



Transforming Mental Health Services

Notice of Public Hearings

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSa) requires public hearings for plan amendments to previously approved three-year Community Services and Support plans. Most, if not all counties, will be making plan amendments extending their current three-year plans (2005-06 through 2007-08) another year, making it a four-year plan and including 2008-09.

The MHSa had intended to require a second three-year plan (2008-09 through 2010-11) however, most counties are not in a position to create a new three-year plan. Subsequently, the Department of Mental Health (DMH) granted all counties the ability to extend the initial three-year plan to four years.

Behavioral Health Services (BHS) has satisfied the first of two requirements to receive MHSa funding in 2008-09. This first requirement is met by an agreement with DMH and the Board of Supervisors approved an extension of the current MHSa agreement with DMH on May 20, 2008, to include four years rather than the three.

The second requirement is for the Board of Supervisors and the Department of Mental Health to approve a plan amendment for the fourth year, 2008-09. The regulations providing instruction on how to prepare the plan amendment were made available by DMH on July 1, 2008.

BHS is now ready to satisfy the second requirement for MHSa funding for 2008-09 with a recommended plan amendment that includes a public hearing and a 30-day comment period. The public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., as part of the regular meeting of the San Joaquin County Mental Health Board. The plan amendment includes recommended funding for the various programs included in the Community Services and Support programs within the Mental Health Services Act for 2008-09. A 30 day comment period will commence on the following day, July 17.

Additionally, the MHSa requires a public hearing and 30-day comment period for the annual MHSa CSS report for calendar year 2007, and that is also on the Agenda of the San Joaquin County Mental Health Board, and will be offered as a presentation after the initial public hearing on the plan amendment for 2008-09.

Mental Health Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

6:00 p.m.

Mental Health Services, Conference Room B

1212 North California Street

Stockton CA 95202

For questions regarding this meeting, please contact MHSa Coordinator, Becky Gould at (209) 468-8759 or (209) 468-8700.