

### **P. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT - MHSA**

In November 2004, California voters passed Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). MHSA was designed to provide funds to counties to expand services, develop innovative programs, and integrate service plans for children, adults and older adults with a serious mental illness.

The MHSA work plan consists of five components:

- Community Services and Supports (CSS)
- Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)
- Innovations (INN)
- Capital Facilities and Technological Needs (CFTN)
- Workforce Education and Training (WET)

#### **MHSA System Transformation**

Under the MHSA, community based services and treatment options in San Diego County have been 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 Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) is responsible for oversight of MHSA implementation. MHSOAC 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 assessments, 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: <http://sandiego.camhsa.org/>

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