



County of Santa Cruz

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Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

May 18, 2010

LETTER FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE DIRECTOR

On November 14, 2008, the Santa Cruz County Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services agreed to participate in the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Statewide Projects, pursuant to State Department of Mental Health Information Notice #08-25. The PEI statewide projects are:

1. Suicide Prevention
2. Student Mental Health Initiative
3. Stigma and Discrimination Reduction.

The PEI funds assigned for statewide projects should not be confused with the funds available to the County for locally administered PEI projects. Should the County decide not to participate in the Statewide PEI projects the funds available for this purpose will be subject to reversion back to the State.

The State Department of Mental Health has issued Information Notice 10-05 stating, "counties that have previously assigned under former Information Notice 08-25 must affirmatively reassign under this Information Notice." The attached "Supplemental MHSA PEI Statewide Programs Assignment Agreement" serves this purpose. Note that the County has elected to act jointly with one or more other Counties to implement statewide programs through the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA), a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 5897, subdivision (a).

This is available for public review and comment from May 18, 2010 to June 18, 2010. You may provide comments in the following ways:

- By fax: (831) 454-4663,
- By telephone: (831) 454-4931 or (831) 454-4498,
- By email to mhsa@co.santa-cruz.ca.us,
- Or by writing to:

Santa Cruz County Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services
Attention: Alicia Nájera, MHSA Coordinator
1400 Emeline Avenue
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Sincerely,

Leslie Tremaine
Director

Enclosure 1
Supplemental MHSA PEI Statewide Programs Assignment Agreement
Santa Cruz County

Santa Cruz County (the County) agrees to participate in the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Statewide Programs funded from the PEI Component of the MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan. The three Statewide Programs intended to be funded by this agreement are: Suicide Prevention, Student Mental Health Initiative, and Stigma and Discrimination Reduction.

The County agrees that upon its execution of this Agreement, the following amounts will be assigned to DMH concurrent with the start of the State Fiscal Year (SFY) for which they are made available subject to the effective conditions specified below:

\$282,500 of the County's SFY 08/09 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation
\$282,500 of the County's SFY 09/10 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation
\$282,500 of the County's SFY 10/11 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation
\$282,500 of the County's SFY 11/12 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation

Assignment to the Department of Mental Health

Funds in the amount specified will be transferred from the Mental Health Services Fund Local Assistance portion of the DMH state budget, item 4440-601-3085 to the DMH state budget, item 4440-101-3085, Program 10, Local Assistance.

The County makes the assignment to (please check one):

- Fund DMH administration of these programs.
- Fund a contract pursuant to WIC 5897 (a) between DMH and California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) to support CalMHSA administration of these programs.

Assignment shall be effective only upon:

- Review and comment by DMH and approval by Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC);
- A fully executed County MHSA Agreement with DMH; and
- Appropriation of sufficient funds in the State Budget Act to allow DMH to expend the funds assigned by counties to support the PEI Statewide Programs outlined above.

Pursuant to WIC 5892(a)(3) assigned funds intended to fund a contract between DMH and CalMHSA may be distributed to CalMHSA only after a PEI Statewide Program and Expenditure Plan or update has been approved by the MHSOAC.

Release of Planning Funds

The County may request funds for the purpose of conducting the Community Program Planning and Local Review Processes, for preparing, drafting and submitting Plan/updates and for other planning activities be distributed to the JPA.

- ✓ Pursuant to its Assignment above to fund a contract pursuant to WIC 5897 (a) between DMH and California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) to support CalMHSA administration of these programs, the County authorizes the release of Planning funds under this contract to the JPA in the following amounts:

\$14,125 of the County's SFY 08/09 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation
\$14,125 of the County's SFY 09/10 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation
\$14,125 of the County's SFY 10/11 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation

Approved for County (by signature)	Date:
Printed Name and Title: Leslie Tremaine, Director Santa Cruz County Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services	