

Congratulations TBS Community!

According to the most recent approved claims data collection effort by DMH, TBS is now being delivered in over 50 counties statewide!



MHP Certification Criteria

In September 2010, DMH released [Information Notice 10-20](#): Mental Health Plan *Emily Q v Bonta* Exit Strategy Certification Criteria. On October 5, 2010 DMH and the Special Master, Richard Saletta, hosted a conference call in which all counties were invited to participate. Over 30 counties were on the call as DMH discussed the Information Notice, Certification Criteria and responded to questions about the certification process. Counties have been asked to submit their Certification Checklist to tbs@dmh.ca.gov by **October 22, 2010**. Currently, 21 counties have submitted a Certification Checklist to DMH.

DMH 2010 Annual Assessment to the Federal Court

In accordance with the Court order approving the [Emily Q v Bonta Exit Plan](#), DMH will submit an Annual Assessment to the Federal Court in October 2010. The assessment will discuss overall implementation of the Nine Point Plan, including MHP progress in meeting the performance requirements established in the Exit plan.

The annual assessment will provide core information to the Special Master for his report to the Court regarding overall plan progress and proposals for termination of jurisdiction.

Included in the Annual Assessment will be the MHP Progress Report, which will be used to identify successes and address challenges experienced by MHPs during their implementation of the Nine Point Plan. To review the MHP Progress Report from 2009, please visit the [DMH website](#).

As a reminder, counties are requested to submit Stakeholder and Decision-Maker meeting reports, accompanied by an attendance sheet, within 60 days following each meeting. All reports should be submitted to tbs@dmh.ca.gov. Currently, 55 counties have submitted the MHP Responsibility Form and 31 counties have submitted one or

Family and Youth Strategy

In February 2010, a workgroup was formed to develop the [TBS Family and Youth Strategy](#). Beginning in September, 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.

As a component of the strategy implementation, DMH and its partners will host monthly TBS conference calls with parents, youth and local TBS Coordinators. The first conference call is scheduled for **Monday, October 25, 2010**. For call-in number and access code, please visit the Family and Youth section on the [DMH website](#).

Also during the month of October, DMH and strategy partners will meet with the CMHDA Children's System of Care Committee and the Small Counties Committee. In addition, DMH and its partners are currently developing a Family and Youth TBS Training.

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.

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TBS EQUIVALENT SERVICES

In April 2010, San Diego became the first county to receive determination of TBS equivalent services. During the site visit to San Diego, the Special Master determined 60% (113) of case plans to be TBS equivalent.

In September 2010, San Francisco became the second county to receive determination of TBS equivalent services with 52% (92) of case plans determined TBS equivalent.

In October 2010, Los Angeles County received determination of 64% (543) of case plans as TBS equivalent. Also in October, Orange County received determination of 50% (197) of case plans at TBS equivalent.

Other counties that have contacted the Special Master about TBS equivalent services include Marin, Kern, Merced and Santa Cruz. 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.

For TBS Equivalent Services Guidelines and Criteria, please visit the [DMH website](#).

QIC TRAININGS

In September, DMH TBS Specialists participated in four statewide Quality Improvement Committee (QIC) trainings to provide updates and answer questions about TBS.

TBS TRAININGS

Los Angeles County held a TBS training workshop on October 18, 2010. The training was open to new and existing TBS providers, LA DMH staff and TBS Family and Youth Partners. The training was designed to provide a best practices model of implementing TBS and will also address the significance of culturally competent services.

DMH is working with **San Diego County** and the California Institute for Mental Health (CiMH) on a TBS training scheduled in 2010. The training will focus on Behavior Modification and Interventions.

Napa County Mental Health Director, Jaye Vanderhurst, has been working with CMHDA and DMH to develop a **Small Counties** training. A component of the [Small County Strategy](#), the training will focus on providing TBS in small and rural counties.

TBS TRAINING MANUALS

In July 2010, the TBS Coordination of Care Best Practices Manual (Version 1.0) was released and open for a one month review period from the field. DMH received feedback from several practitioners and stakeholders. Comments were reviewed by the SuperTACT Team and Statewide Coordination of Care Team and revisions were made to the manual. Version 2.0 will be released in November 2010.

The 2009 TBS Documentation Manual was open for review during the month of September. DMH is currently reviewing the comments that have been received. The revised manual will be released in November 2010.

The TBS Coordination of Care Best Practices Manual and the TBS Documentation Manual are both available on the DMH website. In an effort to ensure that the manuals remain current and of value to the field, DMH will open each manual for review on an annual basis. Any questions about content in the manuals may be submitted electronically to tbs@dmh.ca.gov.