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January 27, 2009

Caitlin Viscardi
California Department of Mental Health
MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention Component
1600 9th Street, Room 150
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Viscardi:

Attached is the Prevention and Early Implementation Request for Funding for Community Program Planning for fiscal year 2008-2009. The funds are requested to provide continued planning for the eight projects proposed in our PEI Plan.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Refowitz
Behavioral Health Director

Attachment



County of Orange

Health Care Agency Behavioral Health Services Mental Health Services Act

Prevention and Early Implementation

Request for Funding for Community Program Planning

(For Approval by the California State Department of Mental Health)

January 26, 2009

Date: **January 27, 2009**

County: **Orange**

Total Amount Requested: **\$2,029,700**

Funding Purposes Listed below are examples of specific community program planning activities and expenditures for which the requested Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) funding will be used. The first year's planning activities focused on engaging stakeholders from all segments of the community and through that process, identifying community needs. This year's activities are directed towards identifying, engaging and analyzing community and county resources to meet those needs.

I. Preparation for Program Implementation: Activities and expenditures anticipated include:

- Continue analysis of data from various service sectors in order to assess current community capacity and resources.
- Continue to equip new PEI staff with all necessary technology (cellular telephones, computer hardware and software, etc.) to coordinate planning activities for PEI and the cost of enhanced and/or increased space needs for these employees.
- County resources and/or consultants to assist in evaluating, summarizing and disseminating information on PEI strategies, resources and needs.

II. Focus Groups and Stakeholder Meetings: Activities and expenditures anticipated in order to maximize the contributions of strategic service sectors and stakeholders to the PEI planning process include:

- Continue meetings, conference calls, dissemination of information and announcements through electronic and print media, focus groups, interpreter services, document translations, interviews, and other methods to be used to present the DMH proposed guidelines to stakeholders.
- Continue consultations with key informants; convening and obtaining input from focus groups.
- Continue support to County resources and/or consultants to assist in facilitating stakeholder meetings and focus groups.

III. Other Community Program Planning Expenditures

- County resources to facilitate and conduct planning activities, and recruit and train personnel for the proposed PEI programs and services.
- County resources to prepare for contracting with PEI providers including the development of Request for Proposals and establishing contracts.

Certification

I HEREBY CERTIFY under penalty of perjury that I am the official responsible for the administration of Community Mental Health Services in and for said County; that I have not violated any of the provisions of Section 5891 of the Welfare and Institution Code in that all identified funding requirements listed above represent costs related to the expansion of mental health services since passage of the MHSA and do not represent supplanting of expenditures; that the proposed activities are consistent with the Mental Health Services Act, the Department's regulations governing the MHSA, and guidelines for the Prevention and Early Intervention component of the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan; and that to the best of my knowledge and belief this budget in all respects is true, correct, and in accordance with the law.



MARK REFOWITZ

Director, County Mental Health Department (signature)