

# MHSOAC

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
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September 15, 2009

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Dear Giang T. Nguyen:

On behalf of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC), I congratulate you, your stakeholders, providers and staff on the approval of Fresno's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) plan which was approved by the MHSOAC on August 27, 2009. The MHSOAC looks forward to hearing and learning from you as this landmark PEI plan is implemented.

In accordance with Department of Mental Health (DMH) Information Notices No.: 07-19 and 08-23, the amount of PEI funding approved by the MHSOAC totals \$6,537,258. This amount includes funds from the following MHSA PEI Planning Estimates:

- FY 08-09 PEI Services: \$5,573,000
- FY 09-10 PEI Services: \$964,258

Although a preliminary amount is provided in this letter, it is not a final calculation. The final amount that is released to your County will be cited in a modification to your MHSA Agreement which serves as the mechanism for payment. If you have any questions about your contract modification or the process involved in obtaining your funds, please contact the Department of Mental Health, Local Program Support Unit. The staff person assigned to your County and their contact information is available on the DMH website at: [www.dmh.ca.gov/Services\\_and\\_Programs/Local\\_Program\\_Support/County\\_Technical\\_Assistance.asp](http://www.dmh.ca.gov/Services_and_Programs/Local_Program_Support/County_Technical_Assistance.asp).

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Again, congratulations and we wish you success as you begin implementing the PEI component of the MHSA. If you have additional questions or require further assistance, please feel free to contact Clark Marshall, MHSOAC Staff Mental Health Specialist, at [clark.marshall@dmh.ca.gov](mailto:clark.marshall@dmh.ca.gov) or by phone at (916) 445-8788.

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Sincerely,



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