



Transforming Mental Health Services

San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services

MHSA Housing Program – Assignment Agreement

August 1, 2008

Overview:

The Mental Health Services Act Housing Program provides funding for capital development & operating subsidies for the acquisition, construction and/or rehabilitation of rental housing. This supportive housing will be available for persons with serious mental illness who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness. Each County will have its own allocation of MHSA Housing Program funds. San Joaquin County has been allocated \$6,339,500 with no more than \$2,113,200 being spent on operating subsidies. In order to access these funds San Joaquin County must assign the dollars to the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) who will then disburse the funds.

CalHFA Role:

The State Department of Mental Health (DMH) entered into an agreement with CalHFA to administer funds statewide. In order for San Joaquin County to have access to their allocation of funds an Assignment Agreement must be executed, which allows for the funds to be transferred from DMH to CalHFA. CalHFA will then hold, administer and invest the funds on behalf of the County. San Joaquin County may then access funds through submission and approval of a MHSA Housing Program Application.

Assignment Letter:

The Assignment Agreement is considered an update to the San Joaquin County Community Services and Supports Three – Year Program and Expenditure Plan. As an update, the Agreement is subject to the

California Code of Regulations and must be posted for a 30 – day public comment period.

Follow up action to be taken:

Comments are welcome and should be emailed to:
mhsacomment@sjcbhs.org

Hard copy comments can be mailed to:

Behavioral Health Services
attention: Becky Gould
1212 N. California St.
Stockton, CA. 95202

Responses to the 30 day public notice will be posted and presented to the SJC MHSA Housing Program Ad Hoc Committee for consideration in the next stage of planning. Comments will be accepted through September 4, 2008.

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Assignment Agreement

San Joaquin County

San Joaquin County (the County) agrees to participate in the state-administered Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Housing Program funded from the Community Services and Support Component of the MHSA. The MHSA Housing Program will be jointly administered by the Department of Mental Health (DMH) in conjunction with the California Housing and Finance Agency (CalHFA).

The County agrees that upon its approval of this Assignment, the State Fiscal Year 2007/08 Planning Estimate in the amount of \$6,339,500 specified for the MHSA Housing Program will be transferred by DMH on behalf of the County to CalHFA. Specifically, funds in the amount specified will be transferred from the Mental Health Services Fund to the State Operations portion of the DMH state budget, item 4440-001-0001 Program 10, State Operations. DMH will then transfer these funds to CalHFA for support of the MHSA Housing program.

CalHFA will hold the funds transferred in a county specific sub-account, invest the funds in an appropriate investment vehicle as determined by CalHFA, and credit the county sub-account with interest received on the investment. The County (and the project sponsor, if applicable) may access MHSA Housing Program funds only through a MHSA Housing Program Application approved by CalHFA and DMH.

CalHFA is responsible for the review of the application for all aspects of the project related to purchase, renovation and/or construction of the housing development; underwriting of loans; disbursement of funds; all determinations regarding the use of operating subsidies for the development; and continued monitoring of the project.

DMH is responsible for review of the service related aspects of the application and for monitoring of the project to assure that appropriate supportive services continue to be provided.

Nothing shall prohibit the County from using funds from other programs to supplement the MHSA Housing Program funds, subject to requirements that may be applicable to use of such funds. This Assignment shall be effective only if the county has a fully executed MHSA Agreement with DMH.

Approved for County (by signature)
Printed Name and Title: