



PEI Review and Plan Revisions

This month, eight PEI Plans are being recommended to the MHSOAC for funding approval. A critical step in the review process is the communication with counties after a formal review is completed. During this time, plan review staff work with counties to assist them in understanding corrections which need to be made before a plan will be placed on the Consent Agenda. The following information illustrates issues that required further clarification from counties in their PEI Plans on this month's agenda:

- **PEI FUNDS** – Certain projects/programs were more appropriately funded by Community Program Planning (CPP) funds under PEI. Staff worked with counties to ensure projects/programs were specific to PEI funding.
- **OUTCOMES** – Staff have coached counties to have appropriate, effective, and measurable outcomes.
- **REDUCING DISPARITIES** – Although many projects have well intended efforts, there was a lack of description of the focus on reducing disparities for unserved and under-served populations. Staff assisted counties in understanding how to address reducing disparities and how to be more descriptive in their project narratives.
- **PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS** – Many counties provided a comprehensive range of PEI Projects in their overall Plan, but some projects lacked specificity in their project descriptions. When counties were contacted for further explanation, they readily provided more details than what was presented in the written Plan. Staff worked with counties to be more descriptive in their written plans.
- **BUDGETS** – Several county PEI budgets had line items which needed more justification in the plan narrative or budget errors. Staff communicated with the county staff to get clarification and/or corrections.
- **REGULATORY OR ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS** – Administrative issues have included addressing issues of cost effectiveness and number of individuals to be served or timelines for various projects.