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Hello all,

My name is Cindy Brendlen and I am a PIP Aide at Oak Meadow Elementary School in El Dorado Hills. We started the PIP program in January on the Oak Meadow campus and have been amazed at its success. We are writing to urge you to strongly consider funding the PIP program in one or more El Dorado Hills schools for the 2011-2012 school year. During the past 5 months, I have worked with twenty five students on a 1:1 basis using non-directive play as a way to build a relationship with the student, improve the student's confidence, and help to create a positive environment for them at school where they can be more successful, both academically and socially. I have worked with children who have suffered the recent death of a parent and are grieving, along with numerous students who are dealing with difficult transitions and loss such as divorce, foreclosures, change of schools and friends. Many of the students we serve have already shown significant improvements in their social interactions with peers, their classroom behavior, their self-esteem, and their ability to assert themselves with confidence. We work with children from grades K-3 as a preventative measure to address issues they face before these struggles become insurmountable. Parents at the school, teachers, and school administration all have seen positive outcomes with the students involved in the program. The children involved unanimously enjoy and count on the individualized attention they receive weekly from their PIP Aide. I strongly encourage you to consider the need in the community especially as the school district struggles to fund counseling positions. We are asking you to allocate funds for a prevention program such as PIP which represents a lower cost alternative than funding extensive mental health services as these children grow older and their challenges worsen

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Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter,

Cindy Brendlen, M.A.
PIP Mental Health Aide
Oak Meadow Elementary School



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From: Judi E McCallum/PV/EDC - Monday 05/16/2011 09:57 AM

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Date: 05/13/2011 05:13 PM
Subject: Re: Innovation Plan May 17th

We would like our El Dorado County BOS to know we completely agree with Diana Hankins' concern over the funds to be spent on John Ott and his consulting company. And it is more than \$20,250; the Innovation Plan text explains that money from MHSA PEI will also be used for Ott. Diana nails it when she says by now MH should be able to collaborate with the community and other providers. We understand that for several years important relationships have been damaged; so now public funds meant to help clients have to be turned over to a consultant to fix the problem. The BOS have it within their power to fix the problem.

I went to all, including the last, public meetings for INNOVATION put on by the MH dept. At the last meeting the department announced they had decided on the Community Capacity Building Plan of John Ott of Luminescence Consulting. Immediately the chorus began. "The state opened up the Innovation Program again and we have to hurry and get our county's share so the funds do not revert to the state. We have to get this approved right away by the supervisors and down to Sac so we get the money." This became the focus, not the plan.

For us the Innovation Plan has taken on a quality of **"The Emperor's New Clothes"**. If you questioned the plan and believed the money could be better spent, you were considered an obstructionist and called an "aggressive watchdog."

Please do not approve money being spent on a consultant. It is the clients who need it.

Bill and Claudia Ball
Placerville, CA

— On Fri, 5/13/11, Diana Hankins <patdihank@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

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Diana Hankins

President

NAMI-SLT

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Judi E McCallum to: Sanchez, Cynthia C
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**Cc: The BOSONE, The BOSTWO, The BOSTHREE,
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Hello Board of Supervisors and Mental Health Professionals.

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"Coach Lawrence" Divinagracia
916-869-0655



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To El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

cc: Neda West, County Mental Health Director

cc: MHSA Project Management Team

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Sincerely,

Lawrence Divinagracia
Primary Intervention Program



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CONSTITUENTS
From: The BOSFOUR/PV/EDC - Thursday 05/12/2011 09:15 AM
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From: Merrilee Vuscovich <mavus@sbcglobal.net>

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To Whom It May Concern:

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Forgets Two Thirds of the County Population?

Is this possible? Surely it is an oversight? It would appear that the Board of Supervisors is neglecting representation for 66% of El Dorado County's population to be found in El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park! combined population of El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park represents the largest portion of the voting constituency and we are not allowed "Health Navigators" for "The Innovation Work Plan"?

El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park need to be identified specifically as included populations so that we make a voice. Therefore it is our recommendation that "The Innovation Work Plan" be immediately amended to use the 2010 census numbers for El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park to include at the minimum two full-time "Health Navigators".

Sincerely yours,

Merrilee Vuscovich
Jeffrey J. Posner

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