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Date: November 14, 2008  
Subject: Assignment of Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention Funds for Statewide Projects

Dear PEI Stakeholder Participant and Interested Community Members:

As you may recall, at the October 16, 2008 meeting of the PEI Stakeholder Workgroup, we announced that the State Department of Mental Health was developing several statewide PEI initiatives focusing on specific projects and programs. Because of the way MHSA legislation was written and put into law, each county has received a specific allocation of PEI funding strictly for the statewide PEI projects (\$917,200 per year over four years for Contra Costa County). These dollars must now be assigned back to DMH as the single administrative entity. The assignment agreement authorizes the transfer of MHSA funding to DMH to administer three programs: Suicide Prevention; the Student Mental Health Initiative; and Stigma and Discrimination Reduction. The amount to be assigned is a total of \$3,668,800 over a four-year period (\$917,200 per year for 08/09, 09/10, 10/11, and 11/12).

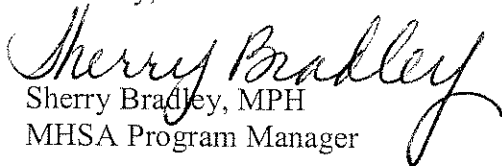
This is completely separate from Contra Costa's PEI allocation of funding and the PEI plan that we have been developing over the past several months. We cannot use these funds for any other purpose.

A description of these statewide projects is attached. As required under DMH guidelines, we are posting this notice for 30-day comment period. The MHSA PEI Statewide Projects Assignment Agreement is available on the MHSA website:  
[www.cchealth.org/services/mentalhealth/prop62/pei\\_planning.php](http://www.cchealth.org/services/mentalhealth/prop62/pei_planning.php)

Thank you for your ongoing support and your active participation in the MHSA planning process. Together we are working toward transforming the Contra Costa County mental health system.

Please e-mail any questions, comments and input to [mhsa@hsd.cccounty.us](mailto:mhsa@hsd.cccounty.us)

Sincerely,

  
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Enclosures: Supplemental MHSA PEI Statewide Projects Assignment Agreement  
Description: Statewide projects  
Public Comment Form

