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**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES**  
**ACCEPTING PUBLIC COMMENT ON FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 THROUGH 2022-2023**  
**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT THREE-YEAR PROGRAM AND EXPENDITURE PLAN**

**MERCED** – Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (MCBHR) has opened a 30-day public viewing and comment period for its Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) – Fiscal Year 2020-2021 through 2022-2023 Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan. Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 5847 states that county mental health programs shall prepare and submit a Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan and Annual Update for MHSA programs and expenditures. Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 5848 states the Behavioral Health Board shall conduct a public hearing on the draft Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan at the close of the 30-day public review and comment period. MHSA Plans and Annual Updates must be adopted by the County Board of Supervisors and submitted to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) and the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) within 30 days after Board of Supervisors adoption.

The **MHSA Fiscal Year 2020-2021 through 2022-2023 Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan** and Public Comment form will be posted on the MCBHR Department website at: <https://www.countyofmerced.com/486/Mental-Health-Services-Act>. Residents may download the document from the website or request an electronic version of the document by emailing [mhsa@countyofmerced.com](mailto:mhsa@countyofmerced.com). The public can also request a hard copy of the documents by contacting the department at (209) 381-6800 ext. 3611 or toll free at 1-866-626-6472. A Public Hearing is scheduled for October 20, 2020 as part of the Merced County Behavioral Health Board Meeting. The meeting will be held via teleconference. The Public Hearing will start at 5:00 p.m. Upon request, interpretative assistance will be available to Spanish and Hmong-speaking residents. To join the teleconference call 1-408-419-1715 and enter Meeting ID 851-906-656 #.

To provide input, recommendations and comments, please call (209) 381-6800 ext. 3611 or complete a Public Comment form and either email the completed form to [mhsa@countyofmerced.com](mailto:mhsa@countyofmerced.com) or mail or hand deliver it to MCBHR.