

Sierra County Behavioral Health



Amendment to the Mental Health Services Act Plan & Expenditure Report for FY 2020-2023 Workforce Education & Technology Component (WET)



This amendment is to include anticipated expenditures not currently identified in the MHPSA
Plan & Expenditure Report

Thirty (30) Day Public Review Posting Date of March 9, 2022

Public Hearing Date: April 7, 2022

Public Hearing Location: Sierra County Wellness Center, 706 Mill Street, Loyalton, CA 96118

Public Hearing Time: 10:30 a.m.

Questions or comments? All are welcome.

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Amendment Overview

Sierra County Behavioral Health operates with transparency in conducting business. As such, the current MHSa Plan & Expenditure Report for FY 2020-2023 indicates expenditures for a local Loan Assumption Program within the Workforce Education & Technology (WET) component. The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) created an opportunity to participate in the Superior Regional Partnership-OSHPD WET Grant. This amendment allows for Sierra County's participation and to match funds with the Superior Regional Partnership.

An individual who is participating at the local level will not be able to participate in the Superior Regional Partnership and visa-versa.

DESCRIPTION

Local Loan Assumption Program

The Mental Health Services Act encourages loan assumption programs through the Workforce Education and Training (WET) component as stated in California Code of Regulations, Title 9, Chapter 14, Sections 3200, 3850-3856. Sierra County Behavioral Health (SCBH) is proposing a local loan assumption program to continue providing and enhancing quality services to clients.

The student loan assumption program is targeted at individuals who choose a career in the Behavioral Health field and are attending or have attended a valid university or college in positions that are hard to fill, such as associates, Family Therapists, Psychologist and Behavior Intervention Specialists who are employees of Sierra County. The individual must work for Sierra County Behavioral Health at a minimum of one year with three evaluations taking place during the first year. The loan assumption amount may not exceed \$10,000 per year for up to six years. Funds will only be paid to the lending institution after an annual evaluation of services provided.

Once Sierra County Behavioral Health is in partnership with CalMHSA, the Local Loan Assumption program will not be open to individuals. The Local Loan Assumption program will continue to be included in the plan should the Superior Regional Partnership be severed.

Amendment:

Superior Regional Partnership – OSHPD WET Grant

The 2020-2025 Superior Regional Partnership for the OSHPD WET Grant aims to address the shortage of mental health practitioners in the public mental health system (PMHS) through a framework that engages Regional Partnerships and supports individuals through five potential categories including: Pipeline Development, Loan Repayment Program, Undergraduate College and University Scholarships, Clinical Master and Doctoral Graduate Education Stipends, and Retention Activities. The Superior Region – consisting of Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity County – selected these three categories as their local priorities: 1) Loan Repayment, 2) Educational Stipend, and 3) Peer Scholarship.

Both the Local Loan Assumption Program and the Superior Regional Partnership – OSHPD WET Grant are funded through Mental Health Services Act funding. Therefore, Sierra County can only participate in one program. The Behavioral Health Advisory Board voted on February 3, 2022 to utilize the Superior Regional Partnership. Participation in the Superior Regional Partnership allows for a greater hiring pool, the taking over of administrative duties related to loan repayment, educational stipends, peer scholarships, and greater versatility of fund use.

Participating in this program will not increase the approved estimated expenditures. Sierra County Behavioral Health will be responsible to provide \$19,684.07 as a match. A total of \$77,724.57 will be available through 2022-2025 fiscal years.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Increase recruitment of hard to fill positions within Sierra County Behavioral Health.

OUTCOMES

- Increased capacity to serve and support community members

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**FY 2020-2023 Mental Health Services Act Program & Expenditure Plan
Workforce, Education and Training (WET) Funding**

County: Sierra

Date: 4/1/21

	Fiscal Years 2020-23					
	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Estimated Total Mental Health Expenditures	Estimated WET Funding	Estimated Medi- Cal FFP	Estimated 1991 Realignment	Estimated Behavioral Health Subaccount	Estimated Other Funding
WET Programs						
1. ELECTRONIC LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM						
FY 20/21	12,000	12,000				
FY 21/22	12,000	12,000				
FY 22/23	12,000	12,000				
2. AGENCY WORKFORCE TRAINING						
FY 20/21	20,000	20,000				
FY 21/22	20,000	20,000				
FY 22/23	20,000	20,000				
3. LOAN ASSUMPTION PROGRAM(S)						
4. FY 20/21	32,000	32,000				
5. FY 21/22	32,000	32,000				
6. FY 22/23	32,000	32,000				
7.	0					
8.	0					
9.	0					
10.	0					
11.	0					
12.	0					
13.	0					
14.	0					
WET Administration	90,000	90,000				
Total WET Program Estimated Expenditures	282,000	282,000	0	0	0	0