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**TAB SECTION: 7**

**\_\_\_ ACTION REQUIRED**

**DATE OF MEETING: 6/25/09**

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**AGENDA ITEM:** Presentation: Survey of State Sheriffs and Mental Health Directors regarding MHSA Planning

**ENCLOSURES:** • Letter to County Mental Health Directors and California State Sheriffs from Patricia Ryan and Sheriff Kolender, dated April 16, 2009

**OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:**

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**Issue**

Sheriff Kolender, Richard Conklin, LCSW, and Stephanie Welch, CMHDA, will present the results of a survey of county mental health directors and California State Sheriffs that was conducted in order to assess the awareness and involvement of law enforcement in the planning and implementation of the MHSA.

**Background**

In early Spring 2009, the CMHDA and the California State Sheriffs partnered to survey mental health directors and county sheriffs to assess how counties plan and the extent to which opportunities exist to improve partnering and mutual participation. This effort was led by San Diego County Sheriff Kolender, MHSOAC Commissioner, and Patricia Ryan, Executive Director of the CMHDA.

The enclosed letter to County Mental Health Directors and California State Sheriffs from Patricia Ryan, Executive Director, CMHDA, and William Kolender, San Diego Sheriff and MHSOAC Commissioner, describes the need for this collaboration and the purpose of the survey. It states that the information gained from the survey will help county mental health and Sheriffs to strengthen their natural partnership and commitment to helping individuals experiencing mental illness, in order to help these individuals gain access to appropriate and adequate mental health services.

Sheriff Kolender will present the preliminary survey results. The next step will be to summarize these results in order to apply this information to the continued and improved collaboration between county mental health and California State Sheriffs.