



# Mental Health Services Act Prop. 63

## Framework for Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)

### Overview

From August 2007 through early 2008, the County of San Diego will gather community input for Prevention & Early Intervention (PEI) planning. Once approved by the County Mental Health Board and Board of Supervisors, the PEI Plan will be submitted to the State in early 2008. Once approved by the State, the County will competitively procure services with new projects expected to begin during Fiscal Year 2008-09.

For an overview of PEI priorities and objectives, please review the State PEI Guidelines and the Program Draft Resource Materials, both of which are available on the State Department of Mental Health Web site,

### PEI Priority Needs, Ages and Populations

#### State Guidelines (Minimum of 51% of funding to individuals age 25 and younger)

##### Key Community Mental Health Needs

- Suicide Prevention
- Reduction of Stigma and Discrimination

##### Priority Populations– all are inclusive of underserved cultural populations

- Trauma Exposed Individuals
- Individuals Experiencing Onset of Serious Psychiatric Illness
- Children/Youth In Stressed Families
- Children/Youth at Risk for School Failure
- Children/Youth at Risk for Juvenile Justice Involvement

##### San Diego County Priority Focus Areas

- Veterans and Their Families
- Individuals Exposed to Community/Domestic Violence
- Rural East, North Inland and Mountain Communities
- Native American Communities
- Early Childhood/Education-Based Services
- First Break of Mental Illness
- Dual Diagnosis Adults, Older Adults, and Youth
- Services for Older Adults

### State-Administered Programs

Five State-administered projects will complement and support County PEI strategies and programs. These investments will be distributed over the next four years:

- Suicide Prevention (\$14 million)
- Stigma and Discrimination Reduction (\$20 million)
- Ethnically and Culturally Specific Programs and Interventions (\$15 million)
- Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (\$12 million)
- Statewide Evaluation

## Process for Gathering Stakeholder Input

### Planning Activities (Ongoing)

Gather informal input on San Diego needs and promising models from ongoing meetings of:

- Community collaboratives, stakeholders and experts
- Internal County departments and experts

### Community Kick-Off and Press Conference (Sept. 27, 2007, Balboa Park Recital Hall)

A forum for stakeholders and their representatives, including advocates, community-based organizations and providers, schools, pediatricians, County administration, military community and the media. The agenda included:

- Informational Overview about Prevention and Early Intervention, Program Guidelines and Funding Criterion
- Announcement of PEI Planning Process by County Director of Mental Health Services

### Mental Health Board and Mental Health Services System of Care Council Meetings (September 2007—early 2008)

The Mental Health Board will be convened regularly to receive community input.

Each System of Care Council - Children's System of Care, Adult System of Care, Older Adult, Housing Council, and other designated Community Councils - will convene PEI planning meetings and:

- Invite community members and stakeholders to participate in recommendation process
- Arrange for educational presentations by featured speakers and experts
- Develop PEI recommendations that fit PEI funding criteria and local needs

### Specialized Stakeholder Forums (November 2007— early 2008)

Several specialized forums throughout the regions will be facilitated to target key local populations and needs that are identified through the planning process. Dates and locations to be determined.

## Process for Review of Council Input and Approval of PEI Plan

*County of San Diego, Behavioral Health Services, MHSA Community-Stakeholder Input Process*

1. Gather input from the community sources.
2. Analyze the information, and rank or prioritize based on State PEI Guidelines, gap analysis or other relevant factors.
3. Present recommendations to the Mental Health Board for input and approval prior to completion of plan by Behavioral Health Services.
4. Submit plan to County Board of Supervisors for final approval prior to submission to the State Department of Mental Health and the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission.

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