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To Ron Briggs, Chairman
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

Dear Mr. Briggs,

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your letter of 1-13-09 regarding budget shortfalls in the current and upcoming fiscal years.

Our agency would like to continue to serve those in need, to the best of our ability. Stopping or delaying health or human services due to insufficient funds would not be in the best interest of our clients.

We could be pleased to accept the state warrants or IOU's in place of county payment. We remain optimistic, knowing that the present state of the economy is only temporary. We look forward to continuing to serve El Dorado County and the clients that come through you. We pledge to make this effort for as long as we have the resources.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dale Stevenson, ATR/LMFT

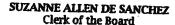
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TO:

ALL CONTRACTED HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES VENDORS

FROM:

EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE:

**JANUARY 13, 2009** 

This notice is being provided to you as a contractor in the County of El Dorado's Health and Human Services system of care.

As you are aware, the State of California is facing colossal budget shortfalls in both the current and upcoming fiscal years. Additionally, the State's cash situation is dire and the Governor projects that the State will run out of cash in March 2009. As a result, the State is considering a number of actions including the deferral of some payments to Counties or the issuance of registered warrants (commonly referred to as IOUs) in lieu of payments by check or electronic funds transfer.

Although we do not yet have specific information regarding the programs targeted by the State for payment deferrals, Counties may experience deferrals of health and social services payments beginning as early as February 1, 2009 and continuing through September 1, 2009. Such deferrals may significantly impact the County's ability to make payments for contracted services.

This informational notice is provided to remind you to review the termination clause in our contracts and to consider the possibility that the County may need to exercise its right to terminate contracts due to insufficient funding. I would also like you to consider your acceptance of State warrants or IOUs should the State issue them in place of County payment.

The Board of Supervisors is keenly aware of the impact that State payment deferrals or issuance of warrants could have on our contracted service providers, and deeply regrets the predicament in which the Legislature has placed us all. Just as all counties are being urged to follow this issue closely and to contact both the State Administration and their Legislative delegation expressing concern over such payment deferrals, we urge you to do the same.

The Board of Supervisors and County staff are committed to staying in close communication with our contractors regarding budget developments at the State level.

Very Truly Yours.

Ron Briggs, Chairman

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors