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AGENDA ITEM: Presentation on Use of MHSA Administrative Funds by the Department of Education

ENCLOSURES: None

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM: None

**PRESENTATION:**

Monica Nepomuceno, Education Program Consultant, Department of Education will present to the Financial Oversight Committee on how the Department of Education is utilizing the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Administrative funds.

Below are the actual estimated and proposed administrative expenditures for the Department of Education:

**Department of Education**

Fiscal Year 2011-12	Fiscal Year 2012-13	Fiscal Year 2013-14
<b>\$251,000</b>	<b>\$159,000</b>	<b>\$179,000</b>

The Department of Education receives funding and 1.0 position to support County mental health programs' work with local educational agencies, county offices of education, and special education local plan areas to provide necessary services. Staff in this position also participates in the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, the Cultural and Linguistic Competence Committee, and the California Mental Health Planning Council.

In cooperation with the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA), two statewide projects have been developed to support stigma-free access for students and their families to appropriate mental health services to reduce the need for more intensive, costly interventions, and also to increase school success for students experiencing mental health issues.

- Collaborates with the Placer County Office of Education (PCOE) to provide professional development via Training Educators Through Recognition and Identification Strategies (TETRIS). Fully funded through the CalMHSA, this

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high-quality professional development training is intended for student mental health for educators, administrators, and other school staff as coordinated and facilitated thorough a contract with PCOE. The purpose of TETRIS trainings is to increase the knowledge and capacity among school staff to promote effective presentation and early intervention strategies for students experiencing mental health issues, including mental illness and suicide risk. TETRIS trainings are offered in each of the 11 service regions of the California County Superintendents Educational Service Association, and provided at no cost to the participants.

- Supports coordination of the Student Mental Health Policy Workgroup (SMHPW): The SMHPW meets for the purpose of developing policy recommendations on student mental health for the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the California Legislature. This workgroup meets quarterly, and is comprised of a diverse group of educators and mental health professionals.
- Partners with other agencies throughout the country to find best practices for California public schools and to effectively collaborate with mental health agencies throughout the state.
- Provides ongoing technical assistance to the field and public regarding student mental health issues.