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**Commission Teleconference Meeting
July 23, 2020
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Award Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) Grants Category 2

Tom Orrock, Chief, Stakeholder Engagement and Grants
July 23, 2020
Agenda Item #2



Background

- Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA)
 - Included in 2019 Budget Trailer Bill, Senate Bill 75
 - Provides \$40 million one-time and \$10 million ongoing Mental Health Services Act funding
 - Establishes additional mental health partnerships between county behavioral health departments and school districts, charter schools, and county offices of education
- Applicants limited to county, city, or multicounty mental health or behavioral health departments, or a consortium of those entities, including multicounty partnerships, in partnership with one or more school districts and at least a county office of education or charter school



Background (cont.)

County, City or Multi-County Mental Health or Behavioral Health Departments, or a consortium of those entities, including Multi-County Partnerships



One or more School Districts



County Office of Education

and/or

Charter School located within the county



Background (cont.)

- Request for Application (RFA) for the MHSSA grants, in a competitive bid process to distribute \$75 million
- Includes two applicant categories
 - Category 1/Existing Partnership
 - Category 2/New or Emerging Partnership
- Includes three population designations
 - Small
 - Medium
 - Large



Grant Apportionment

- One RFA with two categories
 - Existing partnership (two or more years)
 - New or emerging partnership (less than two years)
- \$75 million over four years and 18 grants total
 - \$45M to existing partnerships
 - \$30M to new or emerging partnerships
- Three funding levels based on county population
 - Small (less than or equal to 200,000)
= 6 grants @ \$2.5M each
 - Medium (greater than 200,000-750,000)
= 6 grants @ \$4M each
 - Large (greater than 750,000)
= 6 grants @ \$6M each



Grant Apportionment (cont.)

County Designation	Number of Grants Category 1	Number of Grants Category 2	Amount of each Grant	Total
Small	2	4	\$2,500,000	\$15,000,000
Medium	4	2	\$4,000,000	\$24,000,000
Large	4	2	\$6,000,000	\$36,000,000
TOTAL	\$45 million	\$30 million		\$75,000,000



RFA/Award Overview

- Commission approved scope of work and minimum qualifications for the RFA at the November 2019 Commission meeting

- Commission announced 10 Category 1 grantee awards at the April 2020 Commission meeting:
 - Humboldt (small)
 - Mendocino (small)
 - Placer (medium)
 - San Luis Obispo (medium)
 - Solano (medium)
 - Tulare (medium)
 - Fresno (large)
 - Kern (large)
 - Orange (large)
 - Ventura (large)



RFA/Award Overview (cont.)

- Grants awarded to include personnel, administration and program costs
 - Personnel and peer support dedicated to delivering services
 - Administration costs not to exceed 15% of total budget grant amount
 - Program costs may include training, technology, facilities improvement and transportation
- Grants awarded to address goals regarding mental illness
 - Prevent becoming severe and disabling
 - Timely access to services
 - Outreach to recognize early signs
 - Reduce stigma
 - Reduce discrimination
 - Prevent negative outcomes



Category 2 Awards

- Highest scoring applications within each population designation within Category 2 are recommended for award
- Four-year grants
- Eight grants for a total of \$30,000,000
 - Four small-county (\$10,000,000)
 - Two medium-county (\$8,000,000)
 - Two large-county (\$12,000,000)
- Anticipated start date of Fall 2020



RFA Evaluation Process

- Each RFA contained scoring tool and rubric for scoring
- Stage 1: Administrative Submission Review
 - Verify required documents
 - Pass/Fail evaluation
- Stage 2: Application Scoring - based on each designated population
 - Mandatory requirements
 - Scored requirements
 - Budget Worksheet
- Applications with the highest overall scores are recommended for an award



Proposed Motion

For each of the eight grants, staff recommends the Commission:

- Authorize the Executive Director to issue a “Notice of Intent to Award MHSSA Category 2 Grants” to the applicants receiving the highest overall scores in each population category
- Establish July 30, 2020 as the deadline for unsuccessful bidders to file with the Commission an “Intent to Appeal” letter

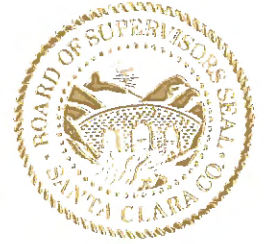


Proposed Motion (cont.)

- Establish that within five working days from the date MHSOAC receives the Intent to Appeal letter, the protesting Applicant must file with the MHSOAC a Letter of Appeal detailing the grounds for the appeal, consistent with the standard set forth in the Request for Applications
- Direct the Executive Director to notify the Commission Chair and Vice Chair of any appeals within two working days of the filing and adjudicate the appeals consistent with the procedure provided in the Request for Applications
- Authorize the Executive Director to execute the contract upon expiration of the appeal period or consideration of appeal, whichever comes first



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April 27, 2020

Mental Health Services
Oversight and Accountability Commission
1325 J Street, Suite 1700
Sacramento, CA 95814
Re: Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA)

Dear Commission Members,

I write in support of the application by the Santa Clara County Office of Education for funding from the Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission's Mental Health Student Services Act. This will be a collaborative partnership with the County of Santa Clara Behavioral Health Services and the thirty-one Santa Clara County school districts. I strongly support this grant application and the focus on increasing mental health prevention, early intervention services, and direct service opportunities for students and families on school campuses. I recognize the benefits of utilizing these funds to create wellness centers on school sites; increase the number of mental health professionals at school sites; and provide relevant professional learning to educators. If awarded, the robust consortium will expand their current services, creating an integrated approach to mental health services in order to meet a critical need of the region.

Santa Clara County will serve as a resource for the consortium. This includes the following activities:

- Accept referrals for eligible students in need of crisis intervention services
- Accept referrals for eligible families in need of mental health training and support
- Share resources and best practices related to crisis intervention with the consortium

As part of an organization that is deeply committed to the mental health needs of youth and families as well as increasing opportunities for youth, I support the objectives of this application and recognize the positive impact it will have on the well-being of youth and families throughout Santa Clara County.

Sincerely,

Cindy Chavez
President, Board of Supervisors



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June 8, 2020

Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC)
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RE: Mental Health Student Services Act of 2019 RFA for Santa Cruz County;
The Parents Center of Santa Cruz County Letter of Commitment

Please accept this letter as our highest endorsement of, and commitment to, the grant application being submitted by the Santa Cruz County Behavioral Health Department and the Santa Cruz County Office of Education on behalf of dozens of partners in our schools and mental health services agencies. We are excited to have this opportunity to strengthen and expand vital projects in the school mental health arena, especially in our work as The Parents Center, which serves youth and families via counseling and supervised visits involved in the child welfare system, as well as clients needing psychotherapy referred by schools and the community.

For more than 14 months, Santa Cruz County has engaged in an effort to organize, synthesize and enhance student and family mental health and wellness in education through a partnership titled: Schools Integrated Behavioral Health Initiative (SIBHI). Through a comprehensive structure of a steering committee, operations team and three large convenings of the whole community, a number of results have occurred, which include resource mapping in school districts, detailed input from all key stakeholders and the creation of a roadmap for our community to follow. The Parents Center has been an integral partner throughout the journey and ready to launch into the next phase, even faster with the possible addition of needed grant funding.

Should our county be fortunate enough to receive funding from MHSSA, The Parents Center is dedicated to expanding our outreach in schools by working with the new multi-agency care navigation team proposed, enhancing greatly the facilitation of access to appropriate services for students and families. We are also committed to offering psychotherapy slots to this team (and hence the school referrals) when available existing pathways of service are not found. These slots would be via the novel bank of hours created as an insurance blind backstop under the grant program design.

During this time of pending budget cuts in schools, public agencies and non-profits, even as the need for mental health and wellness supports increases in response to COVID-19 and its accompanying stressors, this targeted and timely funding would be a game changer, and life saver, for our county. Thank you for considering Santa Cruz County.

Sincerely,

Ashley Cartee
Chief Executive Officer
The Parents Center
Santa Cruz County

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MHSOAC Budget Narrative

Fiscal Year 2020-21

July 23, 2020

Internal Operations

Personnel

The Commission received \$6,122,666 and 46 positions (3 additional positions) to support Commission activities in Fiscal Year 2020-21. This year, the Governor reduced salaries by 9.38 percent and will require adjustments to the budget allocation for Personnel.

The proposed budget would authorize the Commission's personnel expenditures. In January 2021 staff will provide a mid-year update.

Core Operations

The Commission's core operations include funding in the amount of \$1,879,966 for travel, training, lease and all state required interagency agreements needed to support personnel, budget, accounting and IT services.

The proposed budget would authorize the Commission's operational expenditures.

Commission Initiatives

Communications

Art with Impact

Since 2012 the Commission has partnered with Art With Impact to leverage the power of the arts to reduce stigma, encourage early intervention, and connect Californians with mental health resources. In 2018 we focused our support on mental health among native communities and in 2019 we focused our support on mental health and the culture of masculinity and mental health in LGBTQ+ communities. We will work with Art with Impact to explore new areas of emphasis for 2020.

Crossings TV

Crossings TV connects culturally sensitive mental health messaging to 6 different Asian ethnic groups in 3 of the largest Asian American television markets in California. In response to the pandemic, Crossings has launched a special in-language COVID-19 web page that consolidates the latest news and resources coming out of the CDC, local governments, and other health organizations in 7 different Asian languages.

Website Redesign and Branding

The Commission is addressing an ADA compliance issue with our current brand or logo. We also are working to improve the design of our website and align the two.

The proposed budget would authorize the Commission's communications expenditures.

Innovation Incubator

The Commission received \$5 million in the 2018-19 fiscal year. Those funds have been encumbered to support a range of projects linked to reducing criminal justice involvement.

No additional funds were received this year to support the Innovation Incubator.

The Commission's authority to support COVID-19 response with \$2 million can be dedicated through the Commission Innovation Incubator work.

No action needed at this time.

Research and Evaluation

Consistent with past Commission direction, our Research and Evaluation staff continue to link mental health data with other data sets. Our focus this year is finalizing data sharing agreements with the California Department of Education, the Employment Development Department and the Department of Social Services. These data sharing agreements allow us to develop metrics focused on education, employment and child welfare outcomes. This work builds upon our work with criminal justice data.

We also continue to strengthen our transparency suite. We will release data on disparities in the coming weeks and are updating the fiscal and programmatic information we make available on our website.

The proposed budget includes \$1,180,667 to continue this work.

The Commission's research and evaluation budget includes an additional \$610,000 for new obligations. We will work with the Evaluation Committee to address priority uses of these funds.

Stakeholder Advocacy

The Commission receives funding to support advocacy, training and education, and outreach and engagement needs of the following communities: 1) Clients and Consumers, 2) Diverse Racial and Ethnic Communities, 3) Families of Clients and Consumers, 4) Immigrants and Refugees, 5) LGBTQ Communities, 6) Parents and Caregivers of Children and Youth, 7) Transition Age Youth and 8) Veteran Communities. In addition, the Commission contracts with the California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions to support the work of California's 59 local mental/behavioral health boards and commissions by providing resources, training, and opportunities for communication and state-wide advocacy.

The proposed budget includes \$5,418,000 to support stakeholder contracts that were previously authorized.

Other Commission Initiatives

The Commission has an estimated, undedicated balance of approximately \$305,821. These funds may need to be held in reserve to support negotiated salary reductions.

The Commission will be provided with an update in January 2021.

The Commission was authorized in FY 2020-21 to spend \$4,020,000 on two focused and limited-term activities: initiating the implementation of *Striving for Zero*, the State's suicide prevention strategic plan (\$2,000,000), and helping county agencies adapt to the operational demands of COVID-19 (\$2,020,000) and the fiscal implications of the pandemic-induced recession.

The proposed budget reflects these funds. Staff will work with the Chair to support a community engagement and outreach process to develop a workplan and expenditure strategy for the Commission's consideration at a later date.

Local Assistance

In prior years, including last year, the Commission authorized local assistance funding to support four grant programs. Our budget includes funding to support those four programs.

Triage Grants

The Commission receives \$20 million each year for Triage Grant programs. The current crisis triage grants were awarded in 2018. Triage grants are intended to support crisis intervention, crisis stabilization, mobile crisis support, and intensive case management and linkage to services to reduce client involvement law enforcement and the criminal justice system, as well as emergency hospitalizations.

A new round of Triage funding will become available next year. We will work with the Chair to schedule time on your agenda to explore opportunities to make best use of those funds within the priorities outlined in the law.

The proposed budget includes \$20,000,000 to support Triage contracts with counties that were previously authorized.

Mental Health Student Services Act

The Mental Health Student Services Act authorizes the Commission to fund county mental health and education partnerships. Last year the Commission authorized the release of \$75 million to support these partnerships, in two grant cycles. The first grant cycle supported existing partnerships and the Commission has released \$45 million. The balance, supporting emerging partnerships with \$30 million in funding is on schedule to be released this month.

The Commission will be asked today to consider awarding the second round of MHSSA grants (\$30,000,00).

Youth Drop-In Centers

At the May 2020 Commission Meeting, the Commission authorized contracts in the amount of \$10,589,000 to support the establishment or expansion of integrated mental health youth drop-in centers which provide mental health and wellness services for individuals between 12-25 years of age and their families and \$4,000,000 for technical assistance.

The proposed budget includes \$14,589,000 to support Youth Drop-In Centers for contracts that were previously authorized.

Early Psychosis Research and Technical Assistance

On June 26, 2020 the Commission received application for Early Psychosis Research and Technical Assistance programs to support the expansion and capacity building of programs using the Coordinated Specialty Care model across California. The total funding received for those programs is \$19, 452,000. The Commission approved funds in the amount of \$3, 890,000 (20% of the total) for a technical assistance contractor who will provide support and guidance to grantees, ensure program quality, and strengthen the statewide network of CSC providers.

The Commission will be asked to consider awarding \$15,562,000 for the Early Psychosis Research and Technical Assistance grants at the August 2020 Commission Meeting.



MHSOAC Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget Overview

Norma Pate, Deputy Director,
MHSOAC



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FY 2019-20 & 2020-21 Budget Overview (Internal Operations)

	Estimated Expenditures FY 2019-20	Proposed Expenditures FY 2020-21	Pending Approval
Personnel	\$6,090,552	\$6,122,666	
Core Operations	\$4,012,942	\$1,879,966	
Commission Initiatives			
Communications	\$353,990	\$358,880	
Innovation Incubator	\$2,500,000		
Research & Evaluation	\$976,919	\$1,790,667	\$610,000
Stakeholder Advocacy	\$5,415,500	\$5,418,000	
Other Commission Initiatives		\$305,821	\$305,821
Suicide Prevention			\$2,000,000
COVID-19			\$2,020,000
Total Commission Initiatives	\$9,246,409	\$7,873,368	



FY 2019-20 & 2020-21 Budget Overview (Local Assistance)

	Estimated FY 2019-20	Proposed FY 2020-21	Pending
Triage	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	
MHSSA	\$48,830,000	\$9,156,000	\$30,000,000
Youth Drop-In Centers	\$14,589,000		
Early Psychosis Research and Treatment	\$19,452,000		\$15,562,000
Total Local Assistance	\$102,871,000	\$29,156,000	
Total Budget	\$122,220,903	\$45,032,000	



Proposed Motion

- The Commission approves Fiscal Year 2020-21 expenditures as presented.





Wednesday July 22nd, 2020

MHSOAC Chair Lynne Askbeck
1325 J Street, Suite 1700
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairperson Ashbeck,

It was a pleasure to participate and make public comments at the MHSOAC meeting back in January of this year, thank you for allowing us to share our ideas with the commission for better supporting the mental health of mothers in California. We appreciate the commission considering mothers as a priority population and hope that will be put to a vote or formalized as soon as possible.

Due to the fact that Maternal mental health (MMH) disorders such as depression, anxiety, and other psychiatric illnesses represent the most common complication associated with pregnancy and childbirth, affecting up to 1 in 5 mothers (approximately 100,000 women in California each year)¹, singling them out as a priority population is not only appropriate, but necessary for them to get the care they so desperately need and deserve.

A recent study shows that rates of clinically significant anxiety and depression have more than doubled - rising to 72% and 41%, respectively - among pregnant and postpartum women during the pandemic². COVID resources for mental health should be earmarked for the birthing population in California, we appreciate your consideration and that of the MHSOAC commission.

With gratitude,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is 'Joy Burkhard' and the second is 'Crystal McAuley'.

Joy Burkhard and Crystal McAuley

¹ "CA Task Force — 2020 Mom." <https://www.2020mom.org/ca-task-force>.

² "Moms Are Not OK: COVID-19 and Maternal Mental ... - Frontiers." <https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fghw.2020.00001/full>.