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Dear Giang T. Nguyen:

This letter constitutes the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) notice of Information Technology (IT) project funding for the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). For MHSA funding categorization purposes, your Mental Health Information Systems Projects are considered System Improvement projects under the MHSA Community Services and Supports (CSS) Other One-Time funding requirements. From this request, we understand that this MHSA funding will be used to develop an integrated information system infrastructure and network security projects that will improve the delivery of services and supports as described in your CSS plan. Specifically, this funding will be used as listed below.

1. Develop HIPAA-Secure Integrated Mental Health Information System.
2. Develop Interfaces with Other Information Systems such as PeopleSoft Financials, Eligibility Verification Systems, Client Services Information (CSI) System, and Pharmacy Systems Benefiting MHSA Strategies.
3. Develop Fully-Integrated Mental Health System Which Will Include:
 - Electronic Health Record Components Including Progress Notes, Assessments, Treatment Plans, and Electronic Prescribing.
 - Enhanced Management Capabilities.
 - Staff Access to Information so to Improve Wellness and Recovery Services.
 - Mental Health Consumer Access to Information.

As Electronic Health Record (EHR) and Health Information Exchange (HIE) standards are phased in over several years, counties should initiate future IT projects that enhance their IT infrastructure and systems to meet the evolving standards. The approval of any new funding requests for IT projects is contingent upon the success of your county's IT implementations and continued efforts to meet the minimum EHR and HIE standards. It is important to note that this current funding approval does not necessarily imply future IT funding requests will be approved.

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DMH requires counties to submit a Quarterly Project Status Report for each project funded by the MHSA as stated in the California Code Of Regulations, Title 9, Section 3540. A separate report is required for each project; your first report for this project will be due July 30, 2008.

Subsequent reports will be due 30 days from the end of each quarter. Reporting must continue through your project's implementation and acceptance period. The project status report template is enclosed. A sample status report and blank template are also available on the DMH MHSA Technology page, www.dmh.ca.gov/Prop_63/MHSA/Technology. For project identification, please note the following Project ID Number and Title on your Quarterly Project Status Reports:

FR-01 Integrated Mental Health Information System (IMHIS)

Your MHSA CSS Other One-Time Funding project is approved for a total of \$760,610. No additional funds will be distributed for this project because you will be using previously approved, but unspent CSS one-time dollars that have been redirected from their originally-planned purposes to fund this IT project. Your CSS One-time Funding must be spent by June 30, 2008. Expenditures and encumbrances incurred after June 30, 2008, may be funded by approved Capital Facility and Technological Needs and/or FY 08-09 CSS funds, in accordance with Section 5892, Subdivision (b) of the MHSA (up to 20% of ongoing CSS funding can be used for prudent reserve, capital facilities, technological needs, and education and training).

PROJECT DELIVERABLES

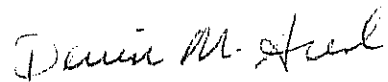
FR-01 Integrated Mental Health Information System (IMHIS)

1. Avatar Practice Management (PM).
2. Avatar Clinician Workstation.
3. Avatar Managed Services Organization (MSO).
4. Avatar e-Medication Admin Record.
5. Health Level 7 (HL7) Data Exchange Support.
6. Peoplesoft Interface.
7. Executive Reporting System.
8. Cache Database Software.
9. RADplus Deployment (User Interface, Configuration and Modeling Tools, System Management Tools, Clinical Context Object Workgroup [CCOW]-Enabled).
10. Electronic Signature.

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If you have questions regarding funding, please contact your MHSA County Liaison. We look forward to an effective partnership with your project team to advance technology systems in your county and statewide.

Sincerely,



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