



Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services

# Mental Health Services Act

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) provides opportunities to expand and develop innovative and integrated mental health services. When passed by California voters in 2004, the MHSA anticipated that for specific projects counties would act jointly to develop statewide initiatives that support and complement county level programs.

Three Prevention and Early Intervention mental health initiatives were identified to be developed jointly and implemented throughout the State.

A Joint Powers Authority (JPA) was formed for the purpose of administrating these initiatives and named the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA).

Humboldt County is proposing to assign the portion of MHSA funds that are designated to be used solely for the purpose of statewide initiatives to the CalMHSA.

## Statewide Initiatives

### **Suicide Prevention**

This project will support and coordinate with Counties in launching the implementation of the California Strategic Plan on Suicide Prevention which was approved by the Governor's Office in 2008. Examples of activities include:

- Build a system of suicide prevention at both the state and local levels
- Provide training, technical assistance, resources and other needed supports to help Counties successfully develop and implement suicide prevention activities
- Increase the capacity of the workforce to effectively prevent suicide

### **Stigma and Discrimination Reduction**

This project will coordinate efforts to develop a strategic plan to reduce stigma and discrimination against people living with mental illness. Key goals include:

- Reduce stigma experienced by individuals who have a mental illness, or a social, emotional, or behavioral issue
- Reduce stigma experienced by parents or caregivers of children, youth, and other family members with mental illness, or a social, emotional, or behavioral issue
- Reduce stigma associated with seeking services and supports for mental health issues
- Reduce discrimination against individuals living with mental illness or social, emotional, or behavioral issues

### **Student Mental Health Initiative**

This project will provide an opportunity for California schools and higher education campuses to strengthen student mental health programs. Examples of activities include:

- Campus-based mental health programs that provide a continuum of prevention and early intervention services for students and their families with specific emphasis on those groups that are traditionally underserved
- Training for campus-based and mental health staff, community partners, peer leaders, and others to improve capacity for effective prevention and early intervention programs

## Public Comment

There is a 30-day Public Comment period from November 6, 2010 through December 5, 2010

The Assignment is available in an electronic format at: the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Branch, Mental Health Services Act website: [co.humboldt.ca.us](http://co.humboldt.ca.us)

The Assignment is available in a hard copy format and comments may be placed in the "MHSA Comment Box" at:

- Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services  
Professional Building: 507 F Street, Eureka
- Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services Mental Health Branch, Children Youth and Family Services: 1711 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Eureka
- Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services Garberville Office: 727 Cedar Street
- Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services Mental Health Branch: 720 Wood Street, Eureka
- Hope Center 2933 H Street, Eureka
- County website: [co.humboldt.ca.us](http://co.humboldt.ca.us)
- Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services Willow Creek Office: 77 Walnut Way

**Comments on the Assignment may be addressed to:**

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Mental Health Branch  
Attn: Jaclyn Culleton  
Mental Health Services Act  
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(707) 441-3770

**Or toll free at:**  
(866) 320-8911

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[mhsacomments@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:mhsacomments@co.humboldt.ca.us)

**SUPPLEMENTAL MHSA PEI STATEWIDE PROGRAMS ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT**

Humboldt (Name of County<sup>1</sup>)

Humboldt (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:

- \$ ( 125,700 ) of the County's SFY 08/09 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation
- \$ ( 125,700 ) of the County's SFY 09/10 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation
- \$ ( 125,700 ) of the County's SFY 10/11 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation
- \$ ( 125,700 ) 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.

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<sup>1</sup> "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:

\$ ( 6,285 ) of the County's SFY 08/09 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation  
\$ ( 6,285 ) of the County's SFY 09/10 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation  
\$ ( 6,285 ) of the County's SFY 10/11 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation

Approved for County (by signature) 	Date: 
Printed Name and Title:  Karolyn Rim Stein, Mental Health Branch Director	