DHCS Form 5510

MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan or Update Extension FY 2020-21

Background and Instructions

Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code section 5847(h), allows a county that is unable to complete and submit a Three-Year Program Expenditure Plan (Plan) or annual update (update) for fiscal year (FY) 2020-21 due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency to extend the effective time frame of its currently approved Plan or update to include FY 2020-21, and submit the subsequent Plan or Update on July 1, 2021.

This document provides notification to DHCS that the County is extending the effective time frame of its currently approved Plan or Update to include FY 2020-21, per W&I Code section 5847(h).

Please enter the requested information in the fields below and submit a completed form electronically to DHCS at <u>MHSA@DHCS.ca.gov</u>.

Section I: County Information

a. Type of Planor Update Update

b. Date current Plan/Update was approved 5/12/20

Section II: Stakeholder Notification

Stakeholders have been notified that the County is extending the effective time frame of its currently approved Plan or update to include FY 2020-21 as of: 8/21/20

Section III: Extension Justification

Provide a brief summary describing how the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency inhibited the County's ability to complete and submit its Three-year Plan or annual update for FY 2020-21.

Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (ACBH) was on track to implement its in person Community Program Planning Process (CPPP) for its MHSA Three-Year Plan in early February/March when the COVID-19 shelter-in-place orders were enacted. However, the impact of this crisis required that ACBH pivot and restart it's planning process through virtual venues and online surveys for the safety of the community.

The process of realigning departmental community planning efforts from in-person to online/virtual venues, to allow for greater input for the community, resulted in delays. These efforts ultimately contributed to additional delays in posting and finalizing our MHSA. Three-Year Plan as planned (by June 30, 2020). In response to its county emergency worker efforts, the ACBH MHSA division also personally deployed MHSA planning staff to assist with our county Public Health Department response and COVID-19 system efforts which reduced staff capacity. This limited staff support further impacted the posting and finalization of the county's Three-Year Plan by the end of June.

Despite delays, Alameda County is committed to continued efforts that ensure adequate and comprehensive community involvement during these unprecedented times.

Section IV: Certification

The undersigned certifies that the information included in this form is complete and accurate to the best of their ability.

Karyn Tribble8/27/2020County Behavioral Health Director SignaturePrinted NameDate