Dear Commissioners,

I am a consumer, and a resident of Santa Cruz County.

I am concerned regarding giving Counties leway without community feedback (stakeholders feedback) and allowing to use MHSA funding without following the intent of the MHSA requirements during COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

Counties needs to have strings attached with the use of MHSA funds. Secondly, COVID-19 is temporary and Counties is concerned about their fiscal year as facing budget concerns.

Commissioners needs to follow the intent of the MHSA carefully during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

Counties must use their reserve funds including earned interest related to COVID-19 with strict regulations or guidance from California Department of Health Care Services and MHSOAC.

Please stay safe Commioners during COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

Respectfully,

NOTE: This wasn't easy while being on the call since I'm hard of hearing as I identified myself as a person with disabilities.

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