



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: William Walker, M.D., Health Services Director  
Date: February 24, 2009

Subject: Acceptance of Funds from the State Department of Mental Health for the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Funds

### **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Approve and authorize the Health Services Director, or his designee (Donna Wigand), to execute, on behalf of the County, an agreement with the State Department of Mental Health, to pay the County an amount not to exceed \$3,668,800, for fiscal years 2008/2009 through 2011-2012, for Contra Costa County's specific Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Planning Estimate, and to sign an Assignment Agreement to assign Contra Costa County's PEI Statewide Project Planning Estimate to the California Department of Mental Health (DMH) for the following PEI Statewide Projects: 1) Suicide Prevention; 2) Student Mental Health Initiative; and 3) Stigma and Discrimination Reduction.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

None. These funds in the amount of \$3,668,800 will be assigned and allocated to the California Department of Mental Health (DMH) for the three said MHSA PEI Statewide Projects noted above. The Planning Estimates for these Statewide projects are in addition to and (not a part of) the original Planning Estimates provided through Information Notice 07-19 (September 2007) that transmitted the PEI Proposed Guidelines. No County match required.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **02/24/2009** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

### **VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I  
Supervisor  
Gayle B. Uilkema, District II  
Supervisor  
Mary N. Piepho, District III  
Supervisor  
Susan A. Bonilla, District IV  
Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V  
Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: February 24, 2009

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Celicia Nelson, Deputy

Contact: Donna Wigand  
(957-5111)

## BACKGROUND:

In November 2004, California voters approved Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) of which was intended to “transform the public mental health system”. The MHSA consist of six components that are being rolled out over time by the State Department of Mental (DMH) with the goal of creating a better program of mental health services and supports in California’s public mental health systems. The six components of MHSA include: Community Planning; Community Services and Supports (CSS); Capital Facilities and Information Technology; Workforce Education and Training (WE&T); Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI); and Innovation. This is a State mandated program under Welfare & Institutions Codes.

In January 2007 and September 2007, the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (OAC) approved five PEI Statewide Projects and corresponding funding amounts. These Statewide Projects are also identified in the PEI Proposed Guidelines.

In May 2008, the OAC determined that the three PEI Statewide Projects (noted in the recommendations), would be most effectively implemented through a single administrative entity and OAC approved a combined funding level of \$40 million each year for four years specifically for these three projects. DMH has agreed to implement these projects upon receiving funds from the Counties and the appropriate state budget authority. For DMH to access funds to implement the PEI Statewide Projects, it is necessary for Counties to assign funds to DMH for these projects.

The MHSA Agreement (Provision 10) allows each County to assign funds in its Planning Estimates for the purpose of implementing statewide MHSA programs or projects within that component on behalf of counties, and such assignment will occur through an assignment agreement executed between the County and California State Department of Mental Health.

Counties will benefit directly and indirectly from these Statewide Projects through training and technical assistance provided to Counties and their PEI partners, support for the implementation of local PEI Projects, media and social marketing materials in multiple languages, model program sites, enhanced state and local partnerships, coordinated state and local efforts, research and evaluation, and statewide quality improvement activities.

Three certified sealed copies of the Board Order should be returned to the Contracts and Grants Unit.

## ATTACHMENTS