MHSOAC
Mental Health Services
Oversight & Accountability Commission

Current MHSOAC Innovation Approval Process

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Overview of MHSA Innovation

- General requirements of Innovative Projects:
  - Introduce a mental health practice or approach that is new to the overall mental health system, including, but not limited to, prevention and early intervention.
  - OR
  - Make a change to an existing practice in the field of mental health, including but not limited to, application to a different population.
  - OR
  - Apply to the mental health system a promising community-driven practice or approach that has been successful in non-mental health contexts of settings.
  - OR
  - Participate in a housing program designed to stabilize a person's living situation while also providing supportive services on-site.

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Overview of MHSA Innovation

- The Primary Purpose of Innovative Projects is to achieve one of the following:
  - Increase access to mental health services to underserved groups, including permanent supportive housing.
  - Increase the quality of mental health services, including measurable outcomes.
  - Promote interagency and community collaboration related to mental health services or supports or outcomes.
  - Increase access to mental health services, including permanent supportive housing.

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The Path to Approving a County's Innovation Plan

1. Local community planning process
2. 30-day public review/feedback
3. Approval by Local Mental Health Board
4. Approval by Board of Supervisors
5. Approval by MHSOAC

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Key Tools Used in Approval Process

1. Innovative Project Plan Description-Optional Template
2. Staff Summaries
3. County's Presentation directly to Commission

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How can the Commission help?

1. Standards for Innovation proposals
2. Standards for technical assistance
3. Standards for presentations at Commission meetings
4. Setting milestones for success
5. Role of Subcommittee on Innovations

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NEXT STEPS?

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