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DMH LETTER NO.: 06-02

TO: LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CHIEFS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
CHAIRPERSONS, LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS

SUBJECT: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT COMMUNITY SERVICES
AND SUPPORT--THREE YEAR PROGRAM AND EXPENDITURE
PLAN REQUIREMENT--FULL SERVICE PARTNERSHIP
ADDENDUM, FISCAL YEARS 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08

REFERENCE Implementation of MHSA, Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC)
Sections 5847, 5848, and 5892

The purpose of this letter is to transmit a change in the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan Requirements (DMH Letter No.: 05-05) for the Community Services and Supports (CSS) component of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). Per Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5848, the Department of Mental Health (DMH) has the responsibility to establish the requirements for the content of the Plan. The requirements were the subject of a comprehensive stakeholder process. This addendum is consistent with the input from that stakeholder process and is responsive to issues identified in implementation of DMH Letter No.: 05-05.

The Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan Requirements in DMH Letter No.: 05-05 is amended as follows:

Counties are required to request a majority of their CSS funding (including a distributed share of MHSA administrative costs) for full service partnerships. There is a small county exemption which limits the requirement to request a majority of funding for full service partnerships only for FY 2007-08. This Letter provides the following additional flexibility for small counties: In the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan Section VI, for FY 2007-08 small counties are not required to provide detailed responses related to full service partnership workplans, timeframes, budgets and staffing with the initial plan submission. In the initial submission, a small county proposing to initiate full service

partnerships in FY 2007-08 must only identify the FSP priority population and the amount of funding to be reserved for this purpose. Detailed workplans, timeframes, budgets and staffing will be required for these full service partnerships for DMH and Oversight and Accountability Commission review and DMH approval prior to implementation.

The department will work with community resources to develop models and provide technical assistance regarding full service partnerships that are viable for small communities. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the County Operations staff assigned to your county (See Enclosure 1).

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Director

Enclosure

cc: Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
California Mental Health Planning Council
Chiefs, County Operations Section
Chief, Local Program Financial Support
Chief, Fiscal Systems