

MHSA INNOVATION PROJECT PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

1. Description of Proposed Innovation Project

Innovation Project: This is a project that the county designs and implements for a defined time period, and evaluates to develop new best practices in mental health. An Innovation Project meets one or more of the following criteria:	Select One
1. Introduces as new approach or approach that is new to the overall mental health system, including, but not limited to, prevention and early intervention.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Makes a change to an existing practice in the field of mental health, including but not limited to, application to a different population	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Introduces a new application to the mental health system of a promising practice or approach that has been successful in a non-mental health context.	<input type="checkbox"/>
❖ A mental health practice that has already demonstrated its effectiveness and could be funded with MHSA funds is not eligible for funding as an Innovation Project.	

- a. Describe proposed Innovation Project. Based on the selection above, how does the proposed project meet criteria for Innovation Funding? Specifically, how is the proposed project expected to contribute to the development and evaluation of a new or changed practice within the mental health field? Differentiate the elements that are new or changed from existing practices in mental health already known to be effective.

- b. Describe the population to be served relevant to the proposed project. Include demographic information such as age, gender, race, ethnicity, and language if applicable. Describe the expected number of clients to be served annually.

- c. Briefly specify the total time frame of the proposed project, noting the start and end date for this project does not exceed four years. How will this allow sufficient time for all aspects of the project? This includes development, time-limited implementation, evaluation, decision-making, and communication of the results?

¹ Draft Proposed Innovative Project Regulations, 9/16/13 V6, Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission

2II. Identify Primary Purpose of Proposed Innovation Project

Primary Purpose: The county shall select at least one of the following purposes for developing and evaluating a new or changed mental health practice:	Select One
1. Increases access to underserved groups	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Increases quality of mental health services, including better outcomes	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Promotes interagency collaboration related to mental health services or supports	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Increases access to mental health services	<input type="checkbox"/>
❖ Evaluation: The County shall design a method for evaluating the effectiveness and feasibility of the Innovation Project and shall conduct the evaluation according to the method designed.	

- a. Describe the intended outcomes of the proposed project and how those outcomes can be measured? Include specific indicators for each intended outcome.

- b. How does the project intend to ensure evaluation of the Innovation Project is culturally appropriate and inclusive, with meaningful involvement by diverse community stakeholders?

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