

Prop 47 – Cohort III – Prop 47 Grant & Local Advisory Committee

KernBHRS has an opportunity to apply for a Prop 47 grant which may be used to support mental health services, substance use disorder treatment, diversion programs, or some combination thereof for people in the criminal justice system. In addition, the proposal will include programs to provide supplemental housing-related services and other community-based supportive services, such as job skills training, case management, and civil legal services. The grant can fund programs that serve adults and/or juveniles.

The focus of Kern's application in these efforts if received will provide funding for Forensic Wraparound Services, Community Based Support, and additional Substance Use Early Intervention Services.

The Local Advisory Committee is a key component in this effort. The 21-member Kern County LAC was developed from a larger group of 60 individuals with expertise and experience in key program areas and those who could be impacted by the proposal. The LAC Committee participants represent a broad range of interests, expertise and experience including, communities, organizations, behavioral health professionals, educators, community-based and faith-based organizations, individuals impacted by the justice system, law enforcement, probation, prosecutors, defense attorneys, courts, social service providers, advocacy groups, housing providers, housing navigators and citizens.

A recent informational seminar was conducted with the LAC membership who engaged in an interactive survey to guide our direction in developing the program scope. Additional meetings will be held in the coming weeks to invite on-going feedback and provide non-confidential updates. If successful, the LAC will continue for the 3-year duration of the program.

KernBHRS began its community outreach efforts during 2021 by including Prop 47 program needs in the County-wide MHSA Stakeholder process which began the discussion and helped BHRS to focus on the most critical needs in the community which support the grant proposal.

Local Advisory Committee Meetings:

- Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 8:00 AM
- Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 8:00 AM

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