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WHAT'S NEW

Congratulations TBS Community!

On September 14, 2011, an order was filed by the United States District Court, Central District of California, adopting the Special Master's findings and recommendations and terminating jurisdiction by the Honorable Judge A. Howard Matz. As stated in the orders:



“The Court adopts the findings and recommendations of the Special Master in his Final Report. Defendant Director of the Department of Health Care Services, and the director or directors of any successor entity or entities, shall continue to comply with the post-termination terms of the Nine Point Plan and transition plan. Nothing in this order shall preclude subsequent litigation regarding the obligation of counties and county mental health plans to provide TBS. Monies remaining in the Special Services Fund in the approximate amount of \$198,394.63 shall remain on deposit with the California Institute for Mental Health or any successor entity, to support TBS trainings, quality improvement activities, data review, and continued maintenance of public TBS data dashboards.”

To access the full Court order, please visit the DMH website at: [http://www.dmh.ca.gov/Services and Programs/Children and Youth/EPSTD.asp](http://www.dmh.ca.gov/Services_and_Programs/Children_and_Youth/EPSTD.asp)

TRANSFER OF MEDI-CAL RELATED MENTAL HEALTH FUNCTIONS

Assembly Bill (AB) 102, which Governor Brown signed into law on June 28, 2011, requires the transfer of Medi-Cal related mental health functions from the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) by July 1, 2012.

The transfer of Medi-Cal related services includes Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSTD) and Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS). The mental health services of funding for Medi-Cal services does not change as a result of this transfer. AB 102 requires a transition plan and stakeholder input which is critical to the development of the plan. DHCS has convened a series of meetings with stakeholders during the past two months and has included this feedback into the final report, which was approved by the Governor's Office and submitted to the Legislature on Monday, October 3, 2011.

For more information on AB 102 and the transfer of Medi-Cal related mental health services, please visit the [DHCS website](#).

TBS TRAINING MANUALS

In an effort to ensure that the *TBS Coordination of Care Manual* and the *TBS Documentation Manual* remain current and of value to the field, DHCS-DMH will open each manual for review on an annual basis. During the month of July 2011, DHCS-DMH requested feedback on both manuals from the TBS community.

Thank you to all who submitted comments, questions and suggestions. DHCS-DMH is currently working with the SuperTACT Team on minor revisions to the manuals, based on the feedback received from the field.

Both manuals are currently posted in the TBS section of the [DMH website](#). The revised manuals will be released and posted on the website in November 2011.



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TBS EQUIVALENT SERVICES

As one component of post court jurisdiction and the transition plan, DHCS-DMH will continue to conduct TBS equivalency reviews. The following MHPs have requested TBS equivalency reviews: Alameda, Kern, Merced, Monterey, San Joaquin and Solano. DHCS-DMH is currently working with these six MHPs to schedule equivalency reviews over the next several months.

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@dhcs.ca.gov.

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

TBS TRAININGS

DHCS-DMH is currently developing TBS trainings to present in upcoming months. Plans for future trainings include: Advanced TBS Coaching, Creative Interventions, a Family and Youth Strategy webinar and a Small County Strategy webinar. Opportunities exist for additional trainings, as well. If your county is interested in participating in a TBS training, or if you have ideas for future TBS trainings, please contact Troy Konarski at (916) 654-2643 or Troy.Konarski@dhcs.ca.gov.

TBS FAMILY AND YOUTH STRATEGY

Happy Birthday TBS Family and Youth Strategy! October 2011 marks one year of monthly Family and Youth Strategy calls. During the past year, strategy efforts have included a Family and Youth Webinar featuring the San Diego Family and Youth Roundtable, participation at the California Mental Health Advocates for Children and Youth (CMHACY) annual conference and statewide monthly conference calls.

Past conference calls have discussed topics such as TBS tricks and tips, how to get the right TBS coach, cultural competency, and TBS tool boxes and reward systems.

Conference calls are held on the fourth Monday of every month from 3:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. If you would like to be added to the Family and Youth Strategy distribution list, or if you have ideas for future call topics, please contact Kathleen Carter Nishimura at (916) 651-6613 or Kathleen.Carter@dhcs.ca.gov. For more information about the TBS Family and Youth Strategy, please visit the [DMH website](#).

TBS LEVEL II COUNTIES CALL

DHCS-DMH hosts monthly TBS calls for the 27 Level II (medium-large) counties. The calls take place on the second Thursday of each month from 11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. Recent calls have highlighted TBS success stories, streamlined TBS referral forms, and counties who have significantly increased TBS utilization. If you would like to be added to the Level II Counties Call distribution list, or have ideas for future call topics, please contact Troy Konarski at (916) 654-2643 or Troy.Konarski@dhcs.ca.gov.

STATEWIDE TBS CONFERENCE

On November 16-17, 2011, Casa Pacifica Center for Children and Families will host a statewide TBS conference in Westlake Village, CA. This conference provides the opportunity to network with TBS colleagues from across the state, learn how to implement effective strategies for TBS services design and delivery and collaborate with others on the future growth, fidelity and sustainability of TBS. For more information or to register for the conference, please visit www.casapacificca.org/training.