Merced County
Department of Mental Health

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS
THREE-YEAR PROGRAM AND EXPENDITURE PLAN

[Fiscal Years 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08]

PART I, SECTION II

Section II: Plan Review

The draft Mental Health Services Act Community Services and Supports Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan programs and budgets were submitted to the County's MHSA Planning Council on September 27, 2005. Upon the recommendation of the Council, the Final Draft Plan was released for a thirty-day public review and comment period on Friday, October 7, 2005.

Newspaper notices announcing availability of the Draft Plan for review were published in local newspapers (see Appendices). Email notification of Plan release and 30-day public comment period was sent to all interested parties who provided their email address, stakeholder agencies and personnel, with a link to the Plan on the County's MHSA webpage. In addition, two hundred copies of the three hundred page document were printed and distributed to the County's Mental Health Board, Children's System of Care Interagency Policy and Planning Council, the County's MHSA Planning and Oversight Council and the age-specific workgroup members, and any other interested party upon request. Copies of the Plan were made available to consumers and staff in the lobbies of all department facilities.

Comments regarding the Final Draft Plan could be submitted by e-mail message to: mhsa@co.merced.ca.us; voice message by calling Toll Free (866) 626-6472; or by written comment, submitted to: Merced County Department of Mental Health, Attention: Director's Office, PO Box 839, Merced, CA 95341. In addition, a Zoomerang® survey option was available on the MHSA webpage to provide comments.

The County's MHSA Planning and Oversight Council met on October 26, 2005 and reviewed the Final Draft of the Plan and subsequently recommended its approval.

At the close of the thirty-day review period, the Merced County Mental Health Board conducted a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding the Draft MHSA Plan. Notices of the Public Hearing were published in local newspapers and on the County's MHSA Webpage (see Appendices). The Public Hearing was held on November 8, 2005, from 3:00 PM to 6:30 PM (Break 4:30 to 5:00 PM), in the City Council Chambers of the Merced Civic Center, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, California. A summary of all verbal and written comments received during the public review period was presented to the Mental Health Board at the beginning of the Public Hearing.

Following the close of the Public Hearing, the Merced County Mental Health Board convened their regular meeting on November 8, 2005, at 6:45 PM in the City Council Chambers of the Merced Civic Center, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, California, to consider all comments and to consider recommendations for modifications to or adoption of the plan. The Mental Health Board recommended adoption of the Plan with no substantive changes.

The Final Merced County Mental Health Services Act Community Services and Supports Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan was submitted to the Merced County Board of Supervisors for adoption at their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday November 22, 2005. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the Plan for submission to the State Department of Mental Health.

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