Proposition 63 – Mental Health Services Act

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Proposition 63, also known as the Mental Health Services Act, intends to expand and transform the mental health system in California to improve the quality of life for Californians living with or at risk of serious mental illness.

View the Mental Health Services Act at www.mhsoac.ca.gov

How Prop 63 Works

Proposition 63 consists of these five components:

1. **Community Services and Supports**—
   the majority of Prop 63 money provides treatment for individuals with serious mental illness, using a “whatever it takes” approach. **Full Service Partnerships** provide wraparound services to clients/consumers. Prop 63 also helps counties fund **housing** by leveraging the funds in local partnerships to build and renovate thousands of housing units for people with serious mental illness, many of whom are homeless.

2. **Prevention & Early Intervention**—programs designed to prevent mental illness from becoming severe and disabling and to improve timely access for people who are underserved by the mental health system.

3. **Innovation**—Five percent of Prop 63 funds allow counties to test new and improved services to mental health service delivery with time-limited pilot programs.

4. **Workforce Education & Training**—increases the number of qualified individuals to provide mental health services consistent with Prop 63 principles and priorities, and improve the cultural and language competency of the mental health workforce.

5. **Capital Facilities and Technology**—supports counties for a wide range of projects necessary to support service delivery. For example, acquiring, constructing and renovating county-owned buildings.

History of Prop 63

Prop 63 was passed by voters in 2004. By 2012, Prop 63 has generated more than $8 billion dollars by placing a 1% tax on incomes above $1 million.

While Prop 63 began as approximately 10% of the entire public mental health budget, it recently comprises approximately 24%.

Prop 63 currently funds 1,600 programs to serve the hundreds of thousands of Californians with mental illness. (NAMI California, 2012)
Find Prop 63 - Funded Programs in Your County

View the first countywide comprehensive list of Prop 63-funded programs released by NAMI California at
www.mhsoac.ca.gov/docs/InTheNews/MHSA_Full_Report.pdf

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Find local and statewide resources on the MHSOAC website at:
www.mhsoac.ca.gov/ContactUs/Resources.aspx

Do You Need Immediate Help?

If you or someone you know needs to speak with a professional counselor, call 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Find emergency services in your area:
www.mhsoac.ca.gov/ContactUs/Crisis_Link.aspx

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