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## WHAT'S NEW

**MHP Certification Criteria:** In August 2010, the California Department of Mental Health (CDMH) plans to release, through a CDMH Information Notice, the *Emily Q v. Bonta Exit Strategy Certification Criteria*. The [Exit Strategy](#) is point nine of the Emily Q v. Bonta Nine-Point Implementation Plan. CDMH and the Emily Q Settlement Team plan to host a statewide conference call to discuss the certification process after the release of the CDMH Information Notice.



**MHP Local Meeting Reports Update:** In May 2010, CDMH released the 2010 MHP Responsibility Form to all counties. Currently, 48 county MHPs have submitted their MHP Responsibility Form to CDMH with scheduled Stakeholder and Decision-Maker meeting dates. In addition, 16 counties have submitted Stakeholder and/or Decision-Maker meeting reports. For the updated [Local TBS Meeting and Reporting Schedule](#), please visit the CDMH website. Reminder: Counties have 60 days following each meeting to submit a meeting report to CDMH. All reports should be submitted electronically to [tbs@dmh.ca.gov](mailto:tbs@dmh.ca.gov). A record/sign-in sheet documenting meeting attendees and their organizations can also accompany each report.

### TBS Coordination of Care Best Practices Manual

The [TBS Coordination of Care Best Practices Manual](#) has been posted to the DMH website. In an effort to ensure that this training and education manual is of value to the field, the CDMH is circulating this as version 1.0 for practitioner and administrator review and comment.

If you have comments or concerns about the content in this manual, please advise CDMH by August 16, 2010. Your comments can be submitted electronically to [tbs@dmh.ca.gov](mailto:tbs@dmh.ca.gov).

**Alternative Meeting Questions Approved:** On June 8, 2010, United States District Judge A. Howard Matz granted a request to allow MHPs to modify local meeting questions, with approval from CDMH. "MHPs that desire to address areas in addition to or in lieu of the Four Questions, or otherwise alter the structure of the Local Meetings, shall submit a proposal to CDMH. CDMH shall have discretion to approve such proposals on a case-by-case basis, and shall keep the Emily Q. Settlement Team informed of proposals that have been approved." To read Judge Matz's full response, please visit the [CDMH website](#). To request approval to use alternative meeting questions, please contact [tbs@dmh.ca.gov](mailto:tbs@dmh.ca.gov) or call CDMH Specialist Troy Konarski at (916) 654-2643.

**Data Dashboards:** The data dashboards with Calendar Year (CY) 2009 data have been posted to the DMH website under [TBS Data](#). Please review your county's data and submit any questions or comments to [tbs@dmh.ca.gov](mailto:tbs@dmh.ca.gov). If you would like to discuss data or supply additional data, please contact Troy Konarski at (916) 654-2643 or [Troy.Konarski@dmh.ca.gov](mailto:Troy.Konarski@dmh.ca.gov).

TO SIGN UP FOR THE TBS E-SUBSCRIPTION LIST, PLEASE CLICK HERE: [WWW.DMH.CA.GOV/](http://WWW.DMH.CA.GOV/)



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### TBS EQUIVALENT SERVICES

**TBS Equivalent Services:** TBS equivalent/alternative Certification Guidelines have been designed to assist the 27 Level II Mental Health Plans (MHPs) to reasonably account for all mental health services that may be considered “TBS-like” services.

In early 2010, San Diego County contacted the Special Master about TBS equivalent services, specifically, Comprehensive Assessment and Stabilization Service (CASS), a Fred Finch program. During the site visit to San Diego in April 2010, the Special Master authorized 60% (113) case plans as TBS equivalent services. On May 25, 2010, DMH hosted a TBS Equivalent Services conference call with Richard Saletta, Special Master of the Emily Q v. Bonta matter. Forty-six counties participated in the call, in which results of San Diego’s TBS equivalent services certification were discussed.

San Diego County is the first MHP to receive certification for TBS equivalent/alternative services, however, several other counties have been in communication with the Special Master. If you have services that you believe are TBS equivalent that would assist your MHP in reaching the 4% benchmark, please contact Special Master Richard Saletta at [rsalpham@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rsalpham@sbcglobal.net). For [TBS Equivalent/Alternative Services Certification Guidelines](#), please visit the DMH website.

### TBS SMALL COUNTY STRATEGY

Napa County MHP Director Jaye Vanderhurst continues to work with CDMH, the Emily Q Settlement Team and the California Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDA) on the [Small County Strategy](#). A small county training is scheduled for Fall 2010.

### TBS TRAINING

**Monterey County** held a TBS training on May 27, 2010 at Laguna Seca Trackview Pavilion. The training was attended by 57 people and topics included *Assessment, Behavior Plans, and TBS Interventions in Different Settings*. The agenda and meeting materials are posted on the DMH website under the [Helpful Information](#) section.

**Los Angeles County** held a two-day TBS Training in Downey, CA on June 21 and 22, 2010. The first day of the training was for supervisors, while the second day focused on line staff training. Approximately 120 people attended the first day of training, and 130 attended the second day. Presentation and training materials, including sample progress notes, are available on the DMH website under the [Helpful Information](#) section.

### FAMILY, YOUTH & CONSUMER CENTER

**California TBS Family and Youth Strategy Development:** The [TBS Family and Youth Strategy](#) workgroup has continued to meet regularly in May, June, and July 2010 with the goal of designing a strategy to engage family and youth in culturally competent ways to promote the Nine-Point Plan and to improve local TBS efforts. Utilizing the strategy framework based on the Nine-Point Plan, the workgroup is focusing the proposed strategy on three main areas over the next year: Building/enhancing local relationships with family and youth representatives in the 27 Level II counties; Developing effective training modules for family and youth on TBS; and Networking with local family and youth, TBS coordinators, providers and other interested stakeholders in a variety of ways (including a CDMH sponsored monthly conference call). The anticipated release date for the final Family and Youth Strategy is September 2010.

THE TBS COORDINATION OF CARE BEST PRACTICES MANUAL IS NOW POSTED ON THE DMH WEBSITE. TO ACCESS THE MANUAL, PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#).