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## Mono County Behavioral Health

### Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)

#### FY 2017-2018 Update: Reversion Expenditure Plan

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## INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW

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County Mental Health Plans (Counties) receive state-based funding for mental health services as a result of California Proposition 63 (now known as the Mental Health Services Act or MHSA), which was passed in November of 2004. MHSA provides increased funding to support California's county mental health programs. The MHSA imposes a one percent income tax on personal income in excess of \$1 million to address a broad continuum of community services, supports, prevention, early intervention and services needs and the necessary infrastructure, technology and training elements that will effectively support this system, with the purpose of promoting recovery for individuals with serious mental illness. Counties develop or enhance mental health programs in accordance with State requirements, by engaging in an annual Community Program Planning Process that includes significant stakeholder input and involvement.

This Plan Update focuses on AB 114, which became effective July 10, 2017. This assembly bill stated that unspent MHSA funds up for reversion are now reallocated back to the county of origin for the purpose which they were originally allocated. For example, Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) funds up for reversion were reallocated to the county for PEI purposes only.

Every county must develop a plan to spend its reallocated funds and post it to the county's website. The county must submit a link to the plan to DHCS (Department of Health Care Services) by July 1, 2018. Each county's Board of Supervisors (BOS) must adopt a final plan within 90 days of the county posting the plan to the county's website. Each county must submit its final plan to DHCS and the MHSOAC (Mental health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission) within 30 days of adoption by the county's BOS. All reverted funds must be expended no later than June 30, 2020. These funds are unlike regular MHSA revenue. They will not renew every year and once they have been spent, the state is not providing additional funding to replace it. The reverted funds are, in a sense, one-time allocations.

Mono County Behavioral Health has been notified that \$74,710 in the Prevention and Early Intervention component and \$85,088 in the Innovations component were reverted back to the State and immediately reallocated to Mono County Behavioral Health for use before June 30, 2020.

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## INNOVATION & PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION SPENDING PLANS

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### Innovation

In February 2018, the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission approved one Innovation project (the “Technology Suite”) that will utilize \$85,000 of the reverted funds over the course of fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. Therefore, the reverted funds for the Innovations component have a plan to be expended, with the exception of \$88. Please see the link below to view this Innovation plan, which includes a description of the stakeholder involvement for this project:

- [https://www.monocounty.ca.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/behavioral\\_health/page/10057/mono\\_tech\\_suite\\_inn\\_plan\\_final.pdf](https://www.monocounty.ca.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/behavioral_health/page/10057/mono_tech_suite_inn_plan_final.pdf)

### Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)

Based upon findings in the Spring 2017 Community Program Planning (CPP) Process and in-depth conversations with staff around their current capacity, MCBH has decided to create a 0.6 FTE benefitted position in Walker/Coleville, CA, focused on Prevention and Early Intervention. When hired, this individual will design and implement PEI activities in Eastern Sierra Unified School District schools with all ages of children and youth; conduct outreach and engagement activities with the Antelope Valley Indian Community and the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center; gauge community readiness for programs such as a youth mentorship program; and conduct mental health promotion/stigma reduction trainings for teachers and other community leaders, as the need is identified.

Walker and Coleville sit 1.5 hours north of MCBH’s main office in Mammoth Lakes. Presently, MCBH employs a part-time Walker Wellness Center Associate who works approximately 10 hours per week. One day per week, an MCBH therapist drives the three-hour round-trip to provide individual services and assist with telepsychiatry. Based on the needs identified in this community, including engagement with the schools, this is simply not enough staffing. MCBH is thrilled to be able to utilize these PEI funds to provide much-needed services and outreach in one of our underserved, outlying areas.

The cost for this position will be \$37,355 annually.

Year	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	Total
Salary & Benefits	\$37,355	\$37,355	\$74,710

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## LOCAL REVIEW PROCESS

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This MHSA Reversion Expenditure Plan was discussed with the Behavioral Health Advisory Board on May 14, 2018 for clarification, input, and approval. The Advisory Board offered its express approval of the plan.

The MHSA Reversion Expenditure Plan is available for 30-day public review and comment May 15, 2018 – June 15, 2018. Notification of the public review dates and access to copies of the document are made available through the following methods:

- An electronic copy is posted on the County's MHSA website: [monocounty.ca.gov/mhsa](http://monocounty.ca.gov/mhsa)
- Paper copies of the MHSA Reversion Expenditure Plan are available upon request at the Department's main offices in Mammoth Lakes and its Wellness Center/Satellite Office in Walker, CA
- A press release/news story on Mono County's website:  
<https://www.monocounty.ca.gov/behavioral-health/page/mental-health-services-act-reversion-expenditure-plan-available-public>

Mono County Behavioral Health plans to take the MHSA Reversion Expenditure Plan to the Mono County Board of Supervisors during the months of July or August and will submit the approved plan to DHCS and the MHSOAC within 30 days of Board approval.

Any public comment will be added here following the 30 day review period.