

DEPARTMENT: Human Services/BHRS

BY: James A. Rydingsword  
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**RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

The Mariposa County Department of Human Services respectfully requests that your Board authorize the Human Services Department to submit a request (see attachment) to the State Department of Mental Health for \$75,000 in planning funds that are set aside for Mariposa County. These funds will be used to create a mental health Prevention and Early Intervention Plan that will serve Mariposa County residents.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

See Attached

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

See Attached

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (X) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$		Page 1, Board Memo
Source:		Page 2-3, Request for Funding
Internal Transfer		
Unanticipated Revenue	_____ 4/5's vote	
Transfer Between Funds	_____ 4/5's vote	
Contingency	_____ 4/5's vote	
( ) General ( ) Other		

**CLERK'S USE ONLY:**

Res. No.: 07-559 Ord. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Absent: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved  
 ( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

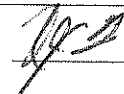
**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:**

Requested Action Recommended  
 No Opinion  
 Comments:

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
 County of Mariposa, State of California

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deputy

CAO: 

MHSA 07-77322-000

*MW, Deputy Clerk*



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JAMES A. RYDINGSWORD, DIRECTOR

December 11, 2007

TO: Members, Board of Supervisors  
Rick Benson, CAO  
FROM: James A. Rydingsword *JAR*  
RE: Authorization to submit Request for Prevention and Early Intervention  
planning funds.

**Recommendation:**

The Mariposa County Department of Human Services respectfully requests that your Board authorize the Human Services Department to submit a request (see attachment) to the State Department of Mental Health for \$75,000 in planning funds that are set aside for Mariposa County. These funds will be used to create a mental health Prevention and Early Intervention Plan that will serve Mariposa County residents.

**Background/Current Situation:**

The passage of Proposition 63, known as the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), in November 2004 provided increased funding for mental health services in California by imposing a 1% income tax on personal income in excess of \$1 million.

To provide for an orderly implementation of MHSA, the State Department of Mental Health (DMH) has planned for sequential phases of development for each of the six components of the Act. Mariposa County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services has already successfully implemented the first component called Community Services and Supports (CSS).

Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) is number two of the six-component MHSA package. The proposed guidelines for PEI were finalized in DMH Notice 07-19, dated September 25, 2007. The first component was Community Services and Supports (CSS) which we already operate as our Children's and Adult Systems of Care.

Upon your approval we can begin the PEI program. We are at the official planning stage. The Request for Funding for Community Program Planning is the next step toward implementing the PEI Program. \$75,000 is set aside at the State DMH to fund our county's planning costs. The attached letter requests that DMH advance these funds. There is a three-year reversion rule for unused MHSA funds.

**Financial:**

There will be no impact to County General Fund. There is no local match requirement.

**Mental Health Services Act  
Prevention and Early Intervention  
Request for Funding for Community Program Planning**

**Date:** December 4, 2007

**County:** Mariposa

**Total Amount Requested:** \$75,000

**Funding Purposes**

Please briefly describe the purpose and amount for which the requested funding will be used.

**Goals and Purpose:**

Mariposa County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (MCBHR) intends to take full advantage of the MHS A Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) resources available by planning and implementing a successful PEI program.

Our Deputy Director and MHS A Coordinator have been continuously monitoring the development of the PEI program from the beginning of the statewide stakeholder conference calls up through the release of the proposed guidelines in DMH Information Notice No. 07-19, dated September 25, 2007.

MCBHR is eager to begin developing a strategic plan to serve consumers in potential need of mental health services from the prevention and early intervention side of the mental health intervention spectrum. We feel strongly that the full development and implementation of a Mariposa County PEI Component will effectively address significant consumer needs. We are eager to begin a new focus on prevention, wellness, and serving consumers at earliest onset of mental illness.

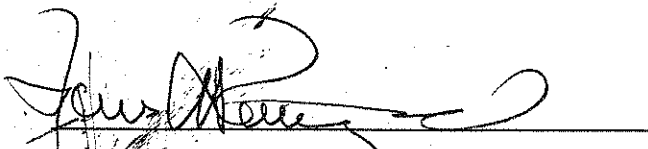
Thorough planning is necessary in order to roll out a practical, successful PEI program. We must do extensive community research, collaboration, and logistical planning; develop contracts; identify target populations; identify strategies; implement; evaluate and analyze effectiveness; and keep abreast of promising new work to maintain effectiveness. The success of our PEI program will greatly depend on a solid plan. All of these planning needs cannot be addressed without staff and resources. We cannot take staff from their present work. We must hire new staff and consultants to accomplish these tasks. Planning funds are needed to

equip staff who will be suitable and adequately trained and dedicated to Prevention and Early Intervention. There will be additional incidental costs involved in community and interagency collaboration. There will be costs involved with planning for evaluation.

For these reasons and to accomplish the goal of creating a solid PEI plan that will promote the effectiveness our future PEI program, Mariposa County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services requests that the State Department of Mental Health advance \$75,000 from our planning funds estimates.

#### **Certification**

I HEREBY CERTIFY under penalty of perjury that I am the official responsible for the administration of Community Mental Health Services and for said County; that I have not violated any of the provisions of Section 5891 of the Welfare and Institution Code in that all identified funding requirements listed above represent costs related to the expansion of mental health services since passage of the MHSA and do not represent supplanting of expenditures; that the proposed activities are consistent with the Mental Health Services Act, the Department's regulations governing the MSHA, and draft proposed guidelines for the Prevention and Early Intervention component of the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan; and that to the best of my knowledge and belief this budget in all respects is true, correct, and in accordance with the law.



James A. Rydingsword  
Human Services Director  
Mariposa County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services