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OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:

Issue

Deborah Lee, MHSOAC Consulting Psychologist, will present to the MHSOAC the enclosed "Prevention and Early Intervention Trends Report 2009. This document reports on trends from an analysis of 32 approved Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) plans. The report reviews counties' intended areas of focus, ages to be served, programs directed toward specific racial/ethnic communities, and key features of programs.

Background

A 2002 report commissioned by the National Technical Assistance Center for State Mental Health Planning (NTAC) and the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD) concluded that "far more emphasis should be placed on prevention and early intervention."¹

The MHSA requires that 20% of funds be spent for prevention and early intervention. MHSOAC is responsible to issue guidelines for expenditures for innovation programs and prevention and early intervention programs, and to review and approve each county mental health program for expenditures for innovation programs and prevention and early intervention programs. The MHSA specifies that funded prevention and early intervention programs are to reduce negative outcomes that occur from suicide, incarcerations, school failure or drop out, unemployment, prolonged suffering, homelessness, and removal of children from their homes. The California Department of Mental Health released *Proposed Guidelines for Prevention and Early Intervention Component of the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan* in September 2007, and released an amended version of these *Guidelines* in August 2008. The MHSOAC issued policy papers on prevention and early intervention (2006) and on co-occurring disorders (2008) that summarize research in the field and suggest policy priorities.

¹ Bell NN and Shern DL, State Mental Health Commissions: Recommendations for Change and Future Directions, National Technical Assistance Center, May 2002. Available at http://www.nasmhpd.org/general_files/publications/ntac_pubs/reports/statementalhealthcommissions.pdf