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# Mental Health

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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: PLANNING ESTIMATES FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AND  
SUPPORTS COMPONENT (FY2008/09) AND THE CAPITAL  
FACILITIES/TECHNOLOGICAL NEEDS COMPONENT  
(FY2007/08) OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT

REFERENCE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MHSA, WELFARE AND  
INSTITUTIONS CODE (WIC) SECTION 5847, 5848, AND 5892

This Department of Mental Health (DMH) Information Notice transmits the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Planning Estimates<sup>1</sup> for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008/09 Community Services and Supports (CSS) component (Enclosure 1) and the FY 2007/08 Capital Facilities/Technological Needs component (Enclosure 2) of the integrated Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan. DMH is providing this information so that counties<sup>2</sup> can prepare their FY 2008/09 local budgets.

The aggregate statewide FY 2008/09 funding level for CSS is a total of \$553.9 million which is an increase of \$100.1 million over the annual FY 2007/08 CSS Planning Estimates provided in DMH Letter No.: 06-09. The aggregate statewide FY 2007/08 funding level for Capital Facilities/Technological Needs is \$345.0 million which represents the initial funding released for this component.

The Planning Estimates for the increase in CSS funding and the Capital Facilities/Technological Needs funding are based on the previously used methodology updated with

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<sup>1</sup> Planning Estimates are the estimates provided by the Department to each County as to the maximum amount of MHSA funding by component that the County can request through its Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan.

<sup>2</sup> "County" means the County Mental Health Department, two or more County Mental Health Departments acting jointly, and/or city-operated programs receiving funds per WIC Section 5701.5 (California Code of Regulations, Section 3200.090).

the most current information from state or national databases. The Planning Estimates include the following factors that have been weighted:

1. The need for mental health services in each County based on:
  - a. Total Population of each County on January 1, 2007 as reported by the State of California, Department of Finance, *E-1 City / County Population Estimates, with Annual Percent Change, January 1, 2006 and 2007*. Sacramento, California, May 2007.
  - b. Population most likely to apply for services, which represents the sum of:
    - 1) The poverty population as defined as households with incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level as reported in the 2000 U.S. Census Bureau survey updated to reflect the 2007 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% of the federal poverty level as reported through the 2005 California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) based at UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in Los Angeles, California.
  - c. 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 Dr. Charles Holzer, Ph.D. in 2000. The 2000 results were updated to reflect the 2007 population.
2. Adjustments to the need for mental health services in each County based on:
  - a. The cost of being self-sufficient in each County relevant to the statewide average as reported through *The Self-Sufficiency Standard for California 2003*, December 2003, a project of the National Economic Development and Law Center. A weighted average of households with one single childless adult (67%) and a single adult with two children (33%) was used to develop the adjustment.
  - b. The available resources provided either by or through the Department of Mental Health to each County in FY 2007/08, including realignment funding, State General Fund Managed Care allocations, other State General Fund Community Services allocations (such as AB3632 funding), federal SAMHSA block grants, federal PATH grants, FY 2004/05 Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) State General Funds, and the FY 2007/08 CSS Planning Estimates from DMH Letter No.: 06-09. (Medi-Cal federal financial participation is excluded.)

To provide a base level of funding for less populous counties, from the additional \$100.1 million available for CSS in FY 2008/09, a minimum CSS Planning Estimate of \$150,000 is available to each County with a population of less than 20,000 and \$250,000 is available to each County with a population of greater than 20,000 but less than 100,000. A minimum

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Capital Facilities/Technological Needs Planning Estimate of \$600,000 is available to each County (\$300,000 each for Capital Facilities and Technological Needs).

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 2007.<sup>3</sup>

DMH will issue guidelines in the near future on the process counties should follow to request funds. Counties may not incur expenditures prior to obtaining approval of their Plans or updates from the DMH and a fully executed MHSA Agreement or amendment to an existing Agreement.

If you have any further questions, please contact your County Operations liaison identified on the following internet site: [http://www.dmh.ca.gov/Provider\\_Info/default.asp](http://www.dmh.ca.gov/Provider_Info/default.asp).

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Director

Enclosures

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