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TO: LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CHIEFS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
CHAIRPERSONS, LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS

SUBJECT: REVISED PLANNING ESTIMATES (FISCAL YEAR 2007-08) FOR
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT COMMUNITY SERVICES
AND SUPPORTS

REFERENCE: WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE (WIC) SECTIONS 5847,
5848, AND 5892

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) revised Planning Estimates¹ for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08 for the Community Services and Supports (CSS) component of the integrated Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan. Due to actual revenues received in the Mental Health Services Fund exceeding what was initially estimated, the Department of Mental Health (DMH) is making available an additional \$114.5 million to the Counties² participating in the MHSA to support the implementation of the CSS component during FY 2007-08.

For your reference, the previous DMH Information Notices addressing the Planning Estimates for the CSS component included:

- DMH Information Notice No.: 05-02 contained the FY 2005-06 Planning Estimates for each county under the CSS component of the integrated Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan along with a description of the methodology used to determine the Planning Estimate for each county.
- DMH Information Notice No.: 06-03 provided Planning Estimates for the initial three-year implementation period (i.e., FY 2005-06 through FY 2007-08) for each county.

To receive the additional CSS funding for FY 2007-08, Counties must request an amendment to the MHSA Performance Contract. DMH Information Notice No.: 06-15 delineates the procedures that a County must follow when requesting an amendment to

¹ Planning Estimates represent the estimates provided by DMH to each county as to the maximum amount of MHSA funding that the county can request.

² Unless specified, "county" refers to County Mental Health Programs, two or more counties acting jointly, and/or city-operated programs, pursuant to WIC 5701.5.

their MHSAs Performance Contract. Subject to the DMH approval, Counties will receive additional MHSAs funding in FY 2007-08 for the CSS component up to the amount listed in Enclosure 1, entitled "Revised Annual FY 2007-08 Planning Estimates for the Three-Year Community Services and Supports Funding."

Planning Estimates

The revised Planning Estimates consist of the original FY 2007-08 amounts and the additional \$114.5 million. The calculations regarding the amount of the \$114.5 million in additional Planning Estimates made available to each county (rounded to the nearest \$100) is based on the previously used methodology updated with the most current information from state or national databases and the weighted factors listed below. It should be noted that the Planning Estimates for the two city-operated programs (Tri-City and the City of Berkeley) are based solely on the percent of statewide population in the area served by each city in 2006.³

1. The need for mental health services in each county is based on:
 - a. Total population of each county on January 1, 2006 as reported by the State of California, Department of Finance, *E-1 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State with Annual percent Change, January 1, 2005 and 2006*. Sacramento, California, May 2006.
 - b. The population most likely to apply for services, which represents the sum of:
 - 1) The poverty population as defined as households with incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty level as reported in the 2000 U.S. Census Bureau survey updated to reflect the 2006 population, and
 - 2) The uninsured population (persons who did not have insurance at any time in the past year and persons who had insurance only part of the past year) with incomes above 200 percent of the federal poverty level as reported through the 2003 California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) based at UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in Los Angeles, California.
 - c. The population most likely to access services, which represents the prevalence of mental illness among different age groups and ethnic populations of poverty households in each county as estimated through a study conducted by Charles Holzer, Ph.D. in 2000 and updated in 2006.

³ The City of Berkeley serves the cities of Berkeley and Albany and Tri-City serves the cities of Claremont, La Verne and Pomona.

2. Adjustments to the need for mental health services in each county based on:
 - a. The cost of being self-sufficient in each county relative to the statewide average as reported through *The Self-Sufficiency Standard for California 2003*, a project of the National Economic Development and Law Center (December 2003). A weighted average of households with one single childless adult (67 percent) and a single adult with two children (33 percent) was used to develop the adjustment. The adjustment was increased to 40 percent from 20 percent that was used in the FY 2005-06 Planning Estimates calculation based on the principles for MHSA distribution methodology developed by the California Mental Health Directors' Association.
 - b. The available resources provided either by or through DMH to each county in FY 2006-07, including realignment funding, State General Fund managed care allocations, other State General Fund Community Services allocations (such as AB 2034 funding), federal SAMHSA block grants, federal PATH grants, and FY 2003-04 Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) State General Funds. Resources also include the FY 2006-07 CSS Planning Estimates available to each county from DMH Letter No.: 06-03. Medi-Cal federal financial participation is excluded.
3. An increase in the base level of funding of \$50,000 will be made available for each county with a population of less than 20,000; an increase in the base level of funding of \$150,000 will be made available for each county with a population greater than 20,000 but less than 100,000; and an increase in the base level of funding of \$250,000 for all other counties. These amounts are in addition to the minimum base level of funding in the previous FY 2005-06 Planning Estimates of \$250,000 per county.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the County Operations staff assigned to your county. See Enclosure 2 for the listing of County Operations contact information.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Director

Enclosures

cc: California Mental Health Planning Council
Chiefs, County Operations Sections