

EXHIBIT B

Description of Community Program Planning and Local Review Processes MHSA FY 2009/10 ANNUAL UPDATE

County Name: El Dorado County

Instructions: Utilizing the following format please provide a brief description of the Community Program Planning and Local Review Processes that were conducted as part of this Annual Update.

1. Briefly describe the Community Program Planning Process for development of the FY 2009/10 Annual Update. It shall include the methods for obtaining stakeholder input. (suggested length – one-half page)

El Dorado County encompasses a large geographical area (1,711 square miles) with a relatively small population (an estimated 178,000 in 2006). The County seat, Placerville, is located in a region known as the Western Slope (WS), and is surrounded by small, rural communities and unincorporated areas. South Lake Tahoe (SLT) is the most densely populated area of the County and features a resort community, a sizable transient community and is much more ethnically diverse than the WS. These two regions are connected by a 60-mile mountainous highway. Local communities and services have developed out of the distinct characteristics of each of these regions and have historically operated quite independently. Therefore, since its inception, MHSA community program planning efforts have involved striking a critical balance between acknowledgement of regional differences and the need to work as a county-wide community.

Opportunities to participate in the planning process are facilitated by in-person meetings, video conferences, and/or teleconferences between the WS and SLT and by various mechanisms for information dissemination (such as posted fliers, mass mailings and the Mental Health Division's website providing meeting announcements, updates and meeting minutes), education and training, outreach (comprehensive and targeted), community meetings and an MHSA Advisory Committee. Options for anonymous input include a local phone line with a voice mailbox, an e-mail address and use of written and online surveys. A MHSA e-mail distribution list of 390 individuals exists and is used frequently.

Quarterly MHSA Community Update meetings (Feb, May & August) were conducted to inform the community of the significant changes occurring at the local and state level in relationship to mental health services and, specifically, the MHSA. These meetings are open to the public. In addition, a Mental Health Forum to specifically address changes in the SLT region was held in June. Community input and questions were entertained in these settings. The MHSA Advisory Committee also convened on a quarterly basis and provided input into MHSA planning. Finally, the Department issued press releases in both regions to address the changes in adults services during this fiscal year.

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2. Identify the stakeholder entities involved in the Community Program Planning Process.

An MHSA Advisory Committee was established early in the Community Program Planning process to ensure representation from a wide diversity of community stakeholders. The Committee consists of representatives of the following groups:

- El Dorado County Health Services Department
 - Mental Health Division
 - Public Health Division
- El Dorado County Human Services Department
- El Dorado County Sheriff Department
- El Dorado County Probation Department
- El Dorado County Office of Education
- El Dorado County First Five Commission
- Parent Volunteer Association
- Foster Parent Association
- NAMI – Western Slope and South Lake Tahoe Chapters
- Oasis – Consumer Support Program
- Mental Health Commission – Western Slope and South Lake Tahoe
- Shingle Springs Rancheria
- Family Resource Center
- Family Connections
- Marshall Hospital
- Community Health Center
- Sierra Recovery Center
- The Center for Nonviolent Relationships

The community groups represented in the quarterly MHSA Community Update meetings, included:

- Mental Health Commission members
- NAMI
- County Office of Education
- The 1st Five Commission
- County Department of Human Services
- Childrens Mental Health Services Community Provider
- County Sheriff's Department
- Vocational Rehabilitation Community Provider
- Family Resource Center
- Indian Education
- Native American Resource Collaborative
- Hospital provider
- Substance Abuse Treatment Community Provider
- Local Youth Development Collaborative
- El Dorado County Mental Health Division staff

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3. Describe how the information provided by DMH and any additional information provided by the County regarding the implementation of the Community Services and Supports (CSS) component was shared with stakeholders.

MHSA updates were provided in the quarterly community meetings and in the PEI planning meetings during this past fiscal year. MHSA CSS program staff – both from the MHD and provider agencies – attend and share information. MHSA information was also disseminated in Mental Health Commission meetings (one on each slope is held monthly) and in intermittent consumer peer counselor meetings. A link to the DMH MHSA webpage is available on the home page of the County MHD website, as well.

4. Attach substantive comments received about the CSS implementation information and responses to those comments. Indicate if none received.

Plans #2 and #3 should be combined into one if it is to be consistent with the format approved in February.

Please clarify under Workplan #1 that no youth age groups are excluded.

Please elaborate under each program when and what type of supports are intended to be purchased with MHSA CSS funds.

5. List the dates of the 30-day stakeholder review and public hearing. Attach substantive comments received during the stakeholder review and public hearing and responses to those comments. Indicate if none received.

The **MHSA FY 2009/10 ANNUAL UPDATE** was posted on the MHD's website (<http://www.edcgov.us/mentalhealth/index.html>) from August 7, 2009 to September 5, 2009 for a 30-day public review and comment period. A public hearing was held on September 8, 2009 at 12 noon by the Mental Health Commission.

In addition, the plan was reviewed and discussed in a combined Western Slope and South Lake Tahoe MHSA Community Update meeting on August 21, 2009; in the MHSA Advisory Committee meeting on August 21, 2009; and in a joint Mental Health Commission meeting on August 26, 2009.

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Comments and questions can be sent to:

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Summary of Public Comments and Responses-

The CSS Plan Update for FY 09-10 has been posted. It is a plan for this fiscal year for already approved MHSA services. Upon approval, 75% of annual allocation will be received up front. At the close of the year we receive the remainder of the funds. The plan consists of what was approved in February 2009 with the exception of a proposed shift of funding for Health Disparities services from the CSS to the PEI component mid-year. The benefit of this strategy is that prevention (PEI) funding allows us to be more flexible in how we deliver our services.

Question: Are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) services included in the plan?

Answer: There is no specific GLBT strategy in this plan, but there is one in the PEI Plan.

Comment: There is a need for more transitional housing and homeless client services.

Response: In the current plan ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) is used as the model for our FSP (Full Service Partnership) adult program but in order for this to be truly successful, supports such as housing are needed. A successful FSP and housing program require true partnership with other providers and community entities and there is a continuous effort to bring collaboration to bear on this program.

Question: How are we outreaching to clients who are placed in Board and Care homes in Sacramento and Galt? Are these the clients who get ACT?

Answer: Outreach occurs on an individualized basis and ACT is provided on a case-by-case basis, as well. It has been shown to be successful with clients who are at risk of institutionalization or homelessness.

Question: Please clarify what is meant by Resource Management and General Systems Development?

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Answer: Resource Management is provided when a Coordinator works with partners and other service delivery systems to develop needed services and resources for our clients – such as housing or in the Behavioral Health Court. This is a form of General Systems Development funding that helps us to transform our system of care.

Comment: How many clients are served by each program – the Exhibit D document is confusing.

Response: We will re-work the document to more clearly reflect what category each program is under and therefore how many clients will be served by the program and category of associated funding. We will put the associated CSS funding stream category and the client numbers after the heading that describes the program.

Question: What about funds for vehicles and insurance to transport B&C clients – are these covered by MHSA?

Answer: Transportation costs for clients can be covered by MHSA – including the costs associated with our county operated vehicles.

Question: Why doesn't the county have more housing for our clients?

Answer: There have been efforts to establish a Board and Care in this county but it was cost prohibitive for the provider and county. There are many and varied challenges to putting together supportive housing for the seriously mentally ill. However, we have been successful with establishing transitional housing locally and we are continuing to look for opportunities to expand housing options for our clients. MHSA CSS funds are helpful in this regard.

Question: Has EDC put bids out to the community for a provider to open or provide B&C services?

Answer: No. The County has not, the Deputy Director of Mental Health will check into bids/strategies for increasing the capacity of this service in our County.

Question: What happened to the Capital Facilities program?

Answer: MHSA Capital Facilities/Technology is a separate component that has not yet been applied for nor approved for EDC and therefore is not addressed in the CSS plan.

This MHSA CSS Plan is projected to be on El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Agenda on 9/29/09.