

**Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Performance Review Report
Sierra County Program Review
July 26, 2022**

FINDINGS

Finding #1: Sierra County did not provide a full description of the County demographics, specifically, the County did not include demographics for gender and race/ethnicity in the adopted FY 2017-20 Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan (Plan) and FY 2019-20 Annual Update (Update). (California Code of Regulations, title 9, section 3300(b)(4); Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) FY 2015-16 MHSA Annual Update Instructions (p 5); MHSOAC FY 2014-15 Through FY 2016-17 MHSA Plan Instructions (pg 4)).

Recommendation #1: The County must provide a description of the demographics of the County, including but not limited to, size of the County, threshold languages, unique characteristics, age, gender, and race/ethnicity, in each subsequent adopted Plan and Update thereafter.

Finding #2: Sierra County's adopted FY 2017-20 Plan and FY 2019-20 Update did not include a description of how stakeholder involvement demonstrates a partnership with constituents and stakeholders throughout the process that includes meaningful stakeholder involvement on: mental health policy, program planning and implementation, monitoring, quality improvement, evaluation, and budget allocations. (Welfare and Institution Code (W&I Code) section 5848(a); MHSOAC FY 2015-16 MHSA Annual Update Instructions (pg 2); MHSOAC FY 2014-15 Through FY 2016-17 MHSA Plan Instructions (pg 3)).

Recommendation #2: The County must include a description of how stakeholder involvement demonstrates a partnership with constituents and stakeholders throughout the process that includes meaningful stakeholder involvement on mental health policy, program planning and implementation, monitoring, quality improvement, evaluation, and budget allocations in each subsequent adopted Plan and Update thereafter.

Finding #3: Sierra County's adopted FY 2017-20 Plan and FY 2019-20 Update did not include the dates of the 30-day public comment period. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 9, § 3315(a)(1)(A)).

Recommendation #3: The County must include the dates of the 30-day public comment period in each subsequent adopted Plan and Update thereafter.

Finding #4: Sierra County's adopted FY 2017-20 Plan and FY 2019-20 Update did not contain methods used by the County to circulate for the purpose of eliciting public comment of the draft Plan/Update to representatives of the stakeholders' interests and any other interested party who requested a copy. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 9, § 3315(a)(1)(A)).

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Recommendation #4: The County must include methods used by the County to circulate for the purpose of eliciting public comment of the draft Plan/Update to representatives of the stakeholders' interests and any other interested party who requested a copy in each subsequent adopted Plan and Update thereafter.

Finding #5: Sierra County's adopted FY 2019-20 Update did not contain the date of the public hearing held by the local mental health board or commission. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 9, § 3315(a)(2)).

Recommendation #5: The County must provide the dates of the public hearing held by the local mental health board or commission in each subsequent adopted Plan and Update thereafter.

Finding #6: Sierra County did not include any substantive written recommendations for revisions received during the 30 day comment period in the adopted FY 2017-20 Plan and FY 2019-20 Update. (W&I Code section 5848(b)).

Recommendation #6: The County must include any substantive written recommendations for revisions received during the 30 day comment period in each subsequent adopted Plan and Update thereafter. If no recommendations for revisions received, identify no recommendations received in the Plan or Update.

Finding #7: Sierra County did not summarize and analyze the recommended revisions received during the 30-day public comment period in the adopted FY 2017-20 Plan and FY 2019-20 Update. (W&I Code section 5848(b); Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 9, § 3315(a)(3); MHSOAC FY 2015- 16 MHSA Annual Update Instructions (pg 3) MHSOAC FY 2014-15 Through FY 2016-17 MHSA Plan Instructions (pg 4)).

Recommendation #7: The County must provide a description of the summary and analysis of the recommended revisions received during the 30-day public comment period in each subsequent adopted Plan and Update thereafter.

Finding #8: Sierra County did not include a description of any substantive changes made to the circulated Plan or Update. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 9, § 3315(a)(4); MHSOAC FY 2014-15 Through FY 2016-17 MHSA Plan Instructions (pg 4)).

Recommendation #8: The County must include a description of any substantive changes made to each subsequent adopted Plan and Update thereafter that was circulated. If no changes made, identify no changes made in the Plan or Update.

Finding #9: Sierra County did not include their documentation of achievement in performance outcomes in the adopted FY 2017-20 Plan and FY 2019-20 Update for Community Services Support (CSS) programs. There were Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) performance outcomes in both the Plan and Update. The County did

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not have an Innovation (INN) project. (W&I Code section 5848(c); County Performance Contract (6.)(A.)(5)(d.)).

Recommendation #9: The County must include their documentation of achievement in performance outcomes for CSS, PEI and INN programs/projects in each subsequent adopted Plan and Update thereafter.

Finding #10: Sierra County did not include the Three-Year PEI Evaluation Report as a part of the adopted FY 2017-20 Plan or FY 2019-20 Update. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 9, § 3560.020).

Recommendation #10: The County must include the Three-Year PEI Evaluation Report as a part of each subsequent adopted Plan or Update thereafter. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will accept the following in lieu of the Three-Year PEI Evaluation Report being a part of the Plan or Update: an addendum, an attachment, a link to the report or located on the county's website; as long as reference is made in the Plan or Update where the report may be found.