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January 29, 2009

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Dear Mark A. Refowitz:

We have reviewed your request for additional funding for Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Community Program Planning activities from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and have determined that the request meets the requirements established by the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC), specifically:

- The requested amount is within your maximum Community Program Planning funding allowance.
- The description of the purpose and amount for which the requested funding will be used is consistent with regulations and proposed PEI guidelines related to community program planning for MHSA.

This letter constitutes the notice of funding approval in the amount of \$2,029,700 for FY 08/09; however, funding will not be released until there is an executed MHSA agreement.

As you conduct your county's PEI Community Program Planning and prepare the PEI component for submission, please ensure that the planning process meets all requirements outlined in the MHSA regulations and in Part II, Community Program Planning Process, in the PEI Proposed Guidelines of the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan. When Orange County submits its PEI component, it must contain a thorough description of the planning process (refer to Part II Community Program Planning Process and Form No. 2).

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If you require additional information about our review of your additional funding request for PEI Community Program planning, please contact Clark Marshall, Staff Mental Health Specialist, at (916) 445-8788 or via e-mail at [clark.marshall@dmh.ca.gov](mailto:clark.marshall@dmh.ca.gov). If you have questions regarding the PEI community Program Planning process, you may contact Nichole Davis, DMH, PEI Unit, at (916) 651-0691. If you have questions regarding your county's contract agreement, you may contact your County Operations liaison.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

cc: California Mental Health Planning Council  
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Chief, Office of Multicultural Services  
Chief, Local Program Support Branch  
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