



MHSA Steering Committee

The MHSA Steering Committee plays a critical role in the development of MHSA program and expenditure plans. Specifically, the MHSA Steering Committee makes recommendations to the planning and services development process and as a group, assures that MHSA planning reflects local diverse needs and priorities, contains the appropriate balance of services within available resources and meets the criteria and goals established.

Guiding Principles

- Focus on wellness, recovery and resilience
- Cultural and linguistic competency
- Consumer/family-driven services
- Integrated service experience for families and consumers
- Community collaboration

Composition and Membership

The Steering Committee will be co-chaired by a member of the Board of Supervisors and the chair of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Recovery Commission (MHSARC), and will include broad representation from stakeholder groups including the membership of the entire MHSARC. Please visit the MHSA website www.smchealth.org/bhrs/mhsa for the most up-to-date membership list.

The Steering Committee meetings will be open to the public and will include time for public comment as well as means for submission of written comments. To join the Steering Committee as a member please contact Doris Estremera, MHSA Manager at mhsa@smcgov.org or (650) 573-2889.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Steering Committee will oversee the Community Program Planning (CPP) process and development of the MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan (MHSA Plan) and the Annual Updates. The role of the Steering Committee will be to assure that the recommended MHSA Plan

- reflects local needs and priorities,
- contains the appropriate balance of services within available resources, and
- meets the criteria and goals established by the state Mental Health Services Oversight Accountability Commission (MHSOAC).

Instructions and guidelines for the development of the plan can be found at the MHSOAC website, www.mhsoac.ca.gov.

The Steering Committee will also:

- Review input received through the CPP process and make recommendations for strategy development.
- Recommend priorities for inclusion in the MHSA Plan. The MHSARC will open a 30-day public comment period for the Draft MHSA Plan and subsequently, a public hearing.

MHSA Planning Timeline

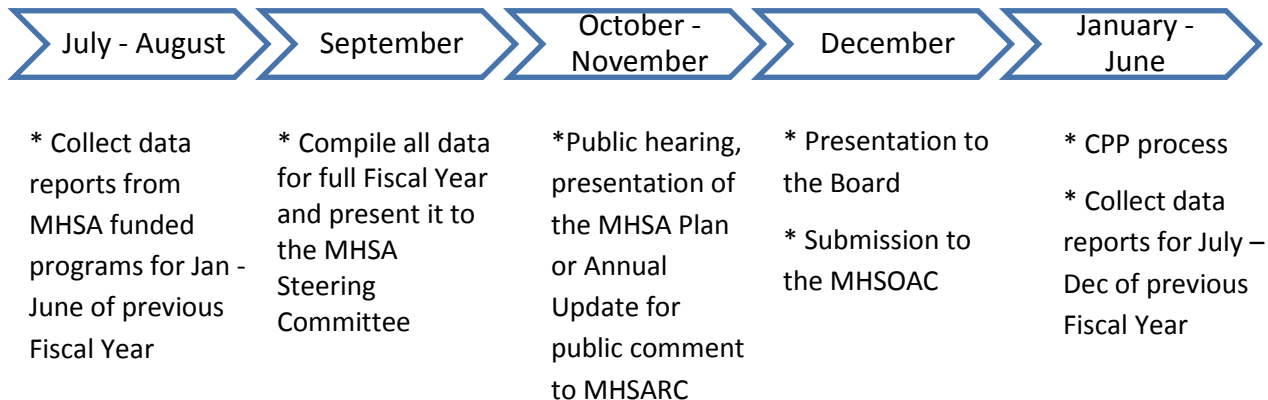
MHSA planning, implementation and updates are on a Fiscal Year (FY) calendar July 1 – June 30.
Counties are required to plan for and submit a Three-Year MHSA Plan and Annual Updates each year.

Current Three-Year Implementation Phase: July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017

Annual Updates Due: December 2015, December 2016, December 2017

Next Three-Year Planning Phase: January 2017 – April 2017

Next Three-Year MHSA Plan Due: December 2017



Steering Committee Meetings

- The MHSA Steering Committee will **meet twice a year in the Fall and Spring** during Implementation Phase July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017.
- As we begin the Planning Phase, January 2017 – April 2017 for the next three years of MHSA services there may be 1-2 additional meetings to allow for more engagement in the CPP process and making recommendations.

Given that there are only 2-3 meetings per year, consistent attendance is very important. We will make every attempt to provide you meeting date, time and location well in advance.

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