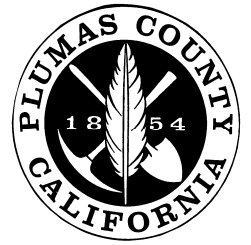


# PLUMAS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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**John Sebold, LCSW, Director**

April 14, 2008

Re: Plumas County Mental Health is requesting that FY 05/06 funds be placed into a local prudent reserve instead of revert to the state.

Dear Community Resident,

California voters passed the Mental Health Services Act (proposition 63) in November 2004. This Act can bring funds to the community mental health system. Funding from this Act enables Plumas County Department of Mental Health to provide services in accordance with an approved Community Services and Support Plan (CSS). Across this State, these initial three year CSS plans and initial funding (July 2005 through June 2008) are about to expire. Within the Act (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5892(h) requires the reversion (return to the state) of funds previously allocated to counties. Specifically, "other than funds placed in a reserve in accordance with an approved plan, any funds allocated to a county which have not been spent for their authorized purpose within three years shall revert to the state to be deposited into the Fund and available for other counties in future years,..."

Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5847(a)(7) counties are also required to dedicate funds to a local prudent reserve. California Department of Mental Health cites "the prudent reserves as necessary so that the county can continue to serve children, adults and seniors during years in which revenues for the Mental Health Services Fund are insufficient." Counties are required to have an established and funded prudent reserve by July 1, 2010.

Plumas County Mental Health has Fiscal Year 2005/06 funds that have either 1. not gained approval within the specified time period for all the funds and 2. the total expenditures are less than the amount distributed. Plumas County Mental Health is opting to request that these funds be placed into the local prudent reserve instead of revert to the state. Plumas County would dedicate: 1. approved, unspent, FY 2005/06 funds, not to exceed \$60,540.00 (exact figure to be determined after final expenditures); and \$180,418.00 of unapproved FY 2005/06 funds in planning estimate. Plumas County requests to develop the local Prudent Reserve and to initially deposit funds not to exceed \$240,958.00.

We invite you to participate in the public input process and provide feedback on this request to dedicate funds to the Community Services and Supports Local Prudent Reserve. The completed form to request a dedication of funds, along with a public comment form, is posted on the county website <http://www.countyofplumas.com> and at your local Mental Health Service sites. Please send your comments to John Sebold, Director, Plumas County Mental Health; 270 County Hospital Road, Suite 109, Quincy CA 95971. You are also invited to attend the hearing at the regularly scheduled Plumas County Mental Health Commission meeting of May 28, 2008.

Sincerely,

John Sebold, LCSW  
Director