Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Performance Review Report
Ventura County Program Review
October 13, 2026

FINDINGS

Finding #1:
Ventura County did not identify in the assessment for the narrative analysis of the mental health needs of unserved, underserved/ inappropriately served, and fully served county residents who qualify for MHSA services in the adopted FY 2023-26 Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan (Plan), the number of children, TAY, adult and older adults by: gender, race/ethnicity, and primary language. (California Code of Regulations, title 9, section 3650(a)(1)(A)).

Recommendation #1:
The County must provide evidence of compliance by identifying in the assessment for the narrative analysis the number of children, TAY, adult, and older adults by gender, race/ethnicity, and primary language for FY 2023-26.

Finding #2:
Ventura County did not address all off the components in their assessment of the county's capacity to implement proposed mental health programs and services in the adopted FY 2023-26 Plan. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 3650(a)(5)).

Recommendation #2:
The County must provide evidence of compliance with an assessment of its capacity to implement mental health programs and services which addresses and includes all the following required components:

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,

b. Bilingual proficiency in threshold languages,

c. 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, and

d. Identification of possible barriers to implementing the proposed programs/services and methods of addressing these barriers.

Finding #3:
Ventura County did not indicate the number of Children, TAY, Adults, and Older Adults to be served, and did not provide the cost per person for Innovation (INN), in the

FY 2024-25 Annual Update (Update). (Welfare and Institution Code (W&I Code) section 5847(e); Cal. Code Regs., §§ 3650 (a)(3), 3755(k)(1), 3755(o)(8), 3930(c)(4)(C)).

Recommendation #3:
The County must provide evidence of compliance for the estimated number of children, TAY, adults, and older adults to be served, and indicate the cost per person for INN for FY 2024-25.