



**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT
Innovation Plan for a Native Warmline
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
03/27/24 through 4/27/24
and PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING
04/24/2024**



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The Public Comment Hearing will be hosted as part of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting (BHAB) to be held on 04/24/2024

Native American Warmline explores the barriers to services experienced by Native Americans in Mendocino County, and looks at whether a peer based, low threshold service would help connect Native Americans to services for Native Americans. The plan is to utilize a peer-to-peer model for a warmline that is dedicated to linking Native Americans to services by and for Native Americans. This warmline will keep an up to date collection of Native American focused services so individuals will not have to go through the process of trying to find services that may have broken linkages due to staffing changes, phone changes, grants ending etc. Additionally, this program will aim to create a tipsheet for how to best help Native Americans access services.

The Public Comment Hearing is part of the BHAB meeting being held on 04/24/2024. This hearing is part of the thirty day Public Comment Period that ends on 04/27/2024.

A full copy of the **Draft Plan for the Native American Warmline Innovation project** can be found at:
<https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/behavioral-health-and-recovery-services/mental-health-services/mental-health-services-act>

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