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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 CAPITAL FACILITIES AND
TECHNOLOGICAL NEEDS COMPONENT - THREE-YEAR
PROGRAM AND EXPENDITURE PLAN GUIDELINES

REFERENCE: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MHSA, WELFARE AND
INSTITUTIONS CODE (WIC) SECTIONS 5847, 5848, AND 5892

This Department of Mental Health (DMH or the Department) Information Notice transmits to Counties¹ the proposed guidelines for Counties to submit their Capital Facilities and Technological Needs Component Proposal and the Capital Facilities and Technological Needs Project Proposals of the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). Proposed guidelines are included as **Enclosure 1, Enclosure 2, and Enclosure 3.**

Per Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5848, the DMH establishes the requirements for the content of the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan. These guidelines have been developed by means of a comprehensive stakeholder process and represent the input received through statewide conference calls, workgroups, general meetings, and written comments. While consensus was not possible on all issues, the process allowed all perspectives to be heard and resulted in significant revisions to the document. This DMH Information Notice applies only to the Capital Facilities and Technological Needs Component Proposal and the Capital Facilities and Technological Needs Project Proposals. Consistent with the sequential phasing for each of the MHSA components, the next scheduled implementation is the Capital Facilities and Technological Needs Component of the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan.

1. "County" means the county mental department, two or more county mental health departments acting jointly, and/or city-operated programs receiving funds per Welfare and Institutions Code section 5701.5. (Title 9, California Code of Regulations § 3200.060)

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Capital Facilities and Technological Needs is one of five components of the MHSA. It is part of a broad continuum including Community Services and Supports, Prevention and Early Intervention, Education and Training, and Innovative Programs that are addressed by the MHSA. Each component eventually will be part of a comprehensive, integrated approach to community mental health services and supports and an integrated Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan. Each component must reflect the ideology and values of the MHSA. All components must be accountable for the outcomes specified in the MHSA.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Enclosures: 1. Capital Facilities and Technological Needs Component Proposal(s)
2. Capital Facilities Project Proposal(s)
3. Technological Needs Project Proposal(s)

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