

**Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Performance Review Report
Imperial County Program Review
May 10, 2022**

FINDINGS

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

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

Finding #2: Imperial County did not report the cost per person for Community Services Support (CSS), Prevention Early Intervention (PEI) and Innovation (INN) services/programs in the adopted FY 2017-20 Plan and adopted FY 2019-20 Update. (Welfare and Institution Code (W&I Code) section 5847(e); MHSOAC FY 2015-2016 MHSA Annual Update Instructions (p 4-5); MHSOAC FY 2014-2015 Through FY 2016-2017 MHSA Plan Instructions (pg 4)).

Recommendation #2: The County must report the cost per person for CSS, PEI, and INN programs in each subsequent adopted Plan and Update thereafter.

Finding #3: Imperial County did not include a narrative analysis the adopted FY 2017-20 Plan of the mental health needs of unserved, underserved/ inappropriately served, and fully served County residents who qualify for MHSA services. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 3650(a)).

Recommendation #3: The County must include a narrative analysis of the mental health needs of unserved, underserved/ inappropriately served, and fully served County residents who qualify for MHSA services each subsequent adopted Plan thereafter.

Finding #4: Imperial 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 #4: The County must include an assessment of its capacity to implement mental health programs and services in each subsequent adopted Plan thereafter, and include:

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- 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.