



County of Orange

Health Care Agency Behavioral Health Services

Mental Health Services Act

Proposal to Become a Member of the Joint Powers
Authority (JPA) and Have the
JPA Administer Orange County's Funding for
Statewide Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)
Projects

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As required by Department of Mental Health Information (DMH) Notice 08-25, Orange County assigned approximately \$13.3 million to DMH for implementation of three Statewide Prevention and Early Intervention Projects: Suicide Prevention, Student Mental Health Initiative, and Stigma and Discrimination Reduction. The money was assigned in 2008; however, no action has been taken by DMH to implement Statewide Projects with this money.

According to the PEI Statewide Projects Guidelines recently developed by the Oversight of Accountability Commission (OAC), counties may choose one of three options to implement the three Statewide Projects.

- Option 1 is to implement a statewide program through California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA), a Joint Powers Authority.
- Option 2 is to act jointly with one or more other Counties to implement a statewide and/or a regional replicable program through a multi-county collaborative.
- Option 3 is to assign funds to DMH for DMH to implement a statewide program.

Since Orange County already assigned the funding to DMH, the only option for the County is Option 3. Under Option 3, counties may assign funds to DMH for DMH to administer PEI statewide programs; and/or to fund a contract between DMH and CalMHSA for the development and implementation of one or more of the three statewide programs. If the funds stay with DMH, there is a potential risk that it will revert and be reallocated to other counties. It is in the best interest of the County to transfer the funds to CalMHSA so that PEI statewide projects can be implemented.

Becoming a member of the JPA also benefits Orange County in that:

- **Membership on the Board of Directors.** Each county member of the Authority has a representative on the Board of Directors who shall be able to attend, participate in and vote on actions of the Board.
- **Decrease in Administrative duties.** As administrator of the funds, CalMHSA will be responsible for submitting all plans and preparing reports for the County to

- submit to DMH on the use of the funding. Thus, saving Orange County staff time and other expenses related to administering the projects.
- Efficiency in use of funding. By combining funding from many counties, there should be economies of scale in implementing the Statewide Programs.

At the MHSA Steering Committee meeting held on May 3, 2010, two motions related to the JPA were approved by consensus. These are:

- Orange County requests that DMH transfer to CalMHSA the \$13.3 previously assigned to DMH for PEI Statewide Projects.
- HCA-Behavioral Health will seek Board approval for the County to become a member of the JPA.

This Proposal and a completed Enclosure 1 of DMH Information Notice 10-05 are available for a 30-day public comment period: May 24, 2010 through June 23, 2010. Anyone wishing to provide comment should complete the Public Comment Form available on the MHSA website: http://ochealthinfo.com/mhsa/pei/. A hard copy of the Public Comment Form may be obtained from the MHSA Office by calling (714) 667-5600.

SUPPLEMENTAL MHSA PEI STATEWIDE PROGRAMS ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

	(Name of County ¹)				
the MHSA Thr	(Name of County) (the County) agrees to participate in the Mental Health Services Act ention and Early Intervention (PEI) Statewide Programs funded from the PEI Component of ee-Year Program and Expenditure Plan. The three Statewide Programs intended to be agreement are: Suicide Prevention, Student Mental Health Initiative, and Stigma and Reduction.				
DMH concurre the effective co \$ (grees that upon its execution of this Agreement, the following amounts will be assigned to ent with the start of the State Fiscal Year (SFY) for which they are made available subject to conditions specified below:) of the County's SFY 08/09 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation) of the County's SFY 09/10 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation) of the County's SFY 10/11 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation) 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 m	akes 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

	nducting the Community Program Planning and Local tting Plan/updates and for other planning activities be			
and California Mental Health Services administration of these programs, the	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:			
\$ () of the County's SF	\$ () of the County's SFY 09/10 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation			
Approved for County (by signature)	Date:			
Printed Name and Title:				



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30-Day Public Comment Form

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PERSONAL INFORMATION						
Name						
Agency/Organization						
Phone number			E-mail			
Mailing address (street)						
City, State, Zip						
MY ROLE IN THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM						
Person in recove	ry		Probation			
Family member			Education			
Service provider			Social Services			
Law enforcemen	Law enforcement/criminal justice		Other (please state)			
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