



PEI PLAN APPROVAL SUMMARY

County: LOS ANGELES

Review History:

Original Plan Submitted: **January 12, 2009**

Formal Review Meeting: **February 11, 2009**

Letter Providing Review Team Feedback: **February 24, 2009**

Conference Call with County to Review Feedback: **March 17, 2009**

Plan Recommended for Approval: **March 27, 2009**

Plan Projects:

This PEI Plan has 3 projects:

- 1) Suicide Prevention Project
- 2) School Mental Health Initiative Project
- 3) Anti-Stigma and Discrimination Project

Los Angeles County Plan Strengths:

- Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health worked very closely with MHSOAC Stakeholder Delegates. These delegates meet consistently and represent over 40 stakeholder groups.
- On-going training and support was provided to stakeholders and the development of ad-hoc groups was used to ensure the accomplishment of shared goals.
- Translation services were provided for various threshold languages and for the deaf and hard of hearing participants. Transportation and a small stipend were provided to consumers.
- Suicide Prevention efforts for the 60+ community will be co-located in medical services to minimize the stigma often associated with mental health.
- School Mental Health Prevention services are being integrated into the regions of LA with the highest rate of poverty and augment existing gaps. Special efforts are being developed to educate students about the signs of suicide and remove the stigma of "snitching".
- The Three Projects in this PEI Plan represent what LA County calls "Early Start" Projects. Other PEI plan requests will be made in the future.

The Plan Review Team Recommends: APPROVAL

BUDGET: \$5,739,200