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TO: LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CHIEFS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
CHAIRPERSONS, LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS

SUBJECT: PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICES ACT INNOVATION COMPONENT OF
THE THREE-YEAR PROGRAM AND EXPENDITURE PLAN

REFERENCE: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT,
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTIONS 5830, 5847,
5848 AND 5892

This Information Notice transmits to Counties¹ the Proposed Guidelines for Counties to submit their Innovation Component of the County's Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan (Three-Year Plan).

Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), Section 5830(a) specifies that an Innovation Project must include one or more of the following purposes: increase access to underserved groups; increase the quality of services, including better outcomes; promote interagency collaboration; and increase access to services. Counties must choose one or more of these purposes for each project. Pursuant to WIC Section 5830(b), the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) shall have oversight/approval of the funding for Innovation projects.

These proposed guidelines (Enclosure 1) were developed through a comprehensive stakeholder process and are based on principles and priorities adopted by the MHSOAC. The principles and priorities were developed by the MHSOAC through conference calls, workgroups, general meetings, written comments and recommendations and are embodied in the MHSOAC's Innovation Resource Paper

¹ "County " means the County Mental Health Department, two or more County Mental Health Departments acting jointly, and/or city-operated programs receiving funds per WIC Section 5701.5 (Title 9, California Code of Regulations, Section 3200.090.

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(Enclosure 2). This component has its own Planning Estimate (see DMH Information Notice 08-36).

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Enclosures