



Santa Cruz County  
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services

**Mental Health Services Act  
Community Services & Supports  
Expansion/Amendment Plan**

**Addendum**

Draft for Public Comment

**June 7, 2007**

## LETTER FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE DIRECTOR

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On June 1, 2007 we posted our Mental Health Services Act Community Services and Supports Expansion/Amendment Draft Plan for public review. The attached is an addendum to the draft plan. It stems from various discussions with the California State Department of Mental Health about the process for requesting “one-time” funds. We are adding to that plan the attached amendment reflecting our application for additional “one time” funds related to work plan #7 (Consumer, Peer & Family Services), as well as in work plan #9 (Person Centered programs).

The 30-day public review was to end on June 30<sup>th</sup>. We have now **extended** the review period until July 8, 2007. This draft plan and the addendum are accessible on line at <http://www.santacruzhealth.org/prop63>. You may call 831-454-4498 for additional information or to request hard copies. Send your comments or feedback to [mhsa@co.santa-cruz.ca.us](mailto:mhsa@co.santa-cruz.ca.us) or write to:

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Sincerely,

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## **Work Plan # 7: Consumer, Peer and Family Services**

### **Description of Services:**

The Consumer, Peer and Family Service work plan expanded countywide access to culturally competent, recovery-oriented, peer-to-peer, community mentoring, and consumer-operated services. This plan includes the Wellness Centers located in Santa Cruz (at the Mental Health Community Action Network drop-in center) and in Watsonville (referred to as Mariposa and operated by our contractor Community Connection).

Below are some of the specific plans for expansion/enhancement that will be supported with one-time funding:

### One Time Funds:

- We are requesting one-time funds for our contractor “Community Connection” for the Mariposa Wellness Center located in South County. These funds are needed to enhance the space needs related to the Wellness Center that include office renovations, office and group furniture, kitchen upgrade and equipment, and necessary technology and office equipment for staff. Mariposa is designed to provide supports for recovery for those who no longer need more intensive services. The recovery vision for mental health consumers promotes concepts of hope, personal empowerment, respect, social connections, self-responsibility, and self-determination. It also promotes consumer-operated services as a way to support recovery, and strives to reflect the cultural, ethnic and racial diversity of mental health consumers. Mariposa is developing its own unique blend of supports and programming, with consumer peers leading the way (ninety percent of those employed are from the community). Families play an important role and are actively engaged in Mariposa, as are older adults and transition age youth. Attached are budget worksheets for work plan #7.
- We are requesting one-time funds for consumer and family member stipends. These funds will be managed by a contract agency.

### **Description of Initial Population:**

The priority population for these services includes transition age youth, adults and older adults with serious mental illness.

### **Services/Strategies:**

No changes from original plan.

## **Work Plan # 9: Person-Centered Mental Health Services and Supports**

### **Description of Services:**

The implementation of Santa Cruz County's Person-Centered Mental Health Services and Supports began in May'05. This proposal, if funded, will expand the existing program and our commitment to further the work of transforming services to better support consumer recovery and resiliency within our Adult service teams. New monies will help us to not only serve additional individuals and families but also allow us to respond to the recommendations and requests of community stakeholders (including family members, consumers, as well as direct care staff) to enhance existing services.

Below are some of the specific plans for expansion/enhancement that will be supported with one-time funding:

### One Time Funds:

- We would like to use purchase a laser printer for the Puentes Team using "one time" funds. In the initial CSS plan Santa Cruz added staff to this Team to be located in the southern part of the county where there is a predominantly Spanish-speaking Latino population. The Puentes Team focuses on outreach and engagement in an effort to reduce homelessness, incarceration, isolation and involuntary psychiatric hospitalization. It is a model AB2034 program that is co-located and coordinated with public health. Attached you will find budget worksheets to reflect these changes in work plan #9.
- On October 26, 2006 the State Department of Mental Health sent the County of Santa Cruz a letter approving MHSA CSS one-time funds on medication dispensing machines. After careful re-consideration, we would like to rescind this request.
- We request one-time funds for professional services, including consultant contracts and staff training.
- Request one-time funds for translation, media and marketing of materials, related to MHSA services and implementation activities. We also request one-time funds for connectivity installation to community outposts.