August 2, 2013

All County Mental Health Directors
All County MHSA Coordinators

Dear County Mental Health Director or MHSA Coordinator,

This letter has attached instructions, fiscal worksheets, and updated certificate forms for what is to be included in the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA or Act) "Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015 through FY 2016-2017 MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan." These completed documents are to be submitted to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) within 30 days of adoption by your Board of Supervisors.

The Commission strongly believes that a robust, meaningful stakeholder process is the key to the success of the MHSA. These instructions outline what statute and regulations require in a stakeholder process to the Three-Year Plans as well as specifying what should be included in an update beyond the stakeholder process. Please consider these instructions as the statutory minimum. A county always retains the right to showcase their programs or stakeholder process by including more than the statutory minimum in whatever way it chooses.

The Commission continues to appreciate how you strive to implement the letter and spirit of the MHSA. It is through your continued dedication to the MHSA’s values that the Act succeeds and those living with serious mental illness are served according to its intent.

If you have any questions about these instructions, please feel free to email us at mhsoc@mhsoca.ca.gov.

Best Regards,

Sherri Gauger
Executive Director
Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission