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WHAT'S NEW

Congratulations TBS Community! As of April 28, 2011, **18** Level II Mental Health Plans (MHPs) have been certified by the Federal Court's Special Master, Richard Saletta, as successfully implementing the Nine Point Plan. Each of these MHPs have satisfied the four percent benchmark requirement either through TBS services, a combination of TBS and equivalent services, or a trajectory to reach the benchmark. These MHPs include **Butte, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Marin, Orange, Placer-Sierra, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Sonoma, Stanislaus, and Ventura.**



On May 6, 2011, the Special Master submitted his final report in the *Emily Q.* matter to the United States District Court. In his report, the Special Master recommended that the Court exit the *Emily Q.* matter and that DMH take over management of TBS per the post-exit requirements described in the Nine Point Plan. The Special Master also recommended that DMH continue to work directly with low performing MHPs and take necessary measures as specified in the Court Exit requirements. A decision about jurisdiction is expected from the Honorable Federal Court Judge A. Howard Matz in June 2011.

TBS FAMILY AND YOUTH STRATEGY

The TBS Family & Youth Core Planning Team continues to refine its outreach & engagement efforts toward families and youth. The upcoming strategy events for May 2011 include (all dial-in and contact information is posted on the [DMH website](#)):

- May 11-13: California Mental Health Advocates for Children & Youth Annual Conference in Monterey, CA. Members of the Core Team will: conduct surveys; be part of a panel discussion entitled, "After the Court Leaves: TBS in California;" and conduct outreach during the Third Annual Parent Partner Coalition (PPC) Breakfast.
- May 16: California Youth Empowerment Network (CAYEN) TBS Transition Age Youth (TAY) Conference Call from 4-5:00 p.m. (Third Monday of each month)
- May 17: United Advocates for Children & Families (UACF) PPC Conference Call from 10-11:00 a.m. (Third Tuesday of each month)
- May 23: TBS Family & Youth Discussion from 3-4:00 p.m. (Fourth Monday of each month)

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.

TBS DATA DASHBOARDS

Updated Data Dashboards for Calendar Year 2010 are now available on the DMH website under the [TBS Data](#) section. Data dashboards for all 56 MHPs are posted!

TBS TRAINING MANUALS

In an effort to ensure that the 2010 *TBS Coordination of Care Manual* and the 2009 *TBS Documentation Manual* remain current and of value to the field, DMH will open each manual for review on an annual basis. DMH will be requesting feedback on both manuals in June 2011. All stakeholders are encouraged to provide feedback and suggestions for improvements to the manuals. Both manuals are posted in the TBS section of the [DMH website](#).

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TBS EQUIVALENT SERVICES

During the month of March 2011, three counties received determination of TBS equivalent services from the Special Master. **San Diego County** received determination of 34% (45) of case plans to be TBS equivalent. This was the second TBS equivalency review for San Diego County. Also in March, **Stanislaus County** received determination of 50% (81) of case plans to be TBS equivalent.

Los Angeles County also had a second equivalency review, in which 47% (424) of case plans were determined to be TBS equivalent.

During the month of April 2011, **Placer-Sierra County** received determination of 23% (35) of case plans to be TBS equivalent.

If you have services that you believe are TBS equivalent and would assist your MHP in reaching the 4% benchmark, please contact Troy Konarski at (916) 654-2643 or Troy.Konarski@dmh.ca.gov.

TBS TRAININGS

On May 20, 2011, a TBS training for **Stanislaus County** will be held in Modesto, CA. The training will focus on behavioral interventions and family engagement. A similar training will be held in **Tulare County** on June 20, 2011. Attendance space at both trainings has been made available to TBS providers in surrounding counties.

Also, during the month of June 2011, DMH will host two **Small County TBS Training Webinars**. The first webinar will be on June 16 and the second will be on June 30. The webinars will focus on specific issues faced by small and rural counties in providing TBS. Please visit the [Small and Rural County](#) section of the TBS website for more information.

SuperTACT

TBS Accountability, Communications and Training Team (SuperTACT)

The SuperTACT task group was developed to create and monitor the development of an accountability structure and training and outreach strategy to implement the Court approved Nine Point Plan. On the fourth Wednesday of each month since October 2008, both the SuperTACT Team and the Emily Q. Settlement Team convene meetings at DMH Headquarters in Sacramento. As of July 2011, DMH will be responsible for the monthly SuperTACT meetings. DMH would like to thank all members of SuperTACT (2008-2011) for their continued commitment, dedication and hard work, which has been so valuable in support of our success to increase access and utilization of TBS!



Back row, left to right: Troy Konarski (DMH), Melinda Vaughn (DOJ), David Gray (Special Master Consultant), Tom Sodergren (CasaPacifica), Jennifer Gabales (CA Alliance), Sean Tracy (DMH), Mary Hargrave (CiMH), Melinda Bird (Disability Rights), Amber Burkan (CAYEN), George Siler (Butte County), Janet McKinley (DMH), Jim Preis (Mental Health Advocacy Services, Inc). **Front row:** Roxanne Vincent (DMH), Julie Inderkum (DMH), Rita McCabe (DMH), Richard Saletta (Special Master), Kathleen Carter Nishimura (DMH), Mike Reiter (APS Healthcare), Saumitra SenGupta (APS Healthcare), Betsy Fitzgerald (Los Angeles County), Kim Nguyen Pierce (Los Angeles County), Alicia Griffin (DMH).

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