

COUNTY OF GLENN BOARD REPORT

Submitted by Health Services Agency
(Department)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) requires funding to run through the counties. When statewide projects are proposed that cannot be implemented by the counties or a coalition of counties, the counties must assign the funding to the state to allow the state to implement statewide programs. The funding has been set aside for statewide projects in planning allocations, so there is no actual loss of funding to the county.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Authorize the Health Services Agency Director or his designee to execute the Assignment Agreement with the California Department of Mental Health to assign MHSA funding to statewide Prevention and Early Intervention projects.

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND: The MHSA Program provides funding to the counties from a special income tax for various components designed to transform and expand mental health services. One of the components is the MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention Plan. The state has proposed three statewide projects including suicide prevention, a student mental health initiative, and stigma and discrimination reduction. MHSA does not allocate funding directly to the state for statewide projects, so it is necessary for the counties to approve of such projects and then assign funding.

FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT(S): The funding available for these statewide projects is approximately \$40 million over four years. Glenn County's share of this funding is \$108,400 over the four year period. If the \$108,400 is not assigned by the County, it does not come back to the County as it must be spent on statewide projects. Unassigned funding reverts back to the MHSA fund and is reallocated to other counties, who in turn can only assign the money to statewide projects. Therefore, there is no direct loss to the County and the Health Services Agency anticipates applying for some of the funding through one of the statewide projects.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION: Some programs under the Mental Health Services Act would be best provided on a statewide basis. However, the Act is very clear about how MHSA funding flows and the state did not anticipate that the Act would limit the ability of the state to fund statewide projects. To conform to the Act, counties must individually authorize the expenditure of funds for statewide projects, which is the purpose of this request.

One of the statewide programs, the Student Mental Health Initiative, is a program that the Health Services Agency anticipates that it will apply for funding from. Part of this

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initiative is to bolster mental health services on community college campuses (in response to the Virginia Tech incident) and to bolster services on K-12 campuses (in response to the Columbine incident). The Health Services Agency recognizes the importance of the work that is and needs to be done at the K-12 level and will therefore seek to obtain funding from the statewide project specifically for Glenn County.

All items transmitted by a County Department or Agency for inclusion in the agenda for Board of Supervisors action must include all background and analysis necessary for the Board to make an informed decision. Failure to provide adequate information, analysis, or backup could result in the matter not being added to the agenda and returned to the department for additional information.

Enclosure 3
SUPPLEMENTAL MHSA PEI STATEWIDE PROJECTS ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT
Glenn County

Glenn County agrees to participate in the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Statewide Projects funded from the PEI Component of the MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan. The MHSA PEI Statewide Projects will be administered by the Department of Mental Health (DMH) in collaboration with the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (OAC) and the California Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDA).

The County agrees that upon its approval of this Assignment, in addition to any funds previously assigned, the following amounts will be transferred to DMH concurrent with the start of the State Fiscal Year (SFY) from which they are assigned subject to the effective conditions specified below:


- \$ 27,100 of the County's SFY 08/09 PEI Statewide Project Planning Estimate
- \$ 27,100 of the County's SFY 09/10 PEI Statewide Project Planning Estimate
- \$ 27,100 of the County's SFY 10/11 PEI Statewide Project Planning Estimate
- \$ 27,100 of the County's SFY 11/12 PEI Statewide Project Planning Estimate

Specifically, funds in the amount specified will be transferred from the Mental Health Services Fund Local Assistance portion of the DMH state budget, item 4440-001-3085 to the State Operations portion of the DMH state budget, item 4440-001-3085, Program 10, State Operations.

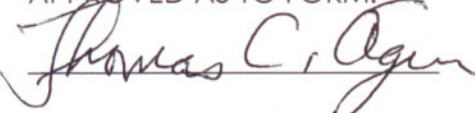
DMH will use these funds to administer three PEI Statewide Projects: Suicide Prevention, Student Mental Health Initiative, and Stigma and Discrimination Reduction.

Assignment shall be effective only upon:

- approval by DMH;
- a fully executed County MHSA Agreement with DMH; and
- appropriation of sufficient funds in the State Budget Act to fund the PEI Statewide Projects outlined above.

Approved for County (by signature) 	Date: 11/7/08
Printed Name and Title: Scott Gruendl, Health Services Agency Director	

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Thomas C. Agin, Counsel

County of Glenn