

Defining the Framework of Innovation

A. Identify a problem and the County's current strategy to address the problem.

- There is no strategy at this time.
- The available strategy is too expensive.
- The available strategy is not effective enough.
- The available strategy is not effective with some consumers.

B. What are the alternate strategies to address the problem?

- Has the County applied any of the alternate strategies?
 - If YES- what are the gaps between the outcomes achieved by others implementing these strategies and the County's outcomes?
 - Would it help to make improvements to the process or changes to quality assurance to see more impact from this alternate strategy?
 - Would it help to change training strategies to focus on improving model fidelity in practice?
 - Would it help to enhance evaluating how the strategy is currently addressing the need to demonstrate a more positive impact?
 - If NO-
 - What are the reasons for not applying the alternate strategies?
 - Can the County consider applying one of the alternate strategies through other MHSa components or funding options?
- The County has applied the alternative strategies and made quality assurance improvements, and the problem remain ineffectively addressed.
 - Consider proposing an Innovative project opportunity.

C. Innovative project opportunity

- Determine the type/level of Innovation needed- new vs. adaptation vs....?
- Start the process of Innovation project design.
 - a) *Engage in open discussion with community/stakeholders on:*
 - Clearly defining the problem- "what are the biggest problems we are trying to solve in our County"?
 - Exploring alternatives- review the practices currently used to address the same problem.
 - Developing a logic model- determine why the current practices addressing the same problem will not result in positive outcomes for the County.
 - Developing the Innovation proposal- discuss the adaptations the County will be making on the current practices or the new practice the County will be introducing to the mental health field.
 - Include a robust evaluation process to learn from the project.
- Engage in opportunities to collaboration and disseminate information.