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# AGENDA ITEM 6

Action

May 26, 2016 Commission Meeting

City of Berkeley Innovation Plan

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**Summary:** The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) will consider approval of the City of Berkeley's request to fund its new Innovative (INN) project: Trauma Informed Care (TIC) for Educators, for \$180,000 over three years.

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) requires that an INN project does one of the following: (a) introduces a new mental health practice or approach, including but not limited to prevention and early intervention, (b) makes a change to an existing mental health practice or approach, including, but not limited to, adaptation for a new setting or community, or (c) introduces to the mental health system a promising community-driven practice/approach, that has been successful in non-mental health contexts or settings.

The law also requires that an INN project address one of the following as its primary purpose: (1) increase access to underserved groups, (2) increase the quality of services including measurable outcomes, (3) promote interagency and community collaboration, or (4) increase access to services.

The primary purpose of the City of Berkeley INN Project, Trauma Informed Care for Educators, is **increasing access to mental health services**.

The project proposes to **make a change to an existing mental health practice or approach** by modifying typical TIC training for educators. The modification consists primarily of implementing the model through a "train the trainer" approach; providing ongoing support for educators through an existing Learning Collaborative and "Peer Support Learning Circles"; and inviting parents to participate in the training.

The City of Berkeley requests authorization from the MHSOAC to fund this three-year project in the amount of \$180,000.

**Presenters:**

- Brian R. Sala, PhD., Deputy Director, Evaluation and Program Operations
- Steven Grolnic-McClurg, LCSW, Mental Health Manager, City of Berkeley Department of Health, Housing and Community Services, Mental Health Division.

**Enclosures (2):** (1) Staff Innovation Summary– City of Berkeley;  
(2) County Innovation Brief– City of Berkeley

**Handout:** A PowerPoint will be presented at the meeting.

**Proposed Motion:** The MHSOAC approves the City of Berkeley's Innovation Project.

Name: Trauma Informed Care for Educators

Amount: \$180,000

Project Length: Three Years