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WHAT'S NEW

Congratulations TBS Community!

On December 16, 2010, a Federal Court hearing was held for parties involved in the *Emily Q. v Bonta* matter. The Court found that DMH has successfully implemented Points One through Eight of the Nine Point Plan. During proceedings, U.S. District Judge A. Howard Matz ordered that jurisdiction in this case be terminated on May 6, 2011.



Following termination of jurisdiction, the Department of Mental Health (DMH) will assume the responsibilities currently being performed by the Special Master, which are consistent with the schedule established in the Nine Point Plan, which was adopted in November 2008.

At the request of the Court, on January 7, 2011, responses to the December 16 Court order were filed by DHCS and DMH, as well as the plaintiffs in the *Emily Q.* matter. Both responses have been posted on the DMH TBS website, under the [What's New](#) section.

On January 26, 2011, Judge Matz issued a ruling in response to both filings which is also posted on the [DMH TBS website](#).

Special Master Seventh Report to the Court

In accordance with the Court order approving the [Emily Q. v Bonta Exit Plan](#), the Special Master, Richard Saletta, submitted his seventh report to the Federal Court on November 15, 2010. Included in the report are the Special Master's findings regarding progress on the *Emily Q.* matter, as well as recommendations to the court regarding court exit and proposals for next steps. The report is posted on the DMH website and can be accessed by visiting the [DMH TBS website](#).

Family and Youth Strategy

In February 2010 a workgroup was formed to develop the [TBS Family and Youth Strategy](#). Beginning in September 2010 DMH has been working with strategy partners to identify current structures used to involve family and youth in local TBS planning, outreach and engagement activities.

On October 25, 2010, DMH and the strategy partners held the first family and youth conference call and had 94 individuals on the line. Participants included providers, TBS coordinators, county staff, parents, youth and peer mentors.

The next family and youth conference call will be Monday, March 28, 2011. For the call-in number, access code and additional information, please visit the Family and Youth section on the [DMH website](#).

To learn more about the Family and Youth Strategy, please visit the DMH website. If you have any questions about the strategy, please contact DMH Specialist Kathleen Carter Nishimura at (916) 651-6613 or Kathleen.Carter@dmh.ca.gov.

Family and Youth Strategy Training Webinar

On Monday, January 31, 2011, DMH and strategy partners hosted the first statewide TBS Family and Youth training webinar. The focus of the webinar was on family outreach and engagement and featured the San Diego Family and Youth Roundtable. The webinar will be posted and available for viewing on the Family and Youth Strategy section of the DMH website.

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TBS EQUIVALENT SERVICES

During the month of November 2010, **Kern County** and **Santa Cruz County** both received determination of TBS equivalent services from the Special Master. Kern received determination of 42% (31) of case plans to be TBS equivalent and Santa Cruz received determination of 61% (30) of case plans to be TBS equivalent.

In December 2010, **Sacramento County** received determination of 67% (120) of case plans to be TBS equivalent and in January 2011, **Butte County** received determination of 40% (125) of case plans to be TBS equivalent. In February 2011, **Riverside County** received determination of 47% (117) of case plans to be TBS equivalent.

In addition to these counties, other counties that have received determination of TBS equivalent services include: San Diego, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Orange and Marin.

If you have services that you believe are TBS equivalent and would assist your MHP in reaching the 4% benchmark, please contact Special Master Richard Saletta at rsalpham@sbcglobal.net.

TBS TRAININGS

DMH and the California Institute for Mental Health (CiMH) held a TBS training in **San Diego County** on January 31, 2011. The training was presented by Casa Pacifica and focused on Behavior Modification and Interventions. Approximately 80 TBS coaches from the San Diego area attended the training.

DMH is also working with **Stanislaus County** on a TBS training scheduled for Spring 2011.

Napa County Mental Health Director, Jaye Vanderhurst, has been working with CMHDA and DMH to develop a **Small Counties** training. As a component of the [Small County Strategy](#), the training will focus on providing TBS in small and rural counties and is scheduled for Spring 2011. Further details will be posted on the [Small/Rural Counties](#) section of the DMH website.

TBS TRAINING MANUALS

The 2009 TBS Documentation Manual was open for review during the month of September. DMH received comments from the field, which are currently being reviewed. Minor updates are scheduled to be incorporated into the 2011 updates.

The TBS Coordination of Care Best Practices Manual was released in July 2010. After a one month open review period, DMH, along with assistance from the statewide Coordination of Care Team and the SuperTACT Team, reviewed feedback and added additional clarification to the manual. The revised TBS Coordination of Care Best Practices manual is now posted and available for download on the [DMH website](#).

Any questions about content in the manuals may be submitted electronically to tbs@dmh.ca.gov.

TBS CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

In September 2010, DMH released [Information Notice 10-20](#): Mental Health Plan *Emily Q. v Bonta* Exit Strategy Certification Criteria, which requested that counties submit a certification checklist as an indicator of progress toward satisfactorily completing the Exit Strategy. As of February 2011, 53 out of 56 (95%) MHPs have submitted a certification checklist, including 26 Level I counties and 27 Level II counties.