBTQ+, and TAY) were included and reflected the diversity of the County.