

P. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT - MHSA

After California voters passed Proposition 63 in November 2004 the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) became effective January 1, 2005. The purpose of the act was to expand mental health services to create a comprehensive, innovative and culturally and linguistically competent community based mental health system for persons of all ages with serious and persistent mental health problems, including prevention and early intervention services and medical and supportive care. The Mental Health Plan has completed its initial extensive community program planning process and has approved plans for all 5 components of the MHSA: Community Services and Supports (CSS), Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI), Innovations, Capital Facilities and Technological Needs (CFTN), and Workforce Education and Training (WET). These components have been implemented, or are in some phase of implementation, according to current plans.

MHSA System Transformation

Under the MHSA, community based services and treatment options in San Diego County are to be improved, expanded, and transformed by:

1. Increasing Client and Family Participation
2. Serving More Clients
3. Improving Outcomes for Clients
4. Decreasing Stigmatization
5. Minimizing Barriers to Services
6. Increasing Planning and Use of Data
7. Increasing Prevention Programming
8. Including Primary Care in the Continuum of Care
9. Using of Proven, Innovative, Values-Driven and Evidence-Based Programs

The MHSA holds counties accountable for a number of outcomes. The outcomes include decreases in racial disparities, hospitalizations, incarcerations, out-of-home placements and homelessness while increasing timely access to care. Other outcomes may be required as the State and County evaluate MHSA services. Contractors receiving MHSA funding are responsible for complying with any new MHSA requirements.

MHSA Full Service Partnerships

A number of providers are participating in MHSA Full Service Partnerships, which provide mental health services to clients and link them with a variety of community supports, designed to increase self sufficiency and stability.

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These providers are required to participate in a State data collection program which tracks initial, specialized client assessments, ongoing key incident tracking and quarterly assessments. The State has set timeframes for provisions of each type of data.

For current information on MHSA visit:

www.sandiego.networkofcare.org/mh/countycontent/san-diego/MHSAI.cfm

For current State level and general MHSA information visit:

www.dmh.ca.gov/Prop_63/MHSA/default.asp