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 MHSA@DHCS.ca.gov.

Section I: County Information

- a. Type of Planor Update Plan
- b. Date current Plan/Update was approved 6/18/19

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: 7/28/20

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.

The Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) completed the Community Planning Process for the 2020-2023 Three-Year Plan in December, 2019. DBH was in the process of completing the Three-Year Plan document when the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency interrupted operations in March, 2020. The emergency required DBH Executive Leadership and division managers to devote the majority of their work time toward the development and implementation of policies and practices that would allow services to continue, while safeguarding both the individuals receiving services and DBH employees. Employee workflows were affected by a transition to working from home and the assumption of emergency duties. Meanwhile, emergency duties assumed by the Board of Supervisors required a focus on emergency response activities and items. Finally, the fiscal impact caused by the COVID-19 emergency will necessitate further fiscal review of the drafted MHSA plan. These system-wide changes inhibited the Department's ability to draft, post, and seek approval for the 2020-2023 Three-Year Plan.

Section IV: Certification

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

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County Behavioral Health Director Signature	Printed Name	Date