

**Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Performance Review Report**  
**Colusa County Program Review**  
**Date of Review: October 30, 2023**

**Finding #1:** Colusa County did not indicate the number of children, transition age youth (TAY), adults, and older adults to be served, and did not provide the cost per person for Community Services and Support (CSS), Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI), and Innovation (INN), in the adopted Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-23 Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan (Plan) and FY 2022-23 Annual Update (Update). (Welfare and Institutions Code (W&I Code) section 5847(e)).

Recommendation #1: The County must indicate the number of children, TAY, adults, and older adults to be served, and indicate the cost per person for CSS, PEI, and INN, in each subsequent adopted Plan and Update thereafter.

**Finding #2:** Colusa County did not specify the methods and activities to be 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. (California Code of Regulations, title 9, section 3755(f)(3)).

Recommendation #2: The County must specify the methods and activities to be 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 each subsequent adopted Plan and Update thereafter.

**Finding #3:** Colusa County did not 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 for each Access and Linkage for Treatment program in the adopted FY 2020-23 Plan and FY 2022-23 Update; and how the Program will follow up with the referral to support engagement in treatment. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, §§ 3755(h)(4), 3755(h)(5)).

Recommendation #3: 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 for each Access and Linkage for Treatment program; and how the Program will follow up with the referral to support engagement in treatment in each subsequent adopted Plan and Update thereafter.

**Finding #4:** Colusa County did not include the Annual PEI report as a part of the adopted FY 2020-23 Plan and FY 2022-23 Update. (Cal. Code Regs tit. 9, § 3560.010).

Recommendation #4: The County must 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

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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. Department of Health Care Services (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*

**Finding #5:** Colusa County did not include the Three-Year PEI Evaluation report as part of the adopted FY 2020-23 Plan and FY 2022-23 Update. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9 § 3560.020).

**Recommendation #5:** The County must 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 adopted 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 IMPROVEMENTS**

Suggested Improvement #1: DHCS recommends that the county's fiscal year Update includes a detailed description of new programs, programs that have changed from what was described and/or discontinued from the previous fiscal year Plan. It shall include the rationale for all added, changed, or discontinued programs. Descriptions should include, but not be limited to, any and all stakeholder input and/or evaluation data that contributed to the decision to add, change, or discontinue a program, and any and all impact on individuals served in changed or discontinued programs.