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Data Collection Updates

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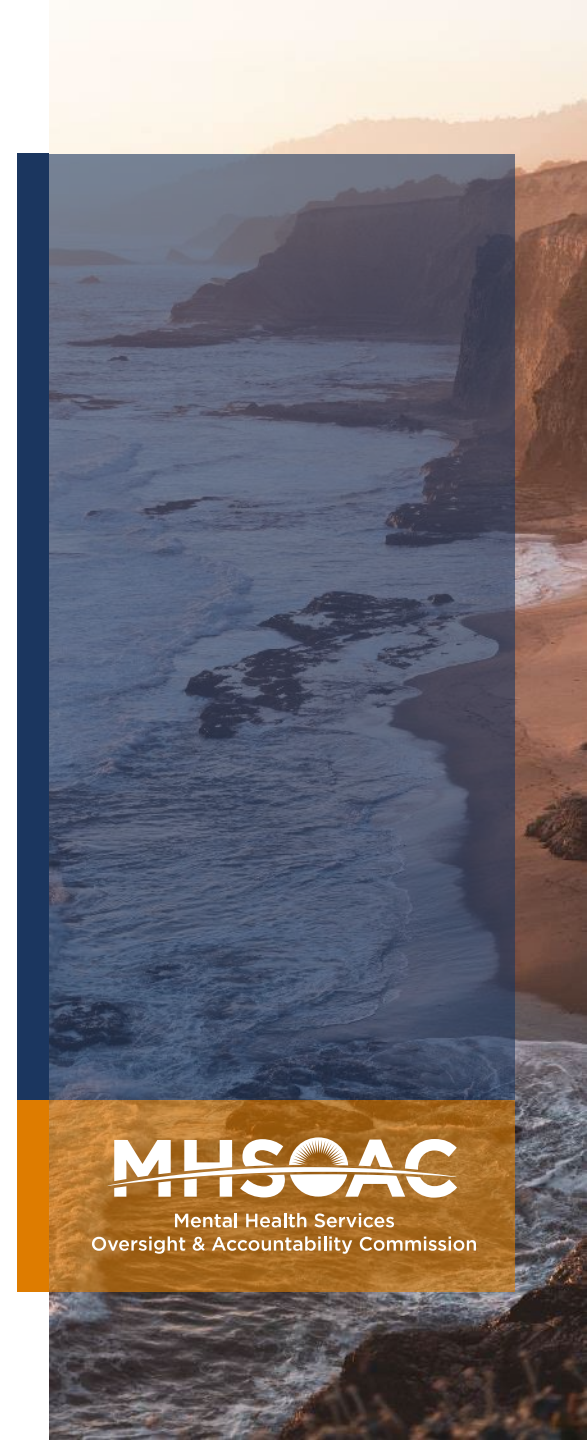
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❖ **Status of Data Submission**

  • Due Dates for Data Submission: Feb. 28, 2022 and Aug. 31, 2022

❖ **Status of all counties re data submission:**

  • Submitted: 13 grantees (as of 3/1/2028 am)

  • Submit data as soon as you are able

❖ **Reminders:**

  • Submit **all** data using the secure ShareFile system

    • For data security
    • One location for all data (even supportive data, narratives etc.)
    • Request a ShareFile account if your designated data person doesn't have it
    • Submit person-level data

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❖ **Why submit person level data**

- Person identified data is necessary to conduct a true evaluation.

- Person level data required by RFA

    Grantees "collect…provide access to person identified data" and ensure that "county partners grant access to the MHSOAC to all relevant person identified-level data" (Source: Section VIII. Evaluation; RFA)

- PII are secure at Commission, and only aggregated data reported (n<11); individuals will not be able to be identified in reports

- **FERPA Exceptions**

    - PII permitted under "Audit or evaluate a Federal or State supported education program"

    - If there are still barriers for your program with regard to submitting PII data, let's put our legal teams in touch

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Benefits of individual-level data

Facilitates data collection, reporting, and analysis:

- Less effort for grantees: Don't have to collect *and* summarize data. Just **collect** and **send** data.

- Can link MHSSA data to existing statewide data to identify outcomes (e.g., education, employment, criminal justice, vital statistics)

- Promotes in-depth analysis for the Commission that isn't feasible with pre-set data buckets. Can analyze data by cross-tabs instead (i.e., intersections). Results are more informative to programs and lawmakers.

- Can more easily summarize and examine data **across** grantees to identify **state-wide** trends and impact.

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❖ **Can I submit additional data?**

- Aggregate data, narratives, etc.

- YES! All data and information can be valuable, especially if it helps to shed light on the person level data you submit or help us understand your program better.

Thank You

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