# COUNTY OF KERN MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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# **Kern County Mental Health Request an Amendment to the MHSA Performance Contract**

The Kern County Mental Health Department held eight involved stakeholder meetings involving, consumers, family members, staff, contractors, outlying areas, medical staff, and other involved parties to review priorities for the department in anticipation of the upcoming decrease in funding. During these stakeholder meetings plans that seemed to fit better into one component instead of another were also reviewed. The results from the meetings were generally the same; stakeholders felt that it was most important to preserve services to the most mentally ill, services in our outlying areas, and continue to strive for a system that uses recovery principles.

#### Eliminate Program 1: Mobile Brief Services, CSS, Project 6

- 1. Mobile Brief Services is a System Development project (#6) in our Community Services & Supports Plan. This plan is currently operational.
- 2. Following the stakeholder meetings there was general consensus that this program more clearly fit under Prevention & Early Intervention umbrella and as such should be moved to work in such a capacity. Within our submitted PEI plan is a portion that would include this team as part of work with physical health care clinics.
- 3. The funding from this program will be used to assist our Bakersfield Recovery and Wellness Centers. These programs are also in our Community Services & Supports plan.
- 4. The program being eliminated is not an FSP.

## Eliminate Program 2: Comprehensive, Continuous, Integrated System of Care, CSS, Project 12

- 1. Comprehensive, Continuous, Integrated System of Care (CCISC) is a System Development project (#12) in our Community Services & Supports Plan. This plan is currently operational.
- 2. Following the stakeholder meetings there was general consensus that this program most clearly falls under the Workforce, Education, and Training umbrella and as such should be moved to work in such a capacity.
- 3. The funding from this program will be used to expand our Bakersfield Recovery and Wellness Centers. These programs are also in our Community Services & Supports plan.
- 4. The program being eliminated is not an FSP.

### Eliminate Program 3: The Super Assessment Center, CSS, Project 13

- 1. The Super Assessment Center (SUPAC) is part of our Access to Care (#13) plan in our Community Services & Supports Plan. This plan is currently operational.
- 2. Stakeholders agreed that the funding and staff from this program could be more efficiently used in another capacity by joining in with the general assessment Crisis Case Management Outreach (CCMO) team. This would reduce costs and increase the effective flow for consumers since they would be co-located at the same building.
- 3. The funding will be shifted to other portions of the Access to Care team.
- 4. The program being eliminated is not an FSP.

In addition to the input from the broad stakeholder meetings, this information will be posted publicly beginning July 24<sup>th</sup> for 30 days for review and comment by our community and stakeholders.