

Appendix (x): Fresno County

County Contact and Specific Dates

- **Primary County Contact: Erinn Chan-Golston**
- **Date Proposal posted for 30-day Public Review:**
 - MHSA 2024-2025 Annual Update posted 2/16/2024
 - Project appendix posted 4/24/2024
- **Date of Local MH Board hearing:**
 - MHSA 2024-2025 Annual Update hearing 3/20/2024
 - Project appendix presented to Behavioral Health Board on 5/15/2024
- **Date of BOS approval or calendared date to appear before BOS:**
 - MHSA 2024-2025 Annual Update on BOS agenda 5/7/2024

Description of the Local Need

In 2019, Fresno County became the first county approved by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) to participate in what would eventually become the Multi-County Psychiatric Advanced Directives Innovation Project. During the initial stages of the project, the Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) identified individuals experiencing homelessness and individuals at risk of, assigned to, or stepping down from conservatorships as its primary target populations for Phase 1. The needs faced by these populations have been the focus of several recent state-level legislation efforts, including Proposition 1, SB 43, and CARE Court. Fresno County DBH is committed to addressing new legislative requirements while continuing to provide person-centered, recovery-focused care to all individuals served by the public behavioral health system.

To ensure effective and empowering utilization of Psychiatric Advance Directives (PADs) in the system of care, there is a need for continued development of the tool and training (including for persons served, family members and caregivers, PADs facilitators, first responders, and hospitals). Continued work is needed to develop the strategies necessary to operationalize PADs as an integral tool option in the system of care.

Description of the Response to the Local Need

During Phase 2 of the Multi-County Psychiatric Advanced Directives Innovation Project, Fresno County DBH will work to integrate PADs as an engagement and empowerment tool across the system of care. DBH will continue to leverage partnerships with local organizations that serve the Phase 1 target populations while simultaneously working to embed Psychiatric Advanced Directives throughout the entire system of care.

DBH intends to train approximately 500 Fresno County employees and contracted provider staff in the purpose, facilitation, and administration of Psychiatric Advanced Directives over the course of the project. This robust training plan will support a system-wide rollout and integration of Psychiatric Advanced Directives.

As a result of participating in this project, DBH seeks to understand:

- 1) What resources are necessary to support a system-wide rollout of Psychiatric Advanced Directives?
- 2) Can the implementation of easily accessible electronic Psychiatric Advanced Directives decrease hospitalizations, emergency department visits, and incarcerations across the Fresno County system of care?

Description of the Local Community Planning Process

Fresno County DBH conducts a robust, holistic community planning process throughout the entirety of each fiscal year. Phase 2 of the Multi-County Psychiatric Advanced Directive Innovation Project has been presented to Fresno County stakeholders in several venues and formats. Of particular note was the inclusion of Phase 2 discussion in the community planning process for the 2024-2025 MHSA Annual Update. DBH hosted two in-person forums, one virtual forum, and a report-back session. Fresno County’s intent to participate in Phase 2 of this project is noted in the 2024-2025 MHSA Annual Update, during which there was no public comment or issues raised with plans to participate in Phase 2. Additionally, the MHSA AU was supported by the local Behavioral Health Board on 3/20/2024 and is pending final approval by the County Board of Supervisors on 5/7/2024.

Budget Narrative for County Specific Needs:

Total proposed budget: \$5,915,000

County Costs: \$2,915,000

- Training & Technical Assistance- \$1,500,000
- DBH administration - \$750,000
- Marketing - \$100,000
- Equipment - \$25,000
- Travel & Mileage - \$40,000

Contractor Costs: \$3,000,000

Budget by Fiscal Year and Specific Budget Category for County Specific Needs

Statewide PADS Project							
Statewide Project	\$	3,000,000					
Administrative Fees							
<i>Total Statewide</i>	\$	3,000,000					
Fresno County			2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Training & Technical Assistance	\$	2,000,000	\$485,000.00	\$485,000.00	\$485,000.00	\$485,000.00	\$60,000.00
DBH Administration	\$	750,000	\$167,500.00	\$167,500.00	\$167,500.00	\$167,500.00	\$80,000.00
Marketing	\$	100,000	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$	25,000	\$8,333.33	\$8,333.33	\$8,333.33	\$8,333.33	\$0.00
Travel & Mileage	\$	40,000	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
<i>Total County</i>	\$	2,915,000	\$695,833.33	\$695,833.33	\$695,833.33	\$695,833.33	\$140,000.00
Total Phase 2	\$	5,915,000					

Budget Narrative

The estimated budget for Psychiatric Advanced Directives (PADs) Phase Two's five-year innovation is \$5,915,000. Fresno County has allocated \$3,000,000 to the multi-county statewide PADs project and \$2,915,000 towards the local implementation of the project.

- Statewide PADs Project - \$3,000,000

Fresno County has allocated \$3,000,000 to Syracuse University, who will continue to act as the administrative and fiscal intermediary for phase two of the PADs multi-county Innovation plan. This \$3,000,000 will go towards the statewide efforts of rolling out a digital PAD, along with promotion, training, and technical assistance for first responders and hospitals, evaluation, etc. Syracuse University will be paid up to 15% for the administration and oversight of all contracts under this statewide project. This administrative fee is included in the overall allocation.

The statewide project includes funding for:

- Concepts Forward Consulting – project management
- Chorus Innovations – creating of the digital PAD
- Idea Engineering – marketing, website and promotion
- Painted Brain – providing peer voices
- Burton Blatt Institute – project evaluation

- Fresno County - \$2,915,000

Simultaneously, Fresno County will be working locally to expand knowledge and promotion of digital PADs. The County will be allocating \$2,000,000 of the funds to for local PAD workshops and trainings, technical assistance for contracted providers, and training support for approximately 500 members of its system of care.

The remaining \$915,000 of the local County funding will be allocated to DBH administration (salaries, direct costs, and indirect costs), local marketing and outreach for education of PADs, equipment, and travel and mileage related to PADs Phase Two and implementation.