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Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W., Director  
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Dear Dr. Southard:

We are pleased to approve your proposal submission under the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Workforce Education and Training Component. This letter constitutes the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) intent to amend your MHSA Agreement based on your county's response to DMH Information Notice No: 07-14, Mental Health Services Act Workforce Education and Training Component - Proposed Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan Guidelines, Fiscal Years' 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09.

This letter provides approval for funding in the amount of \$5,039,719 from the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Planning Estimate. Planning and early implementation funding in the amount of \$2,450,147 has previously been approved in response to DMH Information Notice No: 07-06, County Funding Request for Mental Health Services Act Workforce Education and Training Planning and Early Implementation Funding. Total funding for the Workforce Education and Training component now totals \$7,489,866.

We encourage you to reference the MHSA Workforce Education and Training Five-Year Development Plan (Five-Year Plan) as you implement your programs and activities. The Five-Year Plan provides indicators of performance success addressing shortages of qualified workers in the public mental health system and for transforming service delivery according to the intent of the MHSA.

We look forward to continuing to work with you on MHSA-related activities. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Shayn Anderson, [Shayn.Anderson@dmh.ca.gov](mailto:Shayn.Anderson@dmh.ca.gov) (916-651-9474) from our Local Program Support Branch.

Sincerely,

SOPHIE CABRERA, Chief  
Local Program Support Branch

cc: California Mental Health Planning Council  
California Mental Health Directors Association  
Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission  
Chief, Program Implementation and Evaluation  
Chief, County Technical Assistance Section  
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