

CalREACH Webinar Questions: MHLAP and LMH

1. ***Are Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors (LPCCs) eligible for MHLAP or LMH?*** LPCCs are eligible for MHLAP, but not for LMH. For eligibility questions regarding particular professions it is useful to contact your County Mental Health Directors/Designees since they determine which positions are deemed hard-to-fill or retain.
2. ***How do you upload a form onto CalREACH?*** To upload a form onto CalREACH you need to click the “Browse” button that is immediately to the right of an empty text box. When you click “Browse” a dialog box will appear, which allows you to choose the file you would like to upload. Once the file is selected and press “Ok”, the file name will appear in the empty text box. Once you click save, the file will become a link that you may click on to view. If the upload was not successful it most likely is in the wrong format or the file is too large. If this occurs, you will receive an error message.
3. ***What if we do not have a scanner? How can I get my documents on my computer to upload?*** If you do not have access to a scanner, you may take a picture of your form and upload the picture. Use this method as long as all the information is legible. CalREACH aims to be completely paperless.
4. ***When do applicants find out when they are awarded?*** The Health Profession Education Foundation will notify all applicants of their MHLAP and LMH results when all applications have been reviewed and scored. Notifications are sent before the service obligation begins on June 30, 2014. Awardees are notified first followed by those not awarded. Notifications and a majority of communication will be through email.
5. ***Can peer support specialists be awarded in any of the programs?*** Peer support specialists may be eligible for MHLAP pending verification of your County Mental Health Director/Designees determination of that position being hard-to-fill or retain.
6. ***What is the selection criterion for the programs?*** Selection of awards for MHLAP is based solely on the information and documents contained in the application packet that includes proof of your working or volunteering in the County Public Mental Health System, cultural and linguistic competence, career goals, other community service and involvement, and your experience with or background in an underserved or un-served population or community. Only individuals who are verified by their County Mental Health Director/designee as working the County Public Mental Health System in a hard-to-fill/retain position are eligible. LMH is scored similarly to MHLAP, however does not have to go through the County verification process, Staff verifies if the position is eligible or not.
7. ***Do sites match the award for these programs?*** For MHLAP and LMH the site does not play a role in issuing a payment. For some programs like the California State Loan Repayment Program, a site has to match the funds coming from OSHPD.
8. ***How many times can one receive a LMH or MHLAP award?*** You may be awarded two (2) times for LMH and six (6) for MHLAP so long as you still meet the program requirements.
9. ***Are there a minimum number of hours per week you have to work? Also, are there specific requirements for what your responsibilities are during those***

hours? For MHLAP, you must work for a minimum of 20 hours per week. There is no requirement on what types of responsibilities you must conduct during that time. However, keep in mind your position needs to be considered hard-to-fill or retain by your County Mental Health Director or Designee. For LMH, the minimum number of hours you must work is 32 hours providing direct client care.

- 10. What types of debt are eligible to be paid?** Payments will be made toward educational debt from any US government or commercial lending institution. Loans may not be consolidated with other types of debt and/or with another person such as a spouse.
- 11. Can I apply if my internship begins July 2014?** The contract dates for MHLAP begin on June 30, 2014, so you must be working by this date and have proof of employment that your position will begin by then. For LMH you must be working by July 1, 2014 and have proof of employment that your position will begin by then.
- 12. Will you be sending copies of the PowerPoint to the participants?** The PowerPoint and Webinar will be posted to our website, www.healthprofessions.ca.gov for you to access at your convenience.
- 13. If awarded, what does the twelve (12) month service obligation consist of?** If selected for an award, the 12 month service obligation consists of working in a qualified position and submitting verification documents to the programs. For MHLAP, it is a semi-annual and annual report. Payment will be at the end of the 12 months of service. For LMH, it is a two (2) year service obligation and eight (8) quarterly reports verifying that you are complying with the contract. Payments will be processed after each quarterly report is submitted.
- 14. What happens if I change jobs during my service obligation?** If you change jobs during your service obligation the first step is to notify Foundation staff. Staff will then send you an employment verification form that must be filled out by you and signed by your new supervisor. For MHLAP, once the employment verification form is sent back to staff, it is then forwarded to your County Mental Health Director/Designee for verification that the new position is in the County Public Mental Health System and it is hard-to-fill or retain. For LMH, Foundation staff will verify if the new position is eligible.
- 15. If I change jobs and my employer isn't hard to fill or retain, what happens?** If you change jobs and the position ends up not being eligible awardees have two different options. The Foundation will consider giving you an extension to find another job that will qualify or you will be disqualified from the program.