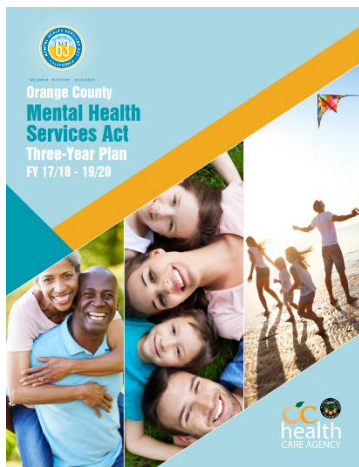


Whole Person Care (WPC) Pilot Program

The County of Orange was approved through the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) on October 24, 2016, for a five-year project to implement the Whole Person Care (WPC) pilot program. WPC is the coordination of physical and behavioral health, and social services in a patient-centered approach with the goals of improved health and well-being through more efficient and effective use of resources for Medi-Cal beneficiaries struggling with homelessness. The program promotes increased communication between hospitals, CalOptima, community clinics, OC Health Care Agency (HCA) as well as recuperative care providers to improve access and navigation of services for the homeless population. Currently, the program has more than 400 enrollees. To learn more about WPC, visit www.ohealthinfo.com/wpc.

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plan



The purpose of the MHSA is to improve the lives of those adults living with serious and persistent mental illness, and children with serious emotional disturbances by transforming the public mental health system. Following an extensive planning process, in June 2017, the Orange County Board of Supervisors approved the most recent three-year MHSA Expenditure Plan for FY 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20. The Plan includes a variety of programs designed to serve homeless individuals that are living with mental disorders, including outreach and engagement, intensive outpatient treatment, crisis services and housing i.e. emergency/bridge and permanent.

Additional funding for housing will be added via a Plan Amendment that is currently posted for public comment until September 22, 2017. Visit www.ohealthinfo.com/mhsa, to learn more about the Plan.

Opioid Overdose & Death in Orange County Report

Last month, HCA released the *Opioid Overdose & Death in Orange County* report that revealed the rate of opioid-related emergency department (ED) visits has more than doubled since 2005. In addition, seven of every 10 overdose deaths investigated by the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner between 2011 and 2015 involved opioids.

Encouragingly, the death rate due to opioid overdose has remained relatively level over this time-period and Orange County has lower opioid mortality rates compared to other states and the nation. HCA offers a variety of public education, prevention, outreach and treatment services aimed at reducing the misuse and abuse of drugs and alcohol among residents. In addition, the Orange County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board is also developing an Opioid Strategic Plan that will identify individual and community needs in Orange County specific to opioids as well as effective strategies to address them. Explore the report and available opioid prevention and treatment resources at www.ohealthinfo.com/opioids.

