



MADERA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES Administration

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Madera County Behavioral Health Services
DEDICATION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT - COMMUNITY
SERVICES AND SUPPORTS (CSS) FUNDS
TO A LOCAL PRUDENT RESERVE
April 30, 2008

Dear Community Stakeholder:

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) Information Notice No. 08-01 requires the County to establish a local prudent reserve by July 1, 2010, funded at fifty percent of the most recent annual Community Services and Supports (CSS) State MHSA allocation. Madera County's CSS MHSA allocation is \$2,641,400, which means Madera must have \$1,320,700 by July 1, 2010 in reserve. The prudent reserve is necessary so that the County can continue to serve children, adults and seniors during years in which State MHSA revenues are insufficient to fully fund planned MHSA services.

The State DMH recommended a 50% reserve based on a model of expected MHSA revenue decreases during a typical economic downturn. Madera County plans to fund 78.8% of this required reserve with unspent monies from FY 2005-06, FY 2006-07, and 2007-08. Unspent monies in FY 2005-06 will revert back to the State if not expended or moved to a reserve by June 30, 2008. Madera County is choosing to start funding this reserve now because unspent monies are currently available and monies for FY 2005-06 will revert back to the State if not expended or moved to a reserve by June 30, 2008. Fifty percent of the approved CSS funding level for Madera County is \$1,320,700 and Madera County intends on placing 78.8% (\$1,040,183) in a local prudent reserve. This amount may vary slightly based on final year end costs for FY 2007-08.

Funds dedicated by the County to the local prudent reserve can only be accessed in accordance with WIC Sections 5847(a) (7) and 5847(f) which requires a Plan update to the County's Three-Year-Program and Expenditure Plan. A County will be able to access these funds only with DMH approval.

The public is invited to review and comment on the proposed dedication of existing unspent MHSA funds to the local prudent reserve from April 30 – May 30, 2008. At the close of that period, the proposal will be forwarded to the Department of Mental Health for approval. The funds are expected to be moved to a reserve by June 30, 2008.

If you would like to comment on this recommendation, please contact us by e-mail, telephone, postal mail, or in person, using the contact information below.

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