

Summary of MHSA WET Plan Requirements

Adapted from an email from Adrienne Shilton, CMHDA WET Coordinator, to MHSA Education and Training Coordinators and County Directors earlier this year:

I developed the attached document in collaboration with the CMHDA Education and Training Committee in order to assist all of you with your local WET plan development. The attachment summarizes some considerations which are only meant to be a guide for all of you as you complete your local plans. As county plans have begun to be submitted and reviewed, I have gathered some of the types of questions that the review teams are looking for in terms of possible content which have informed this document. DMH has also reviewed this document.

For some of you who are new to the local WET plan process and the documents produced by DMH to inform counties, I have done the following highlight on the background of local WET planning and included links to the DMH documents that guide the local WET Plan development process and the subsequent review of county local WET plans:

BACKGROUND

In order to assist counties with implementing MHSA, it was determined that MHSA Education and Training Dollars be allocated to local and statewide workforce development efforts. Counties were provided an allocation (planning estimate) from the Education and Training Trust Fund (totaling 100 million statewide) to support local workforce development efforts ([web link: http://www.dmh.ca.gov/DMHDocs/docs/notices07/07-14_Enclosure2.pdf](http://www.dmh.ca.gov/DMHDocs/docs/notices07/07-14_Enclosure2.pdf)). In addition, Counties were provided with an opportunity to access early implementation dollars up to 15% of their allocation and/or apply for the full allocation in a Local WET Plan to be developed by the DMH. An augmentation amount to the planning estimate was determined for each of the counties via an information notice from DMH earlier this year: ([web link: http://www.dmh.ca.gov/DMHDocs/docs/notices08/08_13.pdf](http://www.dmh.ca.gov/DMHDocs/docs/notices08/08_13.pdf) and http://www.dmh.ca.gov/DMHDocs/docs/notices08/08_13_Enclosure.pdf).

DMH produced **A**) Guidelines (43 pages) for counties to follow in applying for local WET funds and completing the WET plan and **B**) developed Exhibits (21 pages) that function as the plan for the WET actions that a county will fund locally. ([web link: http://www.dmh.ca.gov/DMHDocs/docs/notices07/07-14_Enclosure1A.pdf](http://www.dmh.ca.gov/DMHDocs/docs/notices07/07-14_Enclosure1A.pdf) and http://www.dmh.ca.gov/DMHDocs/docs/notices07/07-14_Enclosure1B.pdf). In addition the DMH produced **C**) a document to inform counties on how to complete a needs assessment that is required in the guidelines ([web link : http://www.dmh.ca.gov/Prop_63/MHSA/Workforce_Education_and_Training/default.asp](http://www.dmh.ca.gov/Prop_63/MHSA/Workforce_Education_and_Training/default.asp)).

Counties follow the directions outlined in the guidelines and complete the exhibits. Plans when approved in the local process are submitted to DMH for review. A "Review Team" has been organized by DMH, composed of DMH staff, Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission staff (invited), Office of Multicultural Services staff, consumers, and Planning Council Human Resources Committee staff (invited). Members of the review team determine the degree to which a county has addressed or not addressed the DMH Guidelines and Exhibit Instructions. Review team members also bring to the table their expertise and their representative vision and values. DMH considers the input of the review team and provides recommendations to the county concerning the completeness of the plan.