

**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:

The LINK: Family Advocates in Middle School Comprehensive Program	
Current Program/Service Family Advocates	New Changes/Updates to Program/Services MHSA funds move from partially funding these positions to fully funding these positions. In addition, funds will be applied to travel expense to schools and additional tech support.
Current Total Amount: \$308,272	New Total Amount: \$409,145 Total increase \$100,873 2 FTE Family Advocates
<p>Justification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 6 Family Advocates are partially funded by MHSA and the MHSSA grant, 3 positions from each funding source. The additional funding to compensate these positions at a market rate was through grant money related to COVID and grant rollover dollars that no longer exist. • Approval of this request restores staff to market compensation rates with loss of supplemental funding. • Family Advocates are bilingual, bicultural, and bring lived experienced that is essential to building trust with the Latinx community. People with these skills and experience are difficult to find and retain. Ensuring their compensation is competitive will contribute in retaining these individuals and their services long-term. • 18% of the increase will be applied to travel expenses and tech support to allow Family Advocates to work remotely and work from school to school as needed. <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program will continue to meet contracted outcome requirements, including: Forty percent (40%) of contacts will engage in intensive services and support; and Seventy-five percent (75%) of managed cases will show progress in attendance and behavior of the family's children in school. • Improved retention of Family Advocate staff. • Increased capacity to provide services remotely and in-person at SLO County schools. 	

On Wed, September 28th 2022: **Add additional funding support for The LINK Family Advocates Program.**

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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