

MHSA Workforce Education and Training Local Assistance Combined Three-Year Planning Estimates

Local assistance Planning Estimates¹ for the MHSA Workforce Education and Training component are based on \$40 million per year for the period Fiscal Year 2004-05 through 2006-07. These funds are available to counties for the period of January 2007 through June 2009. The total available local assistance funding is \$100 million (\$20 million for FY 2006-07 and \$40 million per year for FY 2007-08 and FY 2008-09).

Subject to the county's request and DMH approval, counties will receive MHSA funding up to the amounts listed in Enclosure 2-B, entitled "MHSA Workforce Education and Training Local Assistance Combined Three-Year Planning Estimates" for approved workforce education and training activities. This funding is intended to last until counties implement their Integrated Three-Year Plan in FY 2009-10, at which point Workforce Education and Training activities become a part of the Integrated Plan.

For reference, the previous DMH Information Notice addressing calculation of the Planning Estimates is DMH Letter No.: 06-09 "Revised Planning Estimates (Fiscal Year 2007-08) for Mental Health Services Act Community Services and Supports." The Planning Estimate percentages calculated in accordance with the methodology outlined in DMH Letter No.: 06-09 are used as the basis for determining the Planning Estimates shown in Enclosure 2-B. Consistent with recommendations made by the California Mental Health Directors' Association (CMHDA) small counties are provided with a minimum level of funding in order to hire a workforce education and training coordinator. For the period covering Fiscal Year 2006-07 through Fiscal Year 2008-09 \$75,000 per year is made available to small counties, for a total of \$225,000.

The DMH is making available through this Information Letter fifteen percent of each county's Planning Estimate for planning and early implementation activities prior to approval of a county's Workforce Education and Training Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan. The amount of each county's Planning Estimate available for these activities is provided in the last column of Enclosure 2-B. This fifteen percent is to be included as part of a county's total planning estimate for Workforce Education and Training.

¹ Planning Estimates represent the maximum amount of MHSA funding that the county can request.