

**Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Performance Review Report**  
**Alpine County Program Review**  
**September 13, 2022**

**FINDINGS**

**Finding #1:** Alpine County did not provide a description of the county demographics, including, but not limited to, age, and gender in the adopted FY 2017-20 Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan (Plan) and adopted FY 2019-20 Annual Update (Update). However, the county did provide a description of the size of the county, threshold languages, unique characteristics, and race/ethnicity. (California Code of Regulations, title 9, section 3300(b)(4); Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) FY 2015-2016 MHSA Annual Update Instructions (pg. 5); MHSOAC FY 2014-2015 Through FY 2016-2017 MHSA Plan Instructions (pg. 4)).

**Recommendation #1:** The County must provide a description of the demographics of the county, including but not limited to, size of the county, threshold languages, unique characteristics, age, gender, and race/ethnicity, in each subsequent adopted Plan and Update thereafter.

**Finding #2:** Alpine County did not include a narrative description of the training provided to participants in the Community Program Planning Process (CPPP) in the adopted FY 2017-20 Plan and FY 2019-20 Update. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 3300(c); MHSOAC FY 2015-2016 MHSA Annual Update Instructions (pg. 3); MHSOAC FY 2014-2015 Through FY 2016-2017 MHSA Plan Instructions (pg. 3)).

**Recommendation #2:** The County must include a narrative description of the training provided to participants in the CPPP in each subsequent adopted Plan and Update thereafter.

**Finding #3:** Alpine County did not include a narrative description of the stakeholders who participated in the CPPP in enough detail to establish that the required stakeholders were included and reflected the diversity of the county in the adopted FY 2017-20 Plan and FY 2019-20 Update. More specifically, the county did not discuss law enforcement, veterans, adults and seniors with severe mental illness and religious based organizations. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, §§ 3315, 3300; Welfare and Institution Code (W&I Code) section 5848; MHSOAC FY 2015-2016 MHSA Annual Update Instructions (pg. 3); MHSOAC FY 2014-2015 Through FY 2016-2017 MHSA Plan Instructions).

**Recommendation #3:** The County must include a narrative description of the stakeholders who participated in the CPPP in enough detail to establish that the required stakeholders were included and reflected the diversity of the county in each subsequent adopted Plan and Update thereafter

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**Finding #4:** Alpine County did not include methods used by the county to circulate for the purpose of eliciting public comment of the draft Update to representatives of the stakeholders' interests and any other interested party who requested a copy of the adopted FY 2019-20 Update. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 3315(a)(1)(A)).

**Recommendation #4:** The County must include methods used by the county to circulate for the purpose of eliciting public comment of the draft Plan and Update to representatives of the stakeholders' interests and any other interested party who requested a copy in each subsequent adopted Plan and Update thereafter.

**Finding #5:** Alpine County did not include a description of any substantive changes made to the adopted FY 2019-20 Update that was circulated. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 3315(a)(4); MHSOAC FY 2015-2016 MHSA Plan Instructions (pg. 4)).

**Recommendation #5:** The County must include a description of any substantive changes made to each subsequent adopted Plan and Update thereafter that was circulated. If no changes made, identify no changes made in the Plan or Update.

**Finding #6:** Alpine County did not include an assessment of the county's capacity to implement mental health programs and services in the adopted FY 2017-20 Plan. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 3650(a)(5)).

**Recommendation #6:** The County must include an assessment of its capacity to implement mental health programs and services in each subsequent adopted Plan thereafter:

- a. The strengths and limitations of the county and service providers that impact their ability to meet the needs of racially and ethnically diverse populations. The evaluation should include an assessment of bilingual proficiency in threshold languages.
- b. Percentages of diverse cultural, racial/ethnic and linguistic groups represented among direct service providers, as compared to percentage of the total population needing services and the total population being served.
- c. Identification of possible barriers to implementing the proposed programs/services and methods of addressing these barriers.

**Finding #7:** Alpine County did not provide Full Service Partnership (FSP) programs/services to children (0-15), in the adopted FY 2017-20 Plan. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 3620(j); W&I Code section 5847(b)).

**Recommendation #7:** The County must provide FSP programs/services to all age groups: children (0-15), transitional age youth (16-25), adult (26-59), and older adult (60 and older) in each subsequent adopted Plan and Update thereafter.

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**Finding #8:** Alpine County did not provide an estimate of the number of clients, in each age group, to be served and the cost per person in the FSP category for each fiscal year of the adopted FY 2017-20 Plan. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 3650(a)(3); W&I Code section 5847(e).

**Recommendation #8:** The County must provide an estimate of the number of clients, in each age group, to be served in the FSP service category for each fiscal year of the Plan in each subsequent adopted Plan thereafter.

**Finding #9:** Alpine County did not indicate the number of children, transitional age youth (TAY), adults, and seniors to be served and the cost per person for Community Services and Supports (CSS), Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) and Innovation (INN) in the adopted FY 2019-20 Update. (W&I Code section 5847(e); MHSOAC FY 2015-2016 MHSA Plan Instructions (pgs. 4-5)).

**Recommendation #9:** The County must indicate the number of children, TAY, adults, and seniors served and the cost per person for CSS, PEI and INN in each subsequent adopted Plan and Update thereafter.

**Finding #10:** Alpine County did not include the Annual PEI Report as a part of the adopted FY 2017-20 Plan and FY 2019-20 Update. (CCR tit. 9, § 3560.010).

**Recommendation #10:** The County must include the Annual PEI Evaluation Report as a part of each subsequent adopted Plan or Update thereafter. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will accept the Annual PEI Report being a part of the Plan or Update as an addendum or attachment; as long as reference is made in the Plan or Update where the report may be found.

**Finding #11:** Alpine County did not include the Three-Year PEI Evaluation Report as part of the adopted FY 2017-20 Plan and FY 2019-20 Update. (CCR tit. 9 § 3560.020).

**Recommendation #11:** The County must include the Three-Year PEI Evaluation Report as a part of each subsequent adopted Plan or Update thereafter. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will accept the Three-Year PEI Evaluation Report being a part of the Plan or Update as an addendum or attachment; as long as reference is made in the Plan or Update where the report may be found.