

**Alpine County
TBS Accountability Report
July 21, 2009**

Submit completed report to TBS@dmh.ca.gov

A. List the dates of the TBS meetings and the names of participants at each meeting:

TBS Meeting #1 – June 18, 2009

Type: General Public Hearing

Participant List:

Phillip Bennett
Nancy Callahan
Deb Goerlich
Connie Kizer
Jodi Long
Stacy Olson
Adelina Osorio
Jessie Silva

TBS Meeting #2 – June 18, 2009

Type: Partner Agency Meeting

Participant List:

Phillip Bennett
Nancy Callahan
Geoff Ellis
Richard Kale
Jodi Long
Stacy Olson

B. Respond to the four Accountability questions:

- 1) Are the children and youth in the county who are Emily Q class members and who would benefit from TBS, getting TBS?

Alpine County has not utilized TBS services in the past. The stakeholder groups discussed the need for TBS services. Several people reported that there are children and youth in Alpine County who are Emily Q class members and could benefit from TBS services.

- 2) Are the children and youth who get TBS experiencing the intended benefits?

Alpine County has not utilized TBS services in the past.

- 3) What alternatives to TBS are being provided in the county?

We have mental health services available to help children and youth achieve positive outcomes and remain at home and/or at their current level of placement. We have Full Service Partnership (FSP) services available to children and youth, ages 0-25. These FSP services offer “whatever it

takes” to keep the child or youth at home and stable in their living situation. The addition of TBS would provide an additional level of service and will better meet the needs of these high-risk children and youth in Alpine County.

- 4) What can be done to improve the use of TBS and/or alternative behavioral support services in the county?

To improve the utilization of TBS and other alternative behavioral support services, we have updated our TBS brochures to make them more user-friendly. The brochures clearly outline TBS and the eligibility criteria. In addition, we have distributed these brochures to key community locations across the county.

At staff meetings, we will provide additional training to help staff understand TBS, criteria for referral, and service providers. In addition, we will discuss opportunities for children and youth, and promote the appropriate level of service for TBS and other behavioral support services.

We will discuss TBS at multi-agency meetings, including meeting with teachers at the schools. We will also meet periodically with the Hung-A-Lel-Ti local Native American community to inform them of the availability of TBS services. These strategies will increase the number of referrals to the TBS program.

C. Describe the steps that the county intends to take in “good faith” to ensure the best possible access to and use of TBS by members of the Emily Q class.

Our strategies for promoting TBS will ensure that we have a quality leadership process in place that reviews services for high-need children and youth, to make sure that they are getting the right amount of services to meet their ongoing needs.