

Trinity County Behavioral Health
MHSA Community Services and Support Plan
Contract Amendment Request – FY 2008-2009
October 15, 2008

Trinity County Behavioral Health would like to access Unapproved CSS Funds for FY 2008/2009. Please consider this document as an update to our existing Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan. It will also function as a request to modify our existing MHSA Agreement.

In the DMH Information Notice 08-10, Exhibit 7, the listed Planning Estimates for Trinity County indicate \$455,600. was allocated for Community Services and Supports for fiscal year 2007/2008, with an additional \$150,000. for fiscal year 2008/2009. Trinity County Behavioral Health (TCBH) was allocated a total of \$605,600. for general system development, outreach and engagement activities, and the implementation of two (2) Full Service Partnership (FSP) Programs. TCBH has already requested and been approved for the FY 2008/2009 allocation of \$585,600. Trinity County still has \$20,000. of this original allocation available that has not been requested.

Additionally, in IN 08-19, an augmentation of \$150,000. was made available to Trinity County. We are now formally requesting this additional \$150,000.

In a letter dated September 29, 2008, Trinity County made a formal request to the State Department of Mental Health to “opt out” of the Housing Element of MHSA due to the fact that Trinity County is a small county with an allocation of \$173,300.in Housing Funds. These funds were officially moved over to the CSS Element of MHSA. Please accept this contract amendment document as a formal request on the part of Trinity County to gain approval to use these funds in this fiscal year for the CSS Housing Program outlined below.

The total request in this contract amendment is for \$343,300. This represents \$20,000. of unapproved dollars from the initial planning estimate listed in IN 08-10; \$150,000. of unapproved new CSS augmentation funds for FY 08-09 listed in IN 08-19 and \$173,300. of newly converted Housing Dollars to CSS dollars.

The new resource of \$343,300. will be used for two purposes:

1. To expand the two existing FSP Programs and to expand the two outreach and engagement programs for Children and Youth and Older Adults that have already been approved for implementation. We will do this in three ways:

- a. We will expand the housing resource available to FSPs by a one time purchase of \$243,300;
 - b. We will expand the transportation available to FSPs by a one time automobile purchase of \$50,000.
 - c. We will expand the administrative support necessary to provide the appropriate level of fiscal and managerial oversight to the FSPs by a \$25,000. ongoing annual investment.
2. We will expand our prudent reserve by \$25,000. for this FY. This will raise our level from \$207,213. to \$232,213. In the coming FY, 2009/20010, we will bring our reserve up to the State mandated level.

The new augmentations as outlined in IN 08-10 and IN 08-19 for FY 2008/2009 will follow the Ca. Code of Regulations, Title 9, Division 1, Chapter 14 Section 3620 (c) requirement that the majority of this funding be used for FSPs. It is anticipated that \$145,000. will be used for FSPs and \$25,000. will be used for the Prudent Reserve.

In our previously approved CSS Expenditure and Program Update for FY 2008/2009, we indicated that we were going to support our FSP Slots with a line item of \$9,000. to do some minor remodeling and upgrading of a six bed home TCBH hopes to purchase as an in county supported housing resource. With the previously mentioned \$243,300. in new CSS Money, we will have a total of \$252,300. of MHSA money to be used for this purchase. The home will be used to establish permanent beds for FSP clients who might otherwise be living out of county due to lack of appropriate supportive housing stock and opportunities within the county. It is our intention to purchase this as a county owned six bed board and care facility that will be operated on contract.

As has been well described in prior reports to the State, the need to create “recovery” focused housing is a critical need in Trinity County. When we consider the concept of “level of least restriction”, it is clear to TCBH that if this resource existed, some clients that are living in IMDs out of county could be housed in this new setting with the intensive wrap around services available to full service partners. This proposed setting will clearly offer a resource that will resonate with the values of client and strength driven services since so many of the agency consumers plead to “come home” when out of county placement becomes necessary.

We are will allocate \$50,000. of new CSS money to purchase two all weather vehicles to increase the fleet of vehicles available in the agency. These cars will be used to allow FSPs to frequent the Drop in Centers and for personal service coordination. Our clients often do not have the means to attend activities because transportation is such a barrier. Trinity County Behavioral Health must purchase these vehicles in order to do the “whatever it takes,” since public transportation is simply not available.

The 30 day review process as required by Section 3315 (a) of the CCR was met by publicly noticing the community that a hearing would occur at the regularly scheduled meeting of the MH Advisory Board on November 19, 2008. An article was published in the local weekly Weaverville Newspaper, sharing the fact that there is \$170,000. in new revenue to be spent in a manner appropriate to established guidelines. A notice was also posted on the Trinity County Website, as well as in the Milestones and Hayfork Horizons drop in centers and posted at the clinics in both Hayfork and Weaverville.

Efforts to address disparities in our outreach and engagement are thoroughly discussed in our 2007 Calendar Year Report submitted to the State on 6/26/08. Please refer to this document for more specific information regarding this topic.

Exhibit 1

Community Services and Supports
FY 2008/09 Plan Update

COUNTY CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I am the official responsible for the administration of Community Mental Health Services in and for Trinity County and that the following are true and correct:

This Community Services and Supports Plan Update is consistent with the Mental Health Services Act. This Plan Update is consistent with and supportive of the standards set forth in Title 9, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 3610 through 3650.

This Plan Update has been developed with the participation of stakeholders, in accordance with CCR Sections 3300, 3310, and 3315. The draft Plan Update was circulated for 30 days to stakeholders for review and comment. All input has been considered, with adjustments made, as appropriate.

Mental Health Services Act funds are and will be used in compliance with CCR Section 3410 of Title 9, Non-Supplant.

All documents in the attached Community Services and Supports Plan Update are true and correct.

Date: _____

Signature_____ **Local Mental Health Director**

Nancy Antoon LCSW

Executed at: Weaverville, Ca.