

**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:

MAC Fiscal Sub-Committee (FSC)	
Current Program/Service MHSA Stakeholder Committee	New Changes/Updates to Program/Services Add Fiscal Sub-Committee for short-term expenses.
Current Total Amount: \$0	New Total Amount: \$0
<p>Justification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the coming months the County will be releasing up to approximately \$7,000,000.00 in MHSA funds from its Operating Reserve. These are funds typically held in Trust and are encumbered for the following one to two years as all MHSA funds must be spent within three years or revert to the state. The County keeps approximately 80% of the current year's expenses in Reserve. This is kept in addition to the Prudent Reserve, which does not have threat of reversion. Guidelines from the CA Behavioral Health Director's Association (CBHDA) and CalMHSA recommend counties reduce this Reserve to approximately 50% of a year's expense. This is based on healthy projections for MHSA revenue in future years, as well as a request from state advocacy groups to increase MHSA spending in areas such as homelessness, and infrastructure to maximize CalAIM benefits. The County's Board of Supervisors has made Behavioral Health a Board Priority for FY 23-24, and once the County completes its Gaps Analysis and Behavioral Health Strategic Planning, it is expected there will be requests to use MHSA funding for key initiatives, and to support grant and other allocations for housing and services (among other initiatives). The current MAC structure is to hold meetings every other month, which the County has found to maximize participation amongst interested community partners. As fiscal decisions will become more regular and urgent in this period, it would be difficult to increase the MAC meeting regularity. Fiscal decisions already take a good portion of each meeting, which should also include reports on existing programs and opportunities for Community Advisors to review current and future work plans. A Fiscal Sub-Committee (FSC) of the MAC would meet ad hoc to review short-term (released Reserve or one-time funds to be spent within three years) funding recommendations by the County MHSA Leadership Team. The Sub-Committee would report actions at MAC meetings and monthly updates by the MHSA Leadership Team. The FSC would consist of no current MHSA providers, and would be approximately 3-4 individuals with strong interests in MHSA funding accountability. <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding decisions for one-time expenses being done by FSC will increase time in meetings for program review and ongoing budget oversight. Funding decisions will expedite spending and reduce risk to, and reversion of, MHSA revenues. A Fiscal Sub-Committee will increase community advisor participation in the Community Planning Process. 	

On Wednesday, March 29, 2023: **Develop and enlist membership in a MAC Fiscal Sub-Committee.**

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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