

**Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Performance Review Report**  
**Stanislaus County Program Review**  
**March 27-29, 2023**

**FINDINGS**

**Finding #1:** Stanislaus County did not include documentation of achievement in performance outcomes for Innovation (INN) programs in the adopted Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-23 Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan (Plan) and FY 2022-23 Annual Update (Update). The adopted Plan and Update included documentation of achievement in performance outcomes for Community Services and Support (CSS) and Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) programs. (County Performance Contract (6.)(A.)(5)(d.); (Welfare and Institution Code (W&I Code) section 5848).

**Recommendation #1:** The County must include documentation of achievement in performance outcomes for CSS, PEI, and INN programs in each subsequent adopted Plan and Update, thereafter.

**Finding #2:** Stanislaus County did not include a 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 2020-23 Plan. (California Code of Regulations, title 9, section 3650(a)(1)(A)).

**Recommendation #2:** 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 #2a:** Stanislaus County did not identify in the narrative analysis the number of children, transition aged youth (TAY), Adult/and older adults by gender, race/ethnicity, and primary language in the adopted FY 2020-23 Plan (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 3650(a)(1)(A)).

**Recommendation #2a:** The County must identify the number of children, TAY, adult, and older adults by gender, race/ethnicity, and primary language in the narrative analysis in each subsequent adopted Plan, thereafter.

**Finding #3:** Stanislaus County did not provide an estimated number of clients, in each age group, to be served in the Full Service Partnership (FSP) service category for each fiscal year of the FY 2020-23 Plan. The adopted Plan included the fiscal year total number served; however, not the estimated number of clients, in each age group per fiscal year. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 3650(a)(3)).

**Recommendation #3:** 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 #4:** Stanislaus County did not indicate the number of children, TAY, adults, and seniors to be served in the FY 2020-23 Plan for PEI, and INN. The adopted Plan indicated the total number served; not the number to be served by age group in each

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fiscal year. (W&I Code section 5847(e), California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 9, sections 3755(k), 3755(o)(8)).

Recommendation #4: The County must indicate the number of children, TAY, adults, and older adults to be served in each age group for each fiscal year for PEI and INN in each subsequent adopted Plan, thereafter.

Finding #5: Stanislaus County explained how individuals, and, as applicable, their parents, caregivers, or other family members, will be linked to County mental health services, a primary care provider, or other mental health treatment in the adopted FY 2020-23 Plan and FY 2022-23 Update. However, the County did not explain how the Program will follow up with the referral to support engagement in treatment. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 3755(h)(5)).

Recommendation #5: The County must explain how individuals, and, as applicable, their parents, caregivers, or other family members, will be linked to County mental health services, a primary care provider, or other mental health treatment; and how the Program will follow up with the referral to support engagement in treatment each subsequent adopted Plan and Update, thereafter.

**SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS**

Suggested Improvement #1: DHCS recommends the county include the Annual PEI report as part of each subsequent adopted Plan and/or Update hereafter to ensure that future Annual PEI reports are easily located and identified. It should be clearly labeled, indicating what years are being reported and the location of the report within the Plan or Update. The Annual PEI report is not to be used in lieu of Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 9, § 3755, which are the regulations for the PEI Component of the Plan and Update. DHCS recommends the county submit the report as an addendum or attachment to the Plan or Update and include a cover page for the Annual PEI report with the title:

*Annual PEI Report*  
*FY XXXX to XXXX*

Suggested Improvement #2: DHCS recommends the county include the Three-Year PEI Evaluation report as part of each subsequent adopted Plan and/or Update hereafter to ensure that future Three-Year PEI Evaluation reports are easily located and identified. It should be clearly labeled, indicating what years are being reported and the location of the report within the Plan or Update. The Three-Year PEI Evaluation report is not to be used in lieu of Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 9, § 3755, which are the regulations for the PEI Component of the Plan and Update. DHCS recommends the county submit the report as an addendum or attachment to the Plan or Update and include a cover page for the Three-Year PEI report with the title:

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Three-Year Prevention and Early Intervention Evaluation Report  
FY XXXX to FY XXXX

The Three-Year PEI Evaluation report is due every third year as part of the Plan and/or Update and shall report on the evaluation(s) for the three prior fiscal years. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 9, § 3560.020).

Suggested Improvement #3: DHCS recommends the County ensure the following for MHSA Contracts:

1. The contract identifies the target population by age groups: child, TAY, adult, and seniors.
2. The Terms of Agreement Date is identified and includes both the start and end date.
3. The contract is signed and dated prior to the start of the Terms of Agreement Date by the county and the contractor.