County of Santa Cruz
Behavioral Health Services
MHSA 2023 - 2026 Three - Year Plan:
Public Comment Closing

Thursday, April 20, 2023
MHSA Overview

**MHSA Three - Year Plan**
Every three years, entities receiving MHSA funding must submit a plan that details the programs being administered, budget allocations, program updates and/or implementations, population/communities being services as well as links to the most recent outcomes measurements reports.

This plan works to identify persistent mental health service gaps and develop strategies to address them over the next three fiscal years, based on the community needs assessment and stakeholder input.

**MHSA Annual Updates**
Counties are required to provide community members with an update to the MHSA Three-year plan on an annual basis.

*The Plan being addressed now*
Roles & Responsibilities

- **Community & Partners**
  Share experiences, ideas, and individual perspectives and reflections of community needs and strategies to meet those needs

- **SC Behavioral Health Services**
  Develop the MHSA Three-Year Plan that is reflective of community needs, priorities, and identified strategies

- **Mental Health Advisory Board**
  Support partner & community involvement, review and advise on the MHSA Three-Year Plan, and conduct public hearing following public comment period

- **County Board of Supervisors**
  Review & approve the MHSA Three-Year Plan

- **RDA Consulting**
  Support community research and engagement period, share findings, facilitate conversations, offer recommendations for the future and compile information into the MHSA Three-Year Plan
MHSA Planning & Engagement Activities

- **Public Comment Period & Public Hearing on Draft Plan**: March 20 - April 20, 2023
- **Provider, Partner, & Client Focus Groups**: February 21 - 24, 2023
- **Town Hall & Community Listening Session**: February 16, 2023
- **Community Feedback Survey**: February 10 - 27, 2023

Updates shared here: [https://www.santacruzhealth.org/HSAHome/HSADivisions/BehavioralHealth/MentalHealthServicesActs.aspx](https://www.santacruzhealth.org/HSAHome/HSADivisions/BehavioralHealth/MentalHealthServicesActs.aspx)
Stakeholder Recommendations

INCREASE OUTREACH, EDUCATION, & ENGAGEMENT:
Devote more efforts toward outreach, education, spreading awareness, and community engagement to improve understanding and acquisition of services.

STRENGTHEN WORKFORCE:
Strengthen the hiring, retention, training, and professional development of provider staff, including:
- Examine factors influencing hiring & retention
- Establish pipeline for hiring supervising clinicians
- Support licensure acquisition for recent graduates
- Additional training in communication and client engagement, co-occurring conditions, and training from people with lived experience

EXPAND EXISTING OR DEVELOP NEW PROGRAMS:
- Acute care
- Emergency and crisis services
- Step-down services
- Non-crisis prevention
- Co-occurring and dual diagnosis services
- Peer support programs
- Housing supports
MHSA Funding Allocation Requirements

- **CSS**: 76%
- **PEI**: 19%
- **INN**: 5%

- **FSP**: Full-Service Partnership Services
  - 50% of CSS
- **O+E**: Outreach & Engagement Services
  - 50% of CSS
- **GSD**: General System Development
## FY2023-26 Estimated MHSA Program Expenditures

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Public Comment & Discussion

- What do you see as the strengths of the plan?
- What concerns do you have about the plan?
- What types of behavioral health programs or initiatives would you like to see SCBHS fund or expand?
- What other feedback do you have about the plan?
Your voice matters.

Thank you for joining to sharing with us!

More Information & MHSA Three-Year Planning:
https://www.santacruzhealth.org/HSAHome/HSADivisions/BehavioralHealth/MentalHealthServicesAct.aspx

If you have any questions or comments, please contact:
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