



HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

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Shingle Springs Tribal Health Program
4140 Mother Lode Drive, Suite 112
Shingle Springs, CA 95682
Attn: Beth Ann Bodi, Executive Director

Re: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
2001 State and Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Grant Proposal

Dear Ms. Bodi:

On behalf of the County of El Dorado Health Services Department, Mental Health Division, I wish to express strong support for the Shingle Springs Tribal Health Program's grant proposal regarding a suicide prevention project for Native American Indian children and their families.

Effective intervention and suicide prevention for our Native American Indian youth and families requires a broad array of mental health and support services to respond to the ever-changing needs of this most at-risk population. The Tribal Health Program's proposal for the State and Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Grant would be immensely beneficial for the Tribal community of the County of El Dorado.

The Health Services Department and Shingle Springs Tribal Health Program have a long standing relationship, working effectively together to respond to the needs of Native American Indian children and families in the County. We offer our support and wish you success in your proposal for a SAMHSA 2011 State and Tribal Suicide Prevention Grant.

Sincerely,

Neda West, Director
Health Services Department