

# Staff Briefing

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Santa Barbara County Department of Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services



An extensive community planning process included participation of consumers, family members, staff, community organizations and partner agencies.

## ADMHS Awarded \$11.6 Million, Three-Year MHSA Allocation; 10 New Programs to be Launched

The Santa Barbara County Department of Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services (ADMHS) has been awarded a three-year Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) allocation for \$11.6 million from the California Department of Mental Health.

Funding from the MHSA Community Services and Supports program will support the initiation and maintenance of 10 new mental health programs county-wide.

"I am extremely grateful to the ADMHS staff members, staff of partner agencies and community-based organizations, consumers and family members who participated in the extensive planning process leading to this

award," comments Dr. **James L. Broderick**, ADMHS Director. "As a result, the residents of Santa Barbara County will soon have a transformed mental health system. New resources will help individuals with severe mental illness who might otherwise not receive services."

In November 2004 the voters of California passed Proposition 63, now known as the MHSA. It imposes a 1% tax on personal incomes exceeding \$1 million to fund new mental health programs and services.

### Implementation Begins

The MHSA implementation team seeks the input of the staff of

ADMHS, partner agencies and community-based organizations, consumers and family members to help bring about a true transformation of the alcohol, drug, and mental health service delivery system.

The beginning phase of implementation, including development of a request for applications (RFA), are underway. As we continue in the spirit of community collaboration that shaped the planning process, your input remains critical.

Please feel free to share your ideas and suggestions with **Cuco Rodriguez-Rodriguez**, MHSA Program Manager, 681-4505, [cucorodriguez@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:cucorodriguez@co.santa-barbara.ca.us).

*From the California Department of Mental Health:*

*Please except my congratulations, on behalf of the entire Department, for the many accomplishments of your stakeholder groups, providers and staff. Your county has taken the vision of hope contained within the Mental Health Services Act and translated it*

*into new services for persons with mental illness and emotional disturbances. Your successes will keep us all pressing forward with our shared goal of transforming California's public mental health system.*

Stephen W. Mayberg, Ph.D., Director  
California Department of Mental Health  
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