

**County of San Luis Obispo
Behavioral Health Department
Mental Health Services Act**

Mental Health Advisory Committee (MAC) Stakeholder Group Meeting:

This document is proof of stakeholder involvement in decision making priorities and practices for the County of San Luis Obispo Mental Health Services Act programs.

The MAC Stakeholder Group asserts that they have fully understood and made a decision regarding the changes for the following program/service:

CAPSLO/South County SAFE Family Advocates	
Current Program/Service 0.0069 FTE Program Supervisor /Coordinator 0.125 FTE Administrative Assistant 1.45 FTE Family Advocates	New Changes/Updates to Program/Services Add 1.00 FTE Family Advocate Add 1.00 FTE Community Resource Specialist (<i>funding April-June 2024</i>)
Current Total Amount: \$99,369.38	New Total Amount: \$ \$93,494 (one-time/one-year funding) Next FY 23/24 total amount: \$192,864.11
Justification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the past several years, CAPSLOs and, most significantly, this fiscal year, the South County SAFE program has experienced a significant increase in referrals for family advocates and counseling services. Since COVID, and now due to inflation, families are experiencing more stress and are struggling to get by. Families have more intensive needs than in previous years, and many are struggling financially and experiencing mental health issues. Referral numbers continue to grow, and the number of family advocates remains the same, creating an undue burden and stress for staff to keep up with the community's needs. For this FY to date (July 2022 – April 2023), CAPSLO has received 872 referrals, surpassing last year's numbers. At the current rate, they are on track to receive a projected total of 1,046 referrals for this FY – a 45% increase from FY 2021-22 (N=721). CAPSLO is requesting support to bring in a new full-time Family Advocate to support the increased need in the community. This new Advocate will support the Oceano and Arroyo Grande Family Resource Centers. CAPSLO also requests support to continue to fund a Community Resource Specialist who supports all counseling referrals. This position was made possible through temporary COVID funds from the California Family Resource Association and the South County Youth Coalition. Funding for this position ends in March 2024, requesting staff costs to be covered for the remaining three months of the next fiscal year. This role is essential to connecting clients to counseling services and walking them through the process. 	
Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The program will increase the capacity to support the Oceano and Arroyo Grande Family Resource Centers. The program will continue offering ongoing support to connect clients to counseling services and walk them through the process. Increase the number of counseling referrals received and connections made to services. A projected total of 1,046 referrals. 	

On Wednesday, May 31st, 2023: **Add additional funding support to CAPSLO/South County SAFE Family Advocates.**

[X] SLOBHD Staff recommends approval by the MAC Stakeholder Group as specified above.

[] SLOBHD Staff does not recommend approval by the MAC Stakeholder Group as specified above.

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