



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES
A Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Service Organization

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California Department of Mental Health
Prevention and Early Intervention Section
Attention: Caitlin Viscardi
Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Request
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Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
Attention: Nicole Behler
1300 17th Street, Suite 1000
Sacramento, CA 95814

This letter is to request approval of the attached MHSA PEI Statewide Project for Training, Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Funding Request FY2010/11.

Continuously working from BHRS Vision and Mission, MHSA Essential Elements, input from stakeholders, and in accordance with DMH Information Notice 08-37, the Statewide Project for Training, Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Funding Request was developed.

The funding request was posted for additional input during a 30-day public review and comment period; February 25, 2010 – March 26, 2010.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, or Karen Hurley, MHSA Coordinator, at (209) 525-6225.

Sincerely,

Denise C. Hunt, RN, MFT
Behavioral Health Director

Enclosure

cc: Karen Hurley, MFT



Stanislaus County

Mental Health Services Act

**PEI Statewide Project for
Training, Technical Assistance
& Capacity Building Funding Request
FY2010/11**

March 2010

Introduction and Overview:

Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) received Information Notice No. 08-37 from the California State Department of Mental Health (DMH) providing instructions and guidance to Counties about use of funding for the Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Statewide Project for Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building.

The notice contained information about the amount of funds available for four years and how funds may be effectively utilized. Stanislaus County is eligible to receive a total of \$309,600 evenly distributed across four years. In 2009, BHRS requested and received approval from the Mental Health Services Act Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) to use the first two years of funding. (These funds are tracked separately from other PEI funds such as for local or statewide PEI projects.)

The primary goal of the Statewide Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Project is to improve the capacity of local partners outside the mental health system (i.e., education, primary health care, law enforcement, older adult services) as well as County staff and partners who work on the development, implementation and evaluation of prevention and early intervention work plans and programs that are funded through the PEI Plan.

The funds may be used for training, technical assistance and capacity building activities, through a variety of methods that are demonstrated to increase skills and promote positive outcomes consistent with the MHSA and PEI guidelines. Counties are encouraged to contract with or assign these funds to an organization that has the ability and capacity to provide training, technical assistance and capacity building activities on a statewide basis and partner with local community partners via subcontracts or other arrangements to assure the appropriate provision of community-based prevention and early intervention activities in each respective county.

As implementation of the local PEI plan occurs, community partner and stakeholder input on PEI training needs will be utilized and BHRS anticipates contracting with one or more organizations, yet to be identified, that have the demonstrated ability and experience to provide the training needed.

The PEI Statewide Project for Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Funding Request FY2010/11 was offered for 30-day public review and comment from February 25, 2010 to March 26, 2010. During the 30-day public review and comment period, an informational meeting was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010, 4:00 p.m. at Behavioral Health & Recovery Services, Main Conference Room, at 800 Scenic Drive, Modesto, California, 95350.

All community stakeholders were invited to participate in the public review and information meeting. All public comments were considered and substantial comments were included, as appropriate, to complete this funding request. Comments were solicited through a Comment Form attached to the document, at the informational meeting, via the Stanislaus County MHSA website, and via e-mail to the MHSA Coordinator.

**Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Funds Request Form – Enclosure 2
(Prevention and Early Intervention Statewide Project)**

Date: March 29, 2010	County Name: Stanislaus
Amount Requested for FY 2010/11: \$77,400	

Briefly describe your plan for using the Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building funding and indicate (if known) potential partner(s) or contractor(s).

This funding will be used to assist Stanislaus County Prevention & Early Intervention program staff and community partners to obtain technical assistance from one or more qualified contractors, yet to be identified, that have the ability to provide statewide training as well as partner with local community partners. The following training content is anticipated to be needed:

1. Training and technical assistance related to the evidence based models that were included in the PEI plan;
2. Specific training and technical assistance related to results-based accountability as a framework to assess the impact of community capacity building element of PEI Plan;
3. Program evaluation methods and strategies;
4. Periodic review and preparation of analyses of data to inform, assist and enable program and policy decision-making;
5. Quality Improvement: processes to ensure fidelity and continuous improvement;
6. Creation of an annual data report that summarizes all evaluation-related process and outcome data, which will be shared with policy makers, community partners, stakeholders, staff in other programs, and the community-at-large;
7. Additional training and technical assistance to be determined as programs are implemented.

The County and its contractor(s) for these services agree to comply with the following criteria:

- 1) This funding established pursuant to the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) shall be utilized for activities consistent with the intent of the Act and proposed guidelines for the Prevention and Early Intervention component of the County's Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan;
- 2) Funds shall not be used to supplant existing state or county funds utilized to provide mental health services;
- 3) These funds shall only be used to pay for the programs authorized in WIC Section 5892;
- 4) These funds may not be used to pay for any other program;
- 5) These funds may not be loaned to the state General Fund or any other fund of the state, or a county general fund or any other county fund for any purpose other than those authorized by WIC Section 5892;
- 6) These funds shall be used to support a project(s) that demonstrates the capacity to develop and provide statewide training, technical assistance and capacity building services and programs in partnership with local and community partners via subcontracts or other arrangements to assure the appropriate provision of community-based prevention and early intervention activities.
- 7) These funds shall be used to support a project(s) that utilizes training methods that have demonstrated the capacity to increase skills and promote positive outcomes consistent with the MHSA and PEI proposed guidelines.

Certification

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the best of my knowledge and belief this request in all respects is true, correct, and in accordance with the law.



Director, County Mental Health Program (original signature)