



**Mental Health Advisory Committee (MAC) Stakeholder Group Meeting**

**Program/Service Information Summary:**

This document outlines the program/service changes presented to the MAC Stakeholder Group. This document is proof of stakeholder knowledge in decision making priorities and practices for the County of San Luis Obispo Mental Health Services Act programs/services.

<b>MHSA Program Mini-Grant Program</b>	
<b>Current Program</b>	<b>Proposed Changes</b>
<b>Current Total Amount:</b> \$0	<b>New Total Amount: Up to \$600,000</b> (Released Prudent Reserve)
<b>Number of Assessments:</b>	<b>Number of Assessments:</b>
<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counties are required to establish and maintain a prudent reserve to ensure the county can continue services in years in which revenues are below recent averages (W&amp;I Code Section 5847(b)(7)).</li> <li>• SB 192 added a subsection to the MHSA that requires counties to establish a prudent reserve that does not exceed 33 percent of the average CSS revenue received in the local MHS Fund in the preceding five years.</li> <li>• Due to this new guidance, the County reduced its Prudent Reserve by nearly \$3M to comply with the 33% cap.</li> <li>• \$2.8M was transferred to CSS, which must be spent towards CSS or WET prior to June 30, 2022.</li> <li>• With the increase in infrastructure and other “one-time” grants, staff recommends the MAC approve releasing a portion of the remaining funds to ongoing MHSA programs.</li> <li>• Funds would be distributed as mini-grants, at no more than 25% of current MHSA contract budgets (limit \$50k for those with contracts under \$500k, and \$75k for the contracts over \$500k annually).</li> <li>• Suggested purchases include hardware, curriculum, print and digital materials, capacity-building/training, engagement items, etc.</li> <li>• Expenses must meet MHSA Principles and be spent by June 30, 2022.</li> <li>• The County will set aside a portion to be dedicated to Workforce Education and Training – allowing PEI and INN programs to apply for funding to support training and capacity building.</li> <li>• With stakeholder approval, County staff will issue an RFA to existing MHSA contracted partners by September 1, 2021.</li> </ul>	

