



## SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

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DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH CARE SERVICES

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### **APPLICATION LETTER FOR PLAN AMENDMENT TO EXTEND AND FUND AN ADDITIONAL YEAR (2008-09) OF THE INITIAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT THREE YEAR PLAN**

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that Behavioral Health Services (BHS) request approval from the State Department of Mental Health (DMH) for a plan amendment extending the initial Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Three Year Plan for an additional year (2008-09) and amending the budget to include a fourth year amount of \$12,940,050. These funds are currently unplanned and unspent and will be used to continue all services and programs previously approved in the initial MHSA Three Year Plan.

#### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

On October 1, 2006, The State Department of Mental Health (DMH) approved the MHSA Community Services and Supports Component (CSS) Three Year Plan for San Joaquin County for a total of \$12,386,190. Also, on February 7, 2008, DMH approved additional funding for One-Time Technology in the amount of \$1,233,040. Subsequently, on June 30, 2008, DMH approved a plan amendment increasing the MHSA Three Year Plan budget by \$918,613 for an Adult Full Service Partnership expansion, and by \$984,147 to begin the County's Prudent Reserve program.

DMH has now provided Counties the option to extend the initial MHSA Three Year Plan to a fourth year, rather than adhere to the original requirement to develop a second Three Year Plan. The fourth year requested budget amount is \$12,940,050 and includes \$7,515,936 for the Full Service Partnerships Programs. For additional information refer to Attachment A, a budget summary by cost category of the Three Year Plan and the funds requested for the fourth year extension. Attachment B includes the pertinent slides of the staff presentation to the San Joaquin County Mental Health Board explaining the requested plan amendment and providing some background information.

The recommendation to seek DMH approval for a plan amendment to continue services and programs for 2008-09 has been reviewed with the San Joaquin County Mental Health Board on July 16, 2008 and will be reviewed with the MHSA Planning Stakeholder Steering Committee on August 12, 2008. Subsequently, the recommended plan amendment will be taken to the Board of Supervisors for approval, with a tentative agenda date of August 19 or 26, 2008.

Translations of the two attachments will be made available in Spanish and Cambodian, upon request.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

If the plan amendment and associated funding is not approved and added, the funding for services and programs previously approved in the MHSA CSS Three Year Plan will end.

#### **FOLLOW UP ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

Comments are welcome and should be emailed to: [mhsacomments@sjcbhs.org](mailto:mhsacomments@sjcbhs.org). Hard copy comments can be mailed to -- Behavioral Health Services 1212 N. California St., Stockton, CA. 95202, attention: Becky Gould. After responses to the 30 day public notice have been completed and posted, an Application Letter requesting the plan amendment and related support documents will be sent to the DMH for review and approval