



# COUNTY OF YOLO

## Health and Human Services Agency

### Stakeholder Input Meetings: Proposition 47 Grant

The Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) hosted two community meetings, on November 14, 2016 and November 18, 2016, to solicit input regarding how Yolo County could best use Proposition 47 Grant funds. This document provides a list of the suggestions received during the meetings.

●	Fully included
○	Partially included
⊙	Not included

HHS organized the suggestions into two sections: program components and program priorities. The program components section contains five subsections, while the program priorities section contains four subsections. Each suggestion is marked as either fully included, partially included or not included in HHS's project proposal using the symbols in the key provided. Italicized sentences offer more explanation as to whether HHS incorporated the suggestion into its project proposal.

## Section 1: Program Components

### Mental Health Services

- Improve discharge planning  
*The proposed project includes the hiring of two full-time Clinicians and one full-time Probation Officer who could conduct outreach and administer assessments at locations as allowed by the terms of the grant. It is important to note that besides jail in-reach and re-entry planning, the grant prohibits providing services in a custodial setting.*

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- Improve access to services immediately after jail discharge  
*The proposed project includes the hiring of two full-time Clinicians and one full-time Probation Officer who could conduct jail in-reach, administer assessments, and facilitate linkages to services prior to discharge. It is important to note that besides jail in-reach and re-entry planning, the grant prohibits providing services in a custodial setting.*

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- Expand treatment for people with co-occurring disorders  
*Proposed project will significantly expand available services and treatment options for persons with co-occurring disorders.*

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- Increase the number of home visiting clinicians and public health nurses  
*An important element of HHS's proposed project includes a mobile team of Clinicians and Case Managers to conduct home visits whenever appropriate. Public Health Nurses will be considered a linkage resource, rather than direct service providers of the project team.*

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- Improve access to medication  
*By providing intensive wraparound service, HHS anticipates improved access to medication.*

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- Establish a co-occurring disorder court  
*While the proposed project will not establish a diversion court specifically for persons with co-occurring disorders, HHS anticipates diversion from additional involvement in the court system occurring through the provision of increased services to this population.*

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- Expand mental health court  
*The proposed project will not expand the existing mental health court; however, it intends to strengthen the current continuum of care. This will ultimately alleviate some strain on the current mental health court program and waitlist.*

- Expand Yolo County’s Crisis Intervention Program
  - 24-hour response
  - Countywide

*HHSA anticipates addressing this service gap using SB-82 funding. As such, project participants will receive 24-hour response from the Crisis Intervention Program.*

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- Provide mental health services for those who are undocumented or not on Medi-Cal
 

*HHSA anticipates addressing this service gap during its next three-year Mental Health Services Act Plan.*

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- Expand Yolo Community Care Continuum’s Greater Access Program
  - Immediate psychiatric evaluation
  - Robust case management

*The proposed project includes similar intensive wraparound services, but also requires program participants to be involved in the criminal justice system.*

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- Create a 23-hour crisis stabilization facility
 

*HHSA cannot use the grant money for the acquisition of real property.*

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- Utilize equine therapy/service dogs
 

*HHSA did not identify this need as a funding priority for the project’s target population.*

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- Increase psychiatry supports
 

*HHSA anticipates sufficient psychiatry will be available in the continuum of care for those individuals with mild-to-moderate mental health conditions, and for those with moderate-to-severe mental health conditions.*

### **Substance Use Disorder Treatment**

- Increase outreach to identify persons who need SUD treatment
 

*A core component of the two Clinicians and Probation Officer will be to conduct more robust outreach and assessment.*

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- Offer incentives for clients interested in residential
 

*While not necessarily an incentive, the District Attorney’s Office will forego charging eligible offenses for prosecution. Thus, in addition to intensive wraparound services including residential treatment when applicable, participants will be given the opportunity to be diverted out of the criminal justice system.*

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- Utilize curriculum focused on criminal thinking
 

*HHSA anticipates utilizing such curriculum particularly among its peer support workers, who will be providing recovery support through mentorship and educational sessions.*

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- Establish coordinated assessment/plans for treatment countywide
 

*With the added Clinicians, HHSA hopes to establish a more standardized assessment process, to include treatment plan development and linkage with the appropriate level of care. In addition, initial universal screenings at any access point for substance use treatment will be a component of the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System implementation.*

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- Implement SUD/MH assessment at booking/intake
 

*The proposed project hopes to improve the current assessment process by adding two Clinicians who will focus on jail in-reach.*

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- Increase American Society of Addiction Medicine designations of residential providers
 

*While not directly increasing the designations of residential providers, the proposed project will rely on strong linkages to the community’s residential providers, which will ultimately strengthen the*

*Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System, and continuum of services available to individuals seeking treatment.*

- Focus on prevention/early intervention of juveniles  
*While not focused solely on juveniles/transition aged youth, the proposed project anticipates serving this population. Whenever appropriate, the project will utilize evidence-based practices to better engage and serve youth.*
- Establish a coordinated electronic health record exchange  
*HHSA anticipates addressing this service gap when implementing the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System.*
- Increase case management capacity for persons in SUD treatment
  - Embed mental health staff with outpatient*HHSA anticipates addressing this service gap during its implementation of Yolo County Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System.*
- Create a detox facility  
*HHSA cannot use the grant money for the acquisition of real property. Additionally, HHSA anticipates addressing this service gap using an alternative funding source.*

### ***Diversion Programs***

- Improve linkage to treatment  
*A primary component of the proposed project will be to improve linkages to both mental health services and substance use disorder treatment.*
- Expand legal services  
*The proposed project includes the hiring of a full-time Paralegal, full-time Probation Officer, as well as a component of civil legal services that significantly expands the scope of services currently available.*
- Expand psychiatric crisis/substance use disorder crisis
  - Diversion to residential to avoid criminal justice involvement*HHSA anticipates that this project's Clinicians, combined with the SB-82 expansion of the Crisis Intervention Program and a stronger partnership with law enforcement agencies, will increase diversion to treatment and minimize criminal justice involvement as a result of a psychiatric or substance use disorder crisis.*
- Expand Prop 47 pilot diversion  
*The proposed project will expand the existing Prop 47 pilot diversion by providing intensive wraparound care for participants with high behavioral health needs. In addition, HHSA will hire a full-time probation officer to assist with an expansion of the current program.*
- Expand neighborhood court  
*The proposed project intends to significantly expand the current neighborhood court by hiring an additional Paralegal as well as a Case Management Team. At present, the neighborhood court program lacks sufficient supportive services to assist many potential participants who are diverted out of the criminal justice system.*
- Establish a veteran diversion court  
*While the proposed project will not establish a diversion court specific to veterans, HHSA anticipates serving some individuals within this population. Whenever appropriate, the project will utilize evidence-based practices to better engage and serve veterans.*
- Establish a DUI court

*At present, no diversion programs within Yolo County accept DUI offenses and HHSA's project proposal does not change that eligibility criterion.*

### **Housing Related Supports**

- Utilize existing housing programs and partner with other housing providers  
*The proposed project's permanent housing assistance component will ensure linkage to the community's homeless services continuum of care.*
- Expand supports to assist clients to create sober living environments  
*The proposed project's Case Management Team and Peer Recovery Support Specialists will encourage recovery, which may include encouraging sober living environments for some participants. However, the project will adhere to Housing First principles and will not enforce sobriety as a program requirement.*
- Facilitate housing placements immediately at release, even if emergency shelter  
*The proposed project's permanent housing assistance component will strive to facilitate housing placements at the earliest point possible. This includes having the Clinicians and Case Management Team engage in thoughtful and preemptive re-entry planning.*
- Increase housing supports/aftercare  
*The proposed project includes rapid re-housing assistance, which includes up to 24 months of subsidized rental assistance and other eligible costs associated with securing and maintaining permanent housing.*
- Partner with Yolo Housing  
*HHSA intends to partner with Yolo Housing as well as other housing providers to facilitate as many permanent housing placements as possible.*
- Increase housing support in rural areas  
*While not specifically focused on increasing housing support in rural areas, the proposed project's service area includes Yolo County's entire geographic area. The project will provide housing support wherever the participant expresses a desire to live.*
- Mitigate risk to landlords
  - Landlord engagement/incentives
  - Bond fund/housing mitigation pool
  - "Co-sign" option*The proposed project will include landlord engagement.*

### **Community-Based Supportive Services**

- Expand legal services  
*The proposed project includes the hiring of a full-time Paralegal, full-time Probation Officer, as well as a component of civil legal services that significantly expands the scope of services currently available.*
- Offer transportation assistance  
*The proposed project includes the purchase of several vehicles and travel vouchers to accommodate the transportation needs of participants.*
- Improve linkage to physical healthcare providers  
*Through wraparound planning, the proposed project's Case Management Team will improve linkages to physical healthcare providers.*

- Facilitate enrollment in mainstream benefits  
*Through wraparound planning, the proposed project's Case Management Team will facilitate enrollment in all applicable mainstream benefits.*

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- Hire a navigator for all available services including how to navigate the criminal justice and court systems  
*While not creating a specific navigator position, the Case Management Team along with the Clinicians, Probation Officer, Paralegal, and existing diversion staff will all act as navigators helping participants through the criminal justice and court system.*

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- Offer family supports  
*As part of its trauma-informed care component, HHSA will utilize evidence-based practices to offer family supports including hosting family educational and therapy sessions.*

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- Improve linkage to child welfare services  
*Through wraparound planning, the proposed project's Case Management Team will improve linkages with child welfare services.*

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- Establish an employment program
  - Partner with local employers
  - Offer work readiness programs*A component of the proposed project's Case Management Team is an Employment Specialist who will assist participants with work readiness and securing gainful employment.*

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- Offer childcare  
*While HHSA anticipates providing minimal childcare support as part of its case management, the proposed project does not include a dedicated childcare component.*

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- Offer community education  
*While the proposed project does not necessarily offer community education, it does engage the community by inviting volunteers to participate in offender conferencing.*

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- Create a compensated work therapy program for veterans  
*While the proposed project will not establish a compensated work program specific to veterans, HHSA anticipates serving some individuals within this population.*

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- Create a one-stop shop or hub for services  
*Individuals will receive assistance to engage available services with the support of the wraparound project team; creating an additional hub was not identified as a priority. In addition, community-based navigation centers have been identified in the upcoming proposed 3-year Mental Health Services Act plan.*

## Section 2: Program Priorities

### Promote a Regional Approach

- Ensure services are accessible countywide  
*The proposed project intends to serve the County's entire geographic area. In addition, the Case Management Team will be mobile, conducting outreach and home visits whenever applicable.*

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- Ensure grant steering committee is representative of the entire county

*HHSA will ensure regional equity and geographic diversity when selecting members for the project's Local Advisory Committee (LAC). It is important to note that the LAC cannot include any conflicted partner agency who is a contractor receiving grant funds.*

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- Use best practices from other counties/regions throughout the state  
*The proposed project will strive to use best practices from other counties/regions throughout the state whenever possible. The project team will provide regular updates to the Local Advisory Committee on those practices utilized to assure review of and adherence to this service strategy.*

### **Consider Restorative Justice**

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- Expansion of neighborhood court  
*The proposed project intends to significantly expand the current neighborhood court by hiring an additional Paralegal as well as a Case Management Team. At present, the neighborhood court program lacks sufficient supportive services to assist participants who are diverted out of the criminal justice system.*
- Utilize community volunteers  
*The proposed project will utilize extensive community engagement by inviting volunteers to participate in offender conferencing.*
- Offer training on restorative justice
  - For community members
  - For students in school*The proposed project will include a thorough volunteer training which includes curriculum on restorative justice.*

### **Use Trauma-Informed Practices**

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- Use evidence-based curriculum (particularly for recovery and substance use disorder treatment)  
*The proposed project will strive to use evidence-based curriculum. Integral to the project scope is restorative justice, trauma-informed care, and whole person care. In addition, all of the project's assessment tools are also evidence-based.*
- Require providers to be well-versed in use of trauma-informed practices  
*HHSA intends to offer project staff extensive training in trauma-informed practices.*
- Use peer support workers  
*The proposed project includes the use of peer support workers.*
- Ensure peers serve on the steering committee  
*HHSA intends to include peers on its Local Advisory Committee.*
- Provide training/curriculum to all providers so that they:
  - Understand available resources
  - Know how to make referrals and facilitate linkages*HHSA will make presentations at its Provider Stakeholder Work Group to inform participants about available resources and how to make referrals/facilitate linkages.*

### **Leverage Existing Resources**

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*HHSA intends to leverage as many of the existing resources as possible.*

- Drug Medi-Cal

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- Alcohol and other drug funding

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- Beacon for mild-to-moderate mental health conditions

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- Short-Doyle funding

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- Grow existing services

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- Veteran resources
  - SSVF grants
  - VA programs
  - Other veteran service organizations

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- Local funding

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- Community involvement

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- Volunteers

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- Family resource centers

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- First 5 Yolo/Yolo County Children's Alliance existing program

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- UD Davis students/interns

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- MHSA

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- CalWORKS

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- IGT

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- 2011 Realignment funding

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- SAPT

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- Technology resources

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- HUD
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