

**Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Performance Review Report  
Tehama County Program Review  
August 22, 2023**

**FINDINGS**

**Finding #1:** Tehama County did not include documentation of achievement in performance outcomes for Community Services and Support (CSS), Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI), and Innovation (INN) programs and projects in the adopted Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Annual Update (Update). (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 and projects in each subsequent adopted Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan (Plan) and Update thereafter.

**Finding #2:** Tehama 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 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 in each subsequent adopted Plan thereafter.

**Finding #3:** Tehama County did not indicate the number of children, TAY, adults, and seniors to be served and the cost per person for CSS, PEI, and INN programs in the FY 2022-23 Update. (W&I Code section 5847(e)).

**Recommendation #3:** The County must indicate the number of children, TAY, adults, and seniors and cost per person for CSS, PEI, and INN programs, to be served in each subsequent adopted Plan and Update thereafter.

**Finding #4:** Tehama County did not specify the methods and activities used to change attitudes, knowledge, and/or behavior regarding being diagnosed with mental illness, having mental illness and/or seeking mental health services for each Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Program in the adopted FY 2020-23 Plan and FY 2022-23 Update. (Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 9, §§ 3750(d); 3755(f)(3)).

**Recommendation #4:** The County must include a description of each Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Program and use a validated method to measure changes in attitudes, knowledge, and/or behavior regarding being diagnosed with mental illness, having mental illness and/or seeking mental health services in each subsequent adopted Plan and Update thereafter.

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**SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS**

Suggested Improvement #1: DHCS recommends the county include the Annual PEI report as a distinct 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 California Code of Regulations, title 9, section 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 a distinct 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:

*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).