



California Department of Mental Health

Reducing Disparities Project

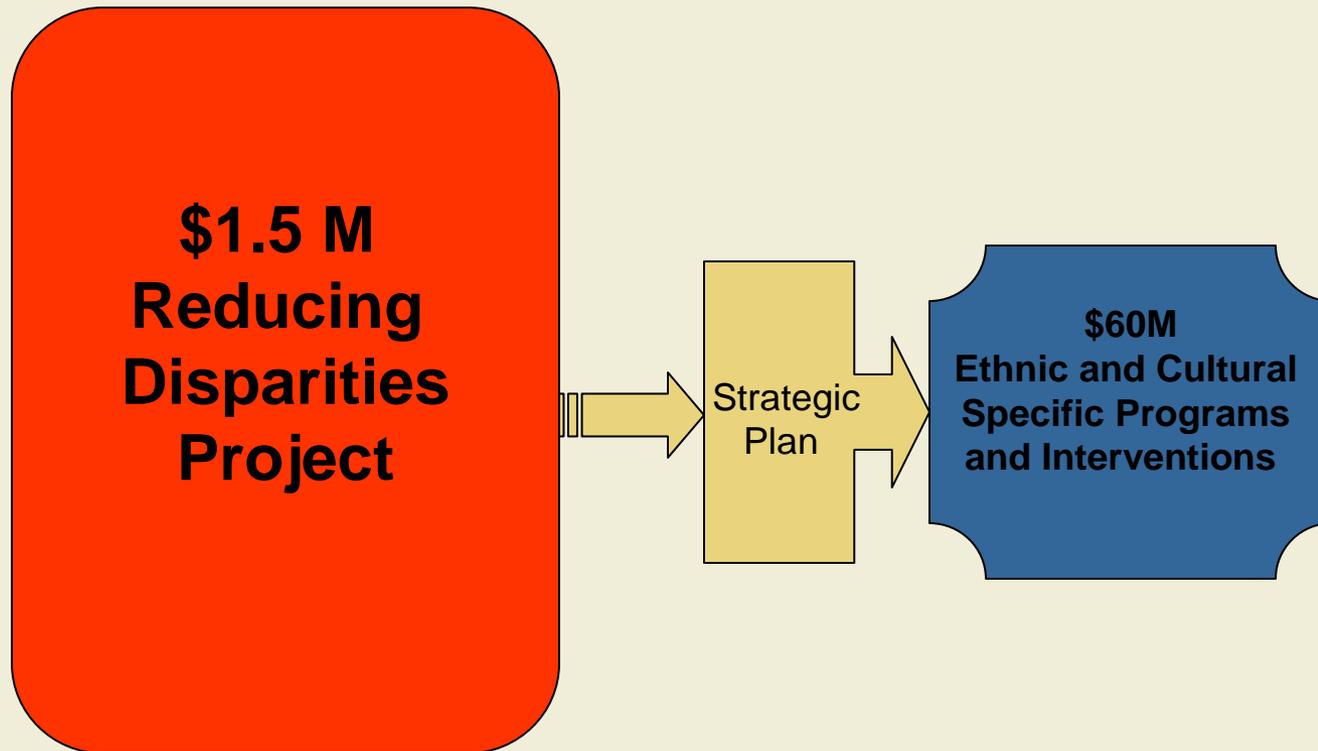
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California Department of Mental Health
Office of Multicultural Services
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Presentation Overview





\$60 Million Statewide Project

- MHSOAC approved **\$60M** over four years to support a statewide project for Ethnically and Culturally Specific Programs and Interventions.





Background

- In January 2007 (amended 9/11/07) the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) provided the policy direction for Statewide projects including Ethnic and Cultural Specific Programs and Interventions

- In June 2007 the MHSOAC voted to focus on the following five racial, ethnic, and cultural population groups to be included in the Statewide project for Ethnic and Cultural Specific Programs and Interventions:
 - *African Americans*
 - *Asian/Pacific Islanders*
 - *Latinos*
 - *Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Questioning youth (LGBTQ)*
 - *Native Americans*



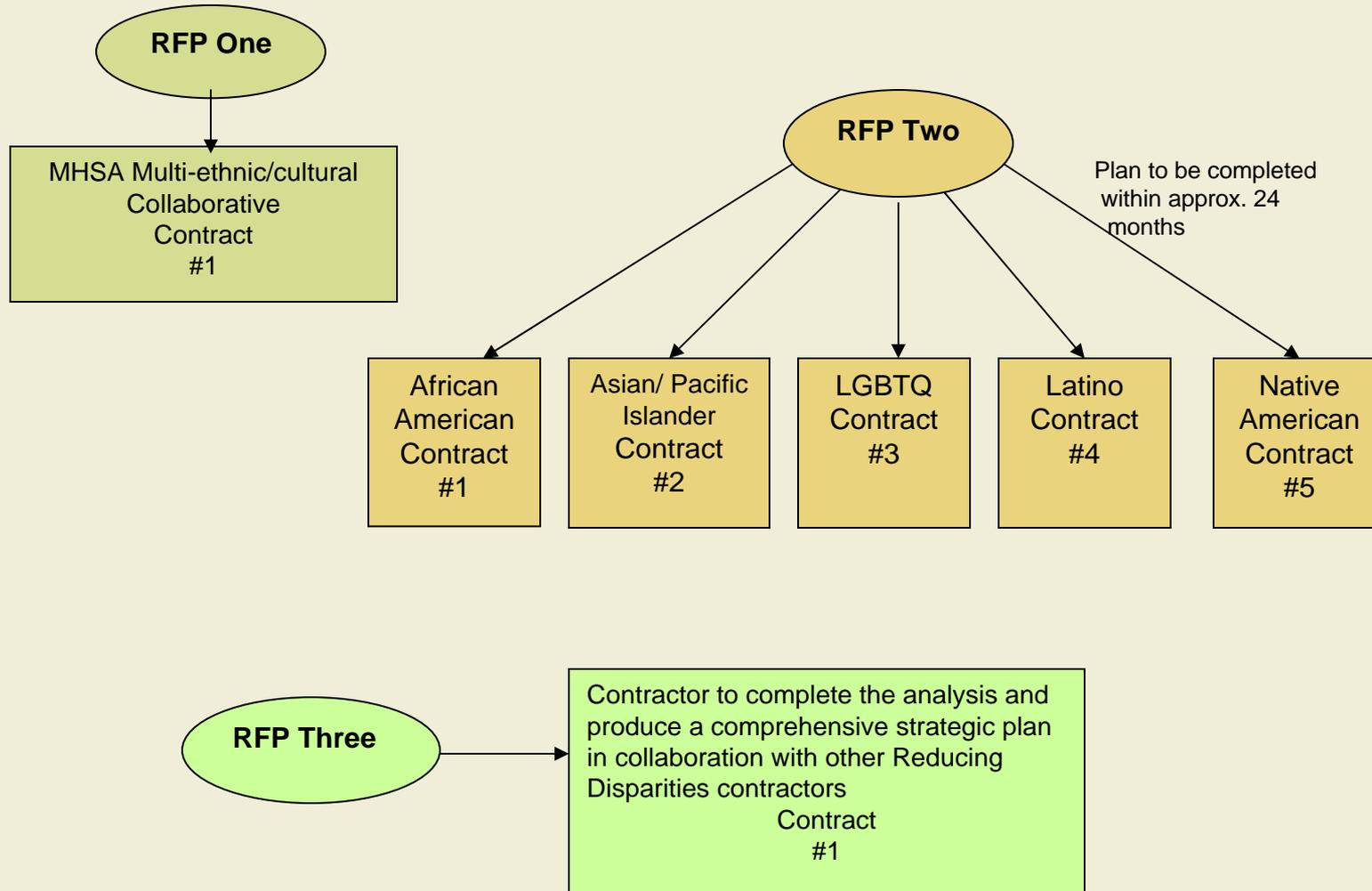
First Step: Reducing Disparities Project

(\$1.5M Funding State Admin MHSA Funds)

- Legislature approved \$1.5 million of state administrative MHSA funds to support the Reducing Disparities Project to:
 - 1) Establish an MHSA Multicultural Collaborative
 - 2) Develop a comprehensive strategic plan to help design the \$60 million statewide project
- From September – October 2008, DMH shared the draft of the Reducing Disparities Project with stakeholders for input and feedback.
- After reviewing all of the comments and suggestions submitted by stakeholders, DMH redesigned the Reducing Disparities Project. However the major deliverables remain the same.
- Three RFPs will now be issued:
 - RFP One will be awarded to fund a MHSA Multicultural Collaborative.
 - RFP Two will award up to five contracts to develop specific racial/ethnic/cultural recommendations for the statewide PEI project.
 - RFP Three will award a contract to coordinate, facilitate, and compile the input and recommendations into one comprehensive strategic plan.

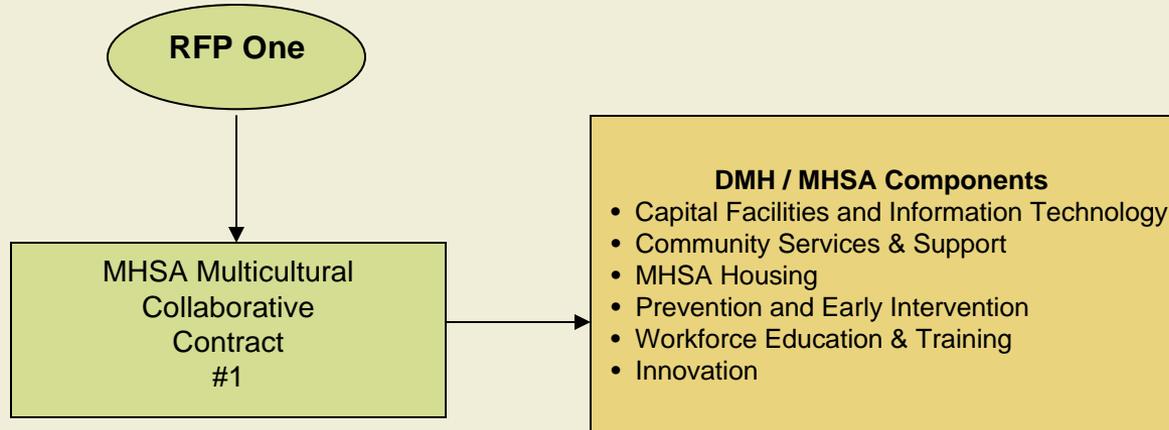


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Major Deliverable 1: MHSA Multicultural Collaborative

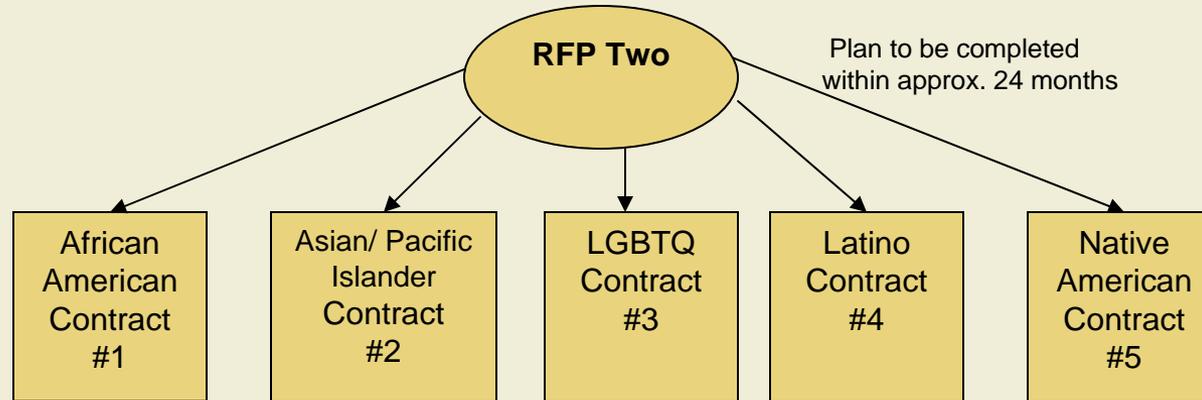


The MHSA Multicultural Collaborative will provide new opportunities for unserved and underserved racial, ethnic, and cultural communities to come together to address a variety of mental health issues and provide their recommendations at the state level on the MHSA.

- Membership will be inclusive and include representatives from many racial, ethnic, and culturally diverse unserved and underserved groups representing a broad range of communities
- Representatives from the Reducing Disparities Strategic Planning contractors will also be included
- MHSA Multicultural Collaborative will assist in the roll out of the strategic plan

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Major Deliverable 2 : Statewide Comprehensive Strategic Plan

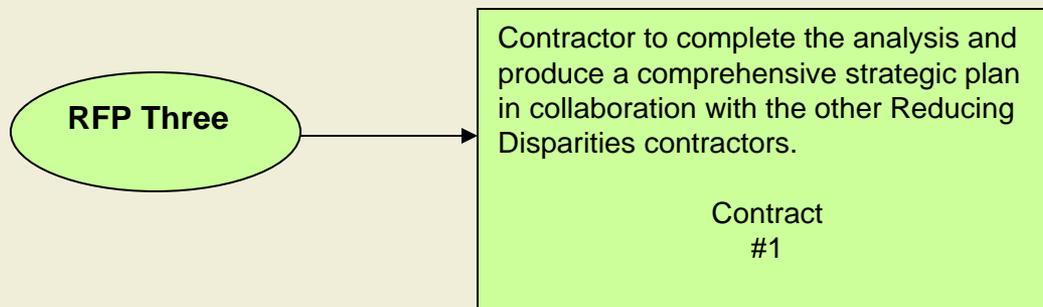


- Each contractor will be tasked with contributing ethnic, racial, and cultural relevant recommendations from their respective communities towards the development of a comprehensive statewide strategic plan on how to design a \$60 million statewide project to eliminate barriers.
- The strategic plan will be inclusive of the recommendations from each of the five targeted communities and will identify community-defined promising practices, models/templates, and/or other resources/approaches helpful for county program planners, practitioners, and policy makers in designing programs to better address the needs of these communities and work towards the reduction of mental health disparities.

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Major Deliverable 2 (cont.): Statewide Comprehensive Strategic Plan

A third RFP will award a contract to coordinate, facilitate, and compile the input and recommendations from the MHSА Multicultural Collaborative and the 5 Reducing Disparities Strategic Planning contracts into one comprehensive statewide strategic plan.





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Key Project Factors

- Timeline
 - Once released, applicants will have at least 2 months to submit proposals.

- Bidders' Qualifications (proposed)
 1. Experience with working with racial, ethnic and cultural communities
 2. Work Experience in mental health
 3. Evidence of Collaboration
 4. Financial Capability

- Selection Process
 - Competitive Bid
 - Scoring Criteria will be included in the RFPs



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- DMH will oversee the development of the Strategic Plan.
- The 5 ethnic/racial/cultural contractors will have lead responsibility for development of recommendations for their respective community.
- Updates will be provided to MHSOAC, CMHDA, CA Mental Health Planning Council and other interested parties. Input will be solicited.
- Racial/ethnic/cultural Contractors will work in partnership with multiple community partners and members including mental health providers.
- MHSOAC will approve the Strategic Plan which will direct the \$60 million statewide project.



Racial Ethnic and Cultural Specific Programs and Interventions

Expected Outcomes for Statewide Project (\$60 M)

- The largest mental health investment specifically for racial, ethnic and cultural communities
- New service delivery approaches defined by multicultural communities for multicultural communities (community-defined evidence)
- New PEI approaches, defined by communities, training models, partners, evaluation methods, improved outcomes, etc., to support healthier communities
- New strategies developed across 5 targeted communities to improve outcomes and reduce disparities
- Stronger infrastructure for inclusion of multicultural communities
- Replicable service approaches to reduce disparities



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PEI Website

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Statewide Projects: Reducing Disparities

<http://www.dmh.ca.gov/PEIStatewideProjects/ReducingDisparities.asp>

