



# INNOVATION SOLUTIONS FOR MENTAL HEALTH

MHSA Planning  
Committee to prioritize  
INN Submissions

# INTRODUCTION



# Agenda

1. Regulation requirements training
2. Overview of materials
3. Group discussion
4. Surveys
5. Wrap Up

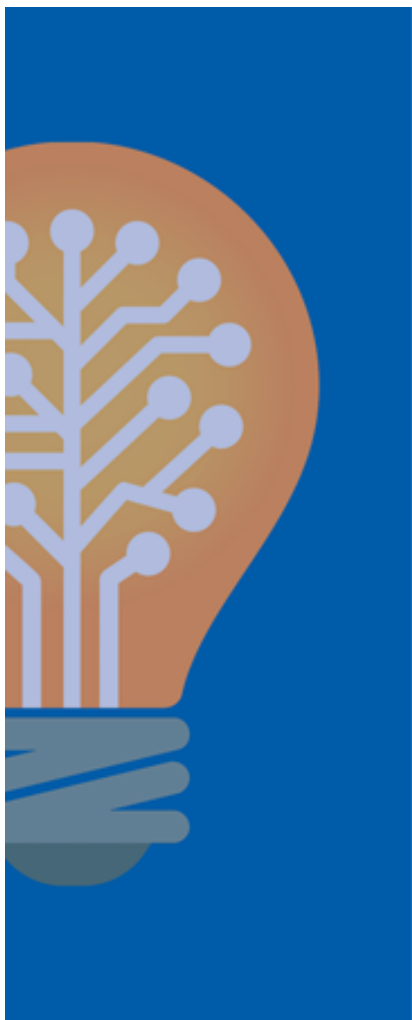
# WHAT ARE INNOVATION PROJECTS?



# Why?

## **INNOVATION Projects help find new & better ways to:**

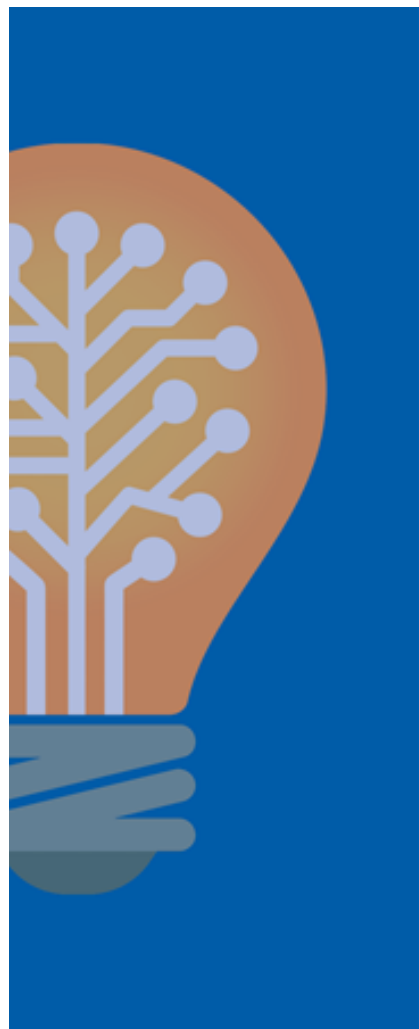
- Increase access to mental health services to underserved groups, including permanent supportive housing.
- Increase the quality of mental health services, including measurable outcomes.
- Promote interagency and community collaboration related to mental health services or supports or outcomes.
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# How?

**Can affect almost any aspect of mental health care:**

- Organizational
- Advocacy
- Education & training
- Outreach & community development
- Research
- Services & interventions



## But Not This

### It's **NOT** a good fit for an MHPA Innovation Project if...

- ✘ ...it's practice/ approach that has already been successful in a mental health setting
- ✘ ...merely addressing an unmet need
- ✘ ...a sure thing – *it's ok to fail!*
- ✘ ...wouldn't contribute to improving mental health care



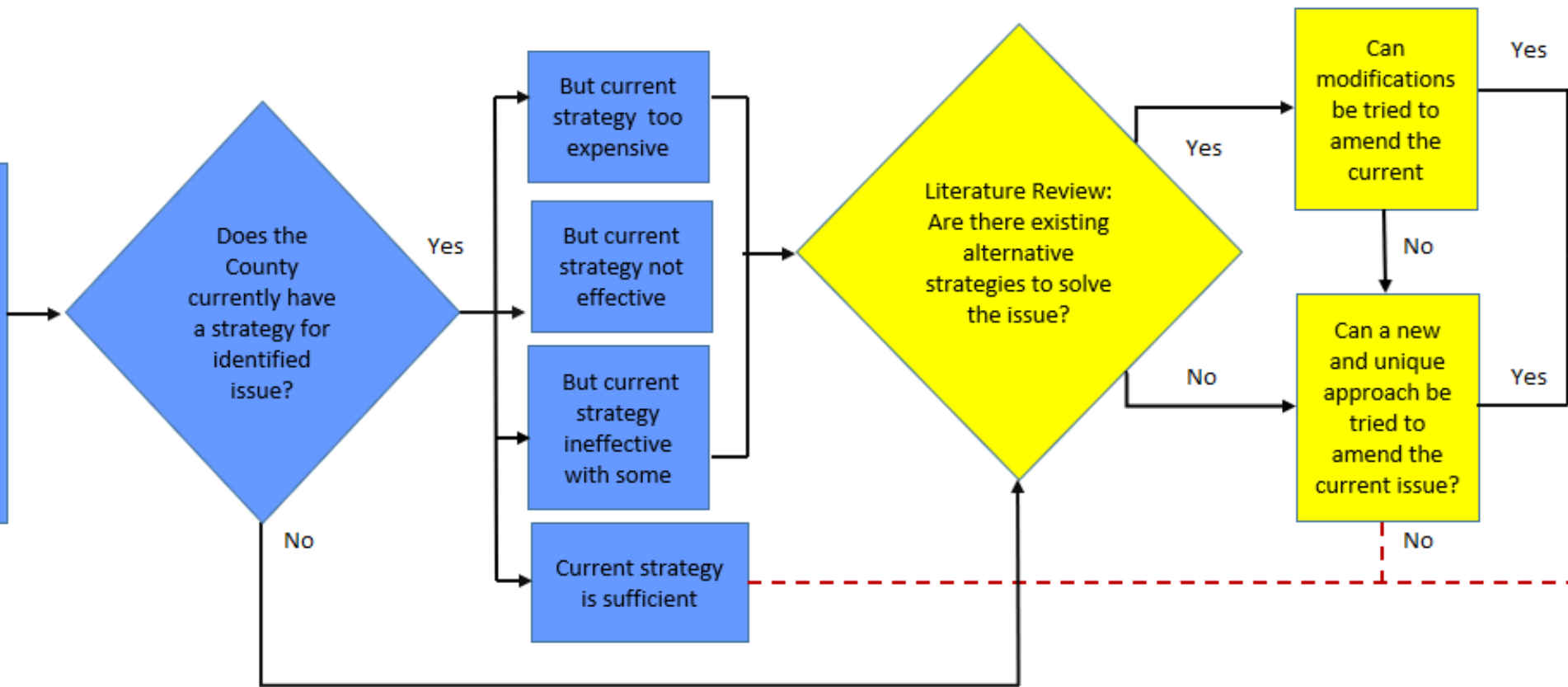
# Priorities

**Current state & local priorities are our unserved and underserved populations in Ventura County examples:**

- Latinx
- Black and African American
- LGBTQIA
- Homeless
- People with dual diagnosis (mental health and substance use disorders)
- People at risk of suicide

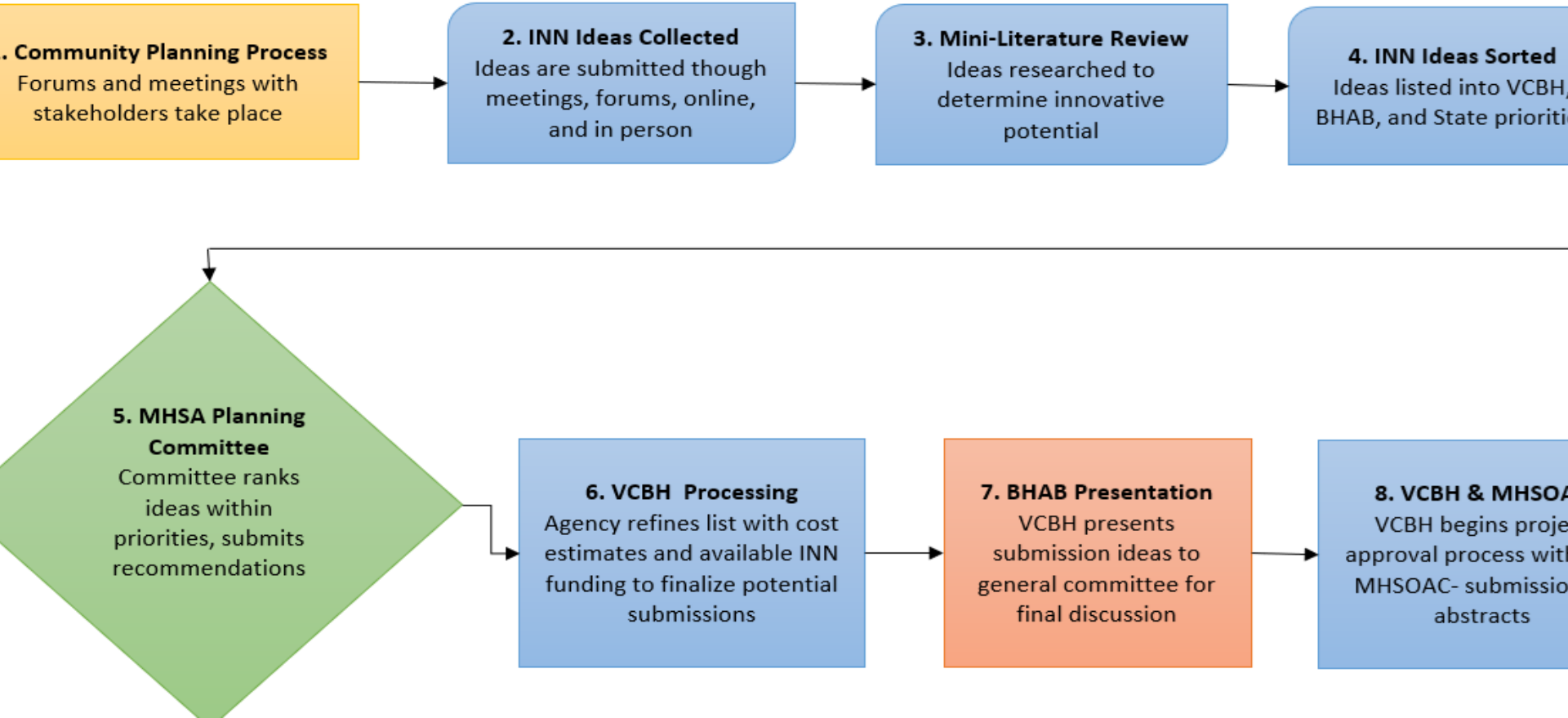


# Decision Making Flow Chart: What is innovative? How does it get defined?



# Ventura's Innovation Planning Process

(We are at Step 2)



# Process

VCBH gathers  
innovative ideas  
(ongoing)

Review with  
Planning  
Committee based  
on current  
priorities  
& available  
funding

3 WEEKS

VCBH writes  
abstract &  
submits to  
MHSOAC  
for preliminary  
review

IDEA SELECTED

Public comment  
on full proposal  
& Board of  
Supervisors  
approval

2 MONTHS

VCBH Submits to  
MHSOAC  
for review

2 MONTHS

Presentation to  
MHSOAC by VCBH  
Approval

2 MONTHS

RFP or contract  
**Project Starts**

2 MONTHS

# Feedback and How to Submit an Idea

Please fill out feedback survey on this experience:

- English Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/23-24INNPtEng>



- Spanish Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/23-24INNPtSpan>



- Submit ideas via the Wellness Everyday Website (WellnessEveryday.org):

[Innovation Projects - Wellness Every Day](#)

- Email us: [MHSA@ventura.org](mailto:MHSA@ventura.org)



# THANK YOU