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Katy Eckert, MBA  
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Dear Ms. Eckert,

Congratulations, the Commission has approved the Psychiatric Advance Directives **Multi County Collaborative** Innovation Plan for Monterey County on June 24, 2021, up to the amount of **\$1,978,237** in Innovation funding for four (4) years.

**The Commission must receive a certification of approval from the Monterey County Board of Supervisors before any Innovation Funds can be spent.**

**Please notify Commission staff in writing of the official start date of the Innovation project. Pursuant to the Innovation regulations, the start date is when the County begins implementing the project which is based upon the date funds are first spent or when services are delivered, whichever happens first. (Reference Title 9 CCR, Article 9 §3910.010(a)(1)).**

On behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank you for all the work you do in your community.

If you have additional questions or need further assistance, feel free to contact me [sharmil.shah@mhsoc.ca.gov](mailto:sharmil.shah@mhsoc.ca.gov) or your county liaison Vicque Kimmel at [vicque.kimmel@mhsoca.ca.gov](mailto:vicque.kimmel@mhsoca.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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Chief-Program Operations

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