



**Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
August 27, 2020**

Notice of Intent to Award

After completing the review of all applications submitted in response to the EPI Plus Request for Applications (RFA) RFA EPI Plus-001, the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) has selected and hereby intends to award contracts to:

Kern County Behavioral Health - \$1,999,924

Lake County Behavioral Health - \$1,999,966

San Francisco County Behavioral Health - \$1,996,144

Santa Barbara County Behavioral Health - \$2,000,000

Sonoma County Behavioral Health - \$2,000,000

Assembly Bill 1315 (Mullin) established the Early Psychosis Intervention Plus (EPI Plus) Program and the EPI Plus Advisory Committee to advise the Commission regarding the allocation of funds for a competitive selection process to expand the provision of high-quality, evidence-based early psychosis and mood disorder detection and intervention services in the state.

To support a more coordinated effort to decrease the duration of untreated psychosis and mood disorder, the Commission has awarded \$9,996,034 in total funding to be distributed among the county behavioral health departments listed above. These programs will operate with fidelity to an evidence-based model and expand service capacity for early psychosis and mood disorder detection and intervention services in California.

This funding will promote the expansion of Coordinated Specialty Care Clinics (CSC) as the primary method for delivering high-quality, integrated care to individuals experiencing a first episode of psychosis. These programs will use evidence-based approaches which will help them to identify and address the individual needs of each participant through a shared decision-making approach. Individuals and their families will be supported through a team-based structure of support which provides a full continuum of services to assist in their recovery.

This Notice of Intent to Award is posted on the MHSOAC website (www.mhsoac.ca.gov) for five (5) working days, from August 27, 2020 through September 3, 2020.