



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)

October 2, 2007

Date: **October 2, 2007**

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.

- I. Outreach and Engagement:** Activities anticipated in order to establish and support partnerships in underserved communities include:
 - Specific outreach and engagement to underserved linguistic, ethnic, and cultural communities.
 - Specific outreach to community based organizations and programs that serve or have contact with underserved linguistic, ethnic, and cultural members.
 - Outreach to potential individual participants, their families, and other community stakeholders, including covering expenses for their participation.
 - Staff time and/or consultants to assist in facilitating outreach to stakeholders.

- II. Preparation for Community Program Planning:** Activities and expenditures anticipated in order to prepare for stakeholder focus groups include:
 - Collect and analyze data from various service sectors in order to assess current community capacity, resources, and needs.
 - Develop and manage contracts and/or memoranda of understanding with community organizations for planning and outreach activities.
 - 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.
 - Staff development and training for County staff and stakeholders addressing PEI guidelines specific to planning and work plan development.
 - County resources and/or consultants to assist in evaluating, summarizing and disseminating information on PEI strategies and resource material.

- III. Focus Groups and Stakeholder Meetings:** Activities and expenditures anticipated in order maximizing the contributions of strategic service sectors and stakeholders to the PEI planning process include:
 - Meetings, conference calls, dissemination of information and announcements through electronic and print media (including languages other than English), focus groups, community groups, interpreter services, document translations,

interviews, and other methods to be used to present the DMH proposed guidelines to stakeholders.

- Consultations with key informants; convening and obtaining input from focus and community groups.
- Public hearing.
- Support to individual participants, their families, and other community stakeholders, including covering expenses (e.g., transportation, child care, etc.) to ensure their participation.
- County resources and/or consultants to assist in facilitating stakeholder meetings and focus groups.

IV. Other Community Program Planning Expenditures

- County resources to facilitate and conduct planning activities, and recruit personnel for the proposed PEI programs and services. This will also include a staff position to serve as PEI Coordinator.
- County resources to prepare for contracting with PEI providers.

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.

Director, County Mental Health Department (signature)