

Notice of Determination of TBS Equivalent Services:

May 10, 2010

As Special Master for the Emily Q. v Bonta matter, and in accordance with the Emily Q Nine Point Plan, it is my responsibility to certify that the Level II counties identified in the Nine Point Plan reach the four percent TBS service benchmark, either through TBS services or through TBS-equivalent services to children in the Emily Q class.

In fall of 2009, the County of San Diego requested that 188 children served through their Comprehensive Assessment and Stabilization Services (CASS) program be considered as receiving TBS equivalent services. In April 2010 my staff and I, along with a representative of the California Department of Mental Health, reviewed a representative sample of 32 case records for children in the CASS program and found that 19 (60 percent) fulfilled the TBS equivalent requirements. Based on this sample, I hereby determine that 113 (60 percent) of the children served by the CASS program during fiscal year 2008/09 received TBS equivalent services and that these 113 children may be added to the number of children who received TBS services during 2008/09 for the purpose of fulfilling San Diego County's four percent TBS benchmark requirement.

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Enclosures:

Therapeutic Behavioral Services Equivalent Certification Guidelines TBS  
Equivalent Best Practice Check List