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Press Release

Mental Health Services Act (Prop 63), “Capital Facilities and Information Technology” Public Review 9/15/09 – 10/14/09

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Santa Cruz County Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services announces the availability of the, “Capital Facilities and Information Technology,” need proposal for public review between 9/15/09 and 10/14/09. The public is invited to review the Agreement at: <http://www.santacruzhealth.org/prop63/index.htm> or may request a copy by calling 454-4498.

What is the purpose of the Capital Facilities component?

To acquire, develop or renovate buildings for county-provided or contracted services for the delivery of MHSa mental health services or for administrative offices.

What is the purpose of the Information Technology component?

Technology Plans must address the development of a long-term infrastructure for mental health to:

- **Modernize and transform** clinical and administrative information systems to improve quality of care, operational efficiency and cost effectiveness, and to
- Increase **consumer and family empowerment** by providing the tools for secure consumer and family access to health information within a wide variety of public and private settings.

Background: In November 2004, California voters passed Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSa), which gives money to counties to help people and families who have mental health needs. Santa Cruz County’s plan for these services went into effect in June 2006.