

Explanation of Supplemental MHSA PEI Statewide Program Assignment Agreement

The California Department of Mental Health (DMH) allocated a portion of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding to each county for Prevention & Early Intervention (PEI) Statewide Projects. These projects include Suicide Prevention, the Student Mental Health Initiative, and Stigma and Discrimination Reduction. In March 2009, Mendocino County, like many others, assigned its allocations for fiscal years 08/09 through 11/12 back to DMH to enable the State to implement these projects more cohesively and to avoid the county administrative costs the projects would require. Since that time, development and implementation of these projects have been delayed at the State level, and some counties have formed a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to implement the projects independently as an alternative. The JPA is named the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA).

There is no option for counties to recover the funding once it has been assigned to DMH. However, the State recently offered the opportunity to counties that had previously assigned their allocations to DMH, to reassign their allocations to fund a contract between DMH and CalMHSA to develop and implement the Statewide projects. In addition, CalMHSA's membership has grown as more counties have chosen to join the JPA. Membership allows counties to participate more actively in the design of the projects and to implement them more expeditiously while still avoiding prohibitive local administrative costs. At its meeting on July 21, 2010, the Mendocino County Mental Health Board voted to approve a motion to support Mendocino County's joining CalMHSA and reassigning its PEI Statewide Projects allocations for fiscal years 08/09 through 11/12 to fund a contract between DMH and CalMHSA. The form, entitled "Supplemental MHSA PEI Statewide Programs Assignment Agreement" posted herein, is Mendocino County's notification to DMH to reassign its available planning funds and allocations to fund the contract between DMH and CalMHSA. If the Board of Supervisors approves, this document will be sent to the State along with a Board Resolution authorizing Mendocino County's membership in CalMHSA.

SUPPLEMENTAL MHSA PEI STATEWIDE PROGRAMS ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

Mendocino (Name of County¹)

Mendocino (Name of County) (the County) agrees to participate in the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Statewide Programs funded from the PEI Component of the MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan. The three Statewide Programs intended to be funded by this agreement are: Suicide Prevention, Student Mental Health Initiative, and Stigma and Discrimination Reduction.

The County agrees that upon its execution of this Agreement, the following amounts will be assigned to DMH concurrent with the start of the State Fiscal Year (SFY) for which they are made available subject to the effective conditions specified below:

\$ (82,000) of the County's SFY 08/09 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation

\$ (82,000) of the County's SFY 09/10 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation

\$ (82,000) of the County's SFY 10/11 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation

\$ (82,000) of the County's SFY 11/12 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation

Assignment to the Department of Mental Health

Funds in the amount specified will be transferred from the Mental Health Services Fund Local Assistance portion of the DMH state budget, item 4440-601-3085 to the DMH state budget, item 4440-101-3085, Program 10, Local Assistance.

The County makes the assignment to (please check one):

- Fund DMH administration of these programs.
- Fund a contract pursuant to WIC 5897 (a) between DMH and California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) to support CalMHSA administration of these programs.

Assignment shall be effective only upon:

- review and comment by DMH and approval by Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC);
- a fully executed County MHSA Agreement with DMH; and
- appropriation of sufficient funds in the State Budget Act to allow DMH to expend the funds assigned by counties to support the PEI Statewide Programs outlined above.

Pursuant to WIC 5892(a)(3) assigned funds intended to fund a contract between DMH and CalMHSA may be distributed to CalMHSA only after a PEI Statewide Program and Expenditure Plan or update has been approved by the MHSOAC.

¹ "County" may be a county mental health program, two or more counties acting jointly, or a city-operated mental health program pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code Section 5701.5.

Release of Planning Funds

The County may request funds for the purpose of conducting the Community Program Planning and Local Review Processes, for preparing, drafting and submitting Plan/updates and for other planning activities be distributed to the JPA.

- Pursuant to its Assignment above to fund a contract pursuant to WIC 5897 (a) between DMH and California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) to support CalMHSA administration of these programs, the County authorizes the release of Planning funds under this contract to the JPA in the following amounts:

\$ (4,100) of the County's SFY 08/09 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation

\$ (4,100) of the County's SFY 09/10 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation

\$ (4,100) of the County's SFY 10/11 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation

Approved for County (by signature)	Date:
Printed Name and Title: Stacey Cryer, Mental Health Director	