## **INNOVATION PROJECTS**





## MHSOAC Innovation Project Regulations Issued July 2015 Section 3910.015 Continuation of an Innovation Project

- a) After completion of the evaluation pursuant to section 3915 (i.e. when the evaluation questions are answered), the County, with meaningful involvement of stakeholders, shall decide whether and how Innovation Projects or elements of Innovation Projects, will be continued and incorporated into the local mental health delivery system and with what other funding sources, if funding is required.
- b) An Innovative Project proven to be successful that the County, with meaningful stakeholder involvement, chooses to continue, in whole or in part, shall not be funded with Innovation Funds.
- c) To continue a successful Innovative Project, the County shall transition the Project, or successful elements of the Project, if funding is required, to another category of funding. In some instances, the County may be able to incorporate successful practices demonstrated through an Innovative Project into existing mental health programs or services without the need for additional funds.

## **Stanislaus County Criteria to Continue Innovation Projects**

BHRS Senior Leadership Team will make the determination on whether to continue an Innovation Project or implement successful elements of the Project, into the mental health delivery system in Stanislaus County. The Leadership Team will review the project evaluation as part of its criteria. The decision to continue an Innovation Project or its successful elements will also include the following:

- a) Fiscal Sustainability Can the project be sustained financially through BHRS? Can it bill for services such as MediCal?
- b) BHRS Priorities Does the project fit in with established priorities and the direction set forth by the department?