



# **Stanislaus County**

## **Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)**

### **PEI Statewide Projects Assignment Agreement**

**June 2010**

## **Introduction and Overview:**

To assist with local stakeholder understanding of the process and to comply with state requirements, the following information regarding the Statewide Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Programs is being made available for local stakeholder review and comment.

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) was intended to provide funding to expand mental health services in California for children, youth, adults, and seniors with the intent of transforming how mental health care is accessed and delivered using programs proven to be effective. A portion of the MHSA funds have been set aside for Statewide Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) services in addition to the funds made available for local purposes.

In Stanislaus County, the local community planning process for PEI began in July 2008 and continued through plan approval in May 2009. In collaboration with key community partners, general stakeholder meetings were conducted from mid-September through October 2008. Over 500 diverse community members participated by attending stakeholder meetings and/or completing surveys. Representative stakeholder input was included in the analysis, selection, and prioritization process that determined where Stanislaus County would begin its PEI programming efforts. Community collaboration and leveraging of existing agency resources was prioritized by stakeholders as a cornerstone to achieve a sustainable effort in the years to come. Implementation of PEI programs is ongoing in 2010. For a copy of Stanislaus County's approved PEI Plan, please visit our website: [www.stanislausmhsa.com](http://www.stanislausmhsa.com).

In 2008, California Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDS), California Department of Mental Health (DMH), and California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (OAC) were working together to establish guidelines and funding for five statewide projects. Three of the statewide projects would be implemented through a single administrative entity initially identified as California Department of Mental Health (DMH). The three statewide PEI Projects are:

- Suicide Prevention – intended to significantly impact information about suicide prevention by:
  - Building a system of suicide prevention at both state and local levels.
  - Providing training, technical assistance, resources and other needed supports to help counties successfully develop and implement suicide prevention activities.
  - Increasing the capacity and quality of local suicide prevention hotlines.
  - Increasing the capacity of workforces to effectively prevent suicide.
  
- Student Mental Health Initiative – intended to provide grants to educational institutions for:
  - Campus-based mental health programs.
  - Systems and policy development that integrates a comprehensive system of campus-based supports.

- Training for campus-based staff, county mental health staff, other direct providers and educators, peers and family to raise awareness of issues of mental health and wellness on campuses, and to build capacity for effective early intervention programs
- Stigma and Discrimination Reduction - intended to develop a strategic plan to reduce stigma and discrimination against people living with mental illness. Goals for this project include:
  - Reduce stigma experienced by individuals who have a mental illness or a social, emotional or behavioral issue.
  - Reduce stigma experienced by parents or caregivers of children, youth, and other family members with mental illness or a social, emotional or behavioral issue.
  - Reduce stigma associated with seeking services and supports for mental health issues.
  - Reduce discrimination against individuals living with mental illness or social, emotional or behavioral issues.
  - Support and complement county level interventions that address stigma and discrimination.

Statewide Projects not the subject of this assignment agreement are:

- Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Project which will be county-administered. Work is ongoing to identify training needs related to PEI implementation.
- Reducing Disparities Project through racial, ethnic and cultural specific programs, which will be initiated with the development of a statewide strategic plan.

In 2008-09, along with 18 other counties in California, Stanislaus County submitted a “PEI Assignment Agreement” that successfully assigned funds, \$510,200 for 4 years, to the State Department of Mental Health (DMH) for statewide programs. These funds were not available for local use and did not impact level of funding for local PEI programs. (Reference: DMH Information Notice 08-25, September 11, 2008).

### **Current Item for Public Review & Comment**

Implementation of Statewide Projects by DMH was delayed and subsequently, the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA), a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), was formed in order to create an efficient and effective mechanism for counties to maximize these funds. Through the JPA, counties can act jointly, identify local needs and connect with similar local needs in other regions in the state.

In March 2009, with Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors approval, Stanislaus joined the CalMHSA as one of six founding member counties. The CalMHSA obtained official legal status as a JPA on July 1, 2009.

On March 29, 2010, DMH released Information Notice 10-05 which replaces the prior DMH Information Notice 08-25. At present, in order for statewide PEI programs to go forward, counties are directed to choose one or more of the following ways to expend the PEI statewide funds:

Option 1: A County may act jointly with one or more other counties to implement a statewide program through CalMHSA, a Joint Powers Authority (JPA);

Option 2: A county may act jointly with one or more other counties to implement a statewide and/or a regional replicable program through a multi-County collaborative;

Option 3: A county may assign funds to DMH for DMH to implement a statewide program

Option 3 is specific to counties, such as Stanislaus, who has previously assigned the funds to DMH. These counties may either continue their assignments to DMH as previously executed or elect to change their previously executed assignments. The assignment may not be reversed. The key feature of the change directs DMH to execute a contract between DMH and CalMHSA for administration of the PEI statewide programs. Counties that have previously assigned under former Information Notice 08-25 must affirmatively re-assign under this Information Notice no later than December 31, 2010.

Allocation of allowable funds (5%) for planning purposes is also authorized in the re-assignment. Planning funds are to be administered and coordinated by CalMHSA in partnership with participating counties. After DMH executes a contract with CalMHSA, funds are re-assigned and steps toward implementation of these programs may begin in earnest.

We are confident that Stanislaus County will benefit directly and indirectly from these statewide projects through training and technical assistance, 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.

If the funds are not assigned for statewide use, they cannot be used for any other purposes.

### **Documentation of the local review process:**

The MHSA PEI Statewide Projects Assignment Agreement was available for 30-day review and comment May 12, 2010 – June 10, 2010 using the following methods:

- ✓ An electronic copy was posted on the county's website: [www.stanislausmhsa.com](http://www.stanislausmhsa.com).
- ✓ Paper copies were sent to Stanislaus County Public Library for distribution to 13 branches throughout the county.
- ✓ Electronic notification was sent to all BHRS service sites with a link to [www.stanislausmhsa.com](http://www.stanislausmhsa.com), announcing the posting of this report
- ✓ Representative Stakeholder Steering Committee and Mental Health Board members were sent notice informing them of the start of the 30-day review and comment.
- ✓ Public notice posted in seven newspapers throughout Stanislaus County including a newspaper serving the Latino community. The notice included reference to [www.stanislausmhsa.com](http://www.stanislausmhsa.com) and a phone number for requesting a copy of the document.
- ✓ An informational meeting was conducted on June 1, 2010, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at 800 Scenic Drive, Main Conference Room, Modesto, CA.
- ✓ For ease of public review and comment, a feedback form was included at the end of the document.

No public comments were received during the 30-day public comment and review period.

**Enclosure 1**

**SUPPLEMENTAL MHSA PEI STATEWIDE PROGRAMS ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT**

Stanislaus (Name of County<sup>1</sup>)

Stanislaus (Name of County) (the County) agrees to participate in the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Statewide Programs funded from the PEI Component of the MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan. The three Statewide Programs intended to be funded by this agreement are: Suicide Prevention, Student Mental Health Initiative, and Stigma and Discrimination Reduction.

The County agrees that upon its execution of this Agreement, the following amounts will be assigned to DMH concurrent with the start of the State Fiscal Year (SFY) for which they are made available subject to the effective conditions specified below:

\$ ( 510,200 ) of the County's SFY 08/09 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation  
\$ ( 510,200 ) of the County's SFY 09/10 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation  
\$ ( 510,200 ) of the County's SFY 10/11 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation  
\$ ( 510,200 ) of the County's SFY 11/12 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation

**Assignment to the Department of Mental Health**

Funds in the amount specified will be transferred from the Mental Health Services Fund Local Assistance portion of the DMH state budget, item 4440-601-3085 to the DMH state budget, item 4440-101-3085, Program 10, Local Assistance.

The County makes the assignment to (please check one):

- Fund DMH administration of these programs.
- Fund a contract pursuant to WIC 5897 (a) between DMH and California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) to support CalMHSA administration of these programs.

Assignment shall be effective only upon:

- review and comment by DMH and approval by Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC);
- a fully executed County MHSA Agreement with DMH; and
- appropriation of sufficient funds in the State Budget Act to allow DMH to expend the funds assigned by counties to support the PEI Statewide Programs outlined above.

Pursuant to WIC 5892(a)(3) assigned funds intended to fund a contract between DMH and CalMHSA may be distributed to CalMHSA only after a PEI Statewide Program and Expenditure Plan or update has been approved by the MHSOAC.

<sup>1</sup> "County" may be a county mental health program, two or more counties acting jointly, or a city-operated mental health program pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code Section 5701.5.

**Release of Planning Funds**

The County may request funds for the purpose of conducting the Community Program Planning and Local Review Processes, for preparing, drafting and submitting Plan/updates and for other planning activities be distributed to the JPA.

- Pursuant to its Assignment above to fund a contract pursuant to WIC 5897 (a) between DMH and California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) to support CalMHSA administration of these programs, the County authorizes the release of Planning funds under this contract to the JPA in the following amounts:

\$ ( 25,510 ) of the County's SFY 08/09 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation  
\$ ( 25,510 ) of the County's SFY 09/10 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation  
\$ ( 25,510 ) of the County's SFY 10/11 PEI Statewide Program Component Allocation

Approved for County (by signature)	Date:
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