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Giang Nguyen, RN, MSN, Director
Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health
4441 E. Kings Canyon Road, Room 48B
Fresno, CA 93702

Dear Ms. Nguyen:

This letter is to inform you that a portion of your county funding request for system improvement funds from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Services and Supports (CSS) estimate has been approved. The Department of Mental Health (DMH) has received confirmation that the initial MHSA planning funds have been returned to the proper account and that measures have been put in place to ensure proper accounting of these funds in the future. This letter constitutes notice of funding in accordance with DMH Letter No.: 05-06 and my letter dated December 9, 2005. At this time 50% of the \$100,000 will be funded immediately for the hiring of a consultant and 3 months of an additional staff person's time. Thus your request has been approved as follows:

- System Improvement Funding \$50,000

Upon receipt of this letter, please provide DMH a detailed description outlining the purpose and intended use of these approved funds. Subsequently, once DMH has received and reviewed a report documenting the achievements of these resources, the remaining system improvement balance of \$50,000 will be disbursed.

Feel free to contact Lori Hokerson, your County Operations liaison, at (916) 651-6296 if you need assistance or have any further questions regarding this approval.

Sincerely,

CAROL HOOD
Deputy Director
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cc: Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
California Mental Health Planning Council
Chief, County Operations South/Central
Chief Adult and Older Adult Program Policy
Chief, Child and Family Program Policy
Chief, Local Program Financial Support
Chief, Fiscal Systems