

# **Solano Mental Health Services Act Update**

**MHSA Stakeholders Meeting  
Tuesday, March 3, 2009**

# Solano County's Vision for Mental Health Services

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A mental health system that is state-of-the-art, culturally competent, that promotes recovery and wellness through independence, hope, personal empowerment and resilience. Access is easy, client and family expressed needs and goals drive services and out-of-home institutional care is reduced.

# Goals and Objectives for Presentation

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- Increase awareness of Solano County's MHSA activities
- Provide an overview of the MHSA finances
- Overview of 2008-09 FY & 2009-2010 FY Plan Updates
- Gather community input and questions.

# MHSA Faces Financial Challenges

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- California Budget: reduce MHSA funds by \$226m in 2009-2010 FY and \$234m in 2010-11 FY to pay for EPSDT (Early & Periodic Screening Diagnostic and Treatment).
  - Go to voters via ballot initiative May 19, 2009.
  - Department of Mental Health will propose MHSA cuts.
- Due to the economy, MHSA projected funds will significantly decrease in the 2010-2011 FY (by 30 percent) and will remain stagnant for a few years.

# MHSA Update, Review

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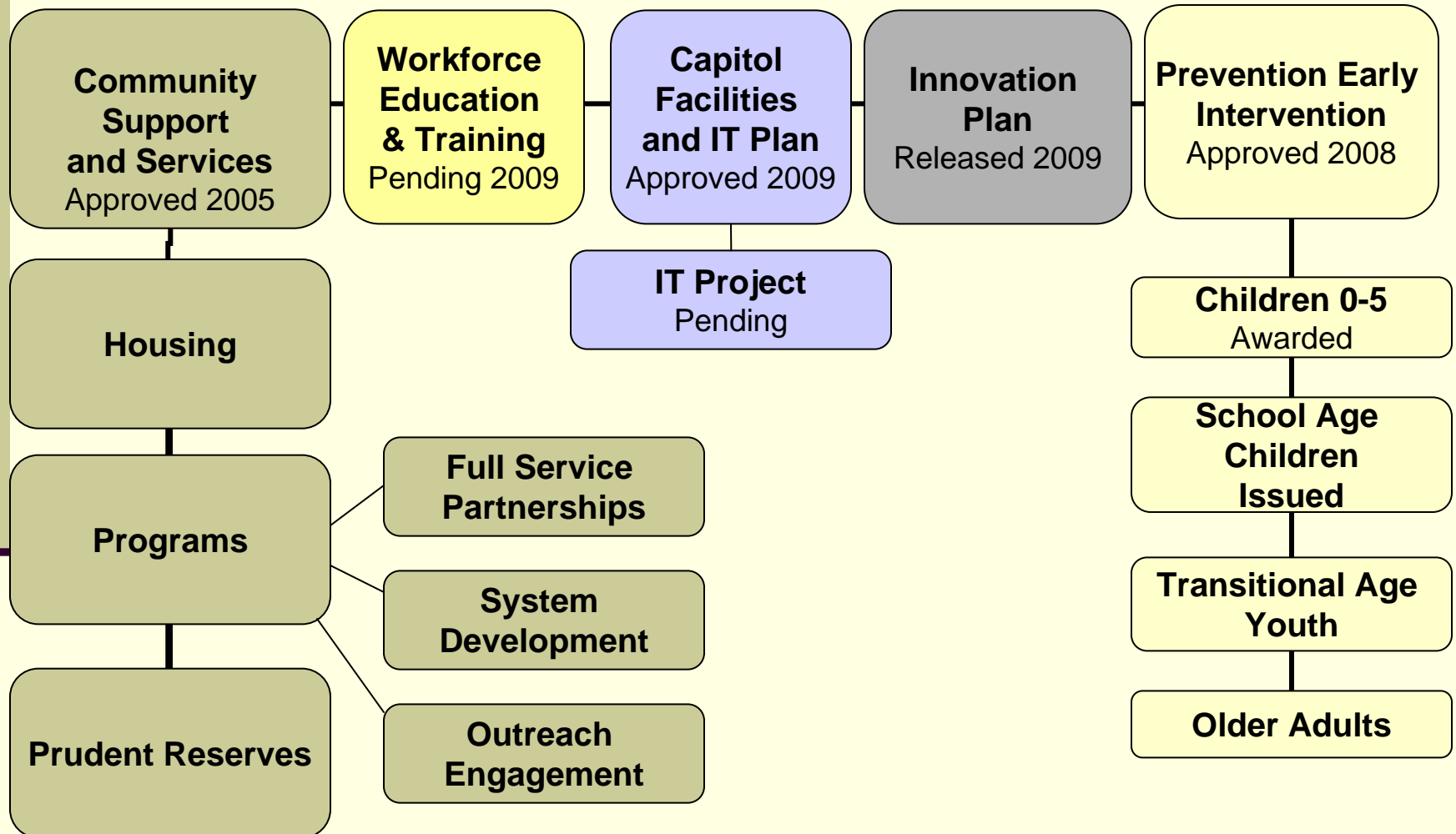
**Questions?**

# Five MHSA Components/Plans

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1. **Community Services & Support:** MHSA core services. Plan approved 2005; updated annually.
2. **Prevention & Early Intervention:** Plan approved 2008. Implementation phase.
3. **Workforce Education & Training:** Plan pending with DMH since Jan. 2009. Estimated approval date April 2009.
4. **Capital Facilities & IT:** Plan approved January 2009. IT project plan pending March 2009. Implementation phase.
5. **Innovation Plan:** DMH provided guidelines January 2009. Solano planning on hold.

# Solano County: Implementation of MHSA Components



# Community Support & Services Updates, 2008-09 FY

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- \$7.9 million request for Community Support & Services, 2008-09 FY.
- Expanded MHSA administration to include Account Technician.
- Expanded Young Adult/Transition Age Youth Full Service Partnership to include Mental Health Clinical Supervisor
- Expanded Mobile Crisis Unit, February 2009.
- Expanded Outreach & Engagement: a coordinator and support staff to fully implement this component.



# MHSA Update, Review

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# The MHSA Housing Program Faces Several Challenges

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- \$3.8 Million in MHSA Housing Funds are available to qualified developers
- The current financial crisis has limited developers ability to secure additional project funding
  - State bond funding is unavailable
  - Local city government funds are limited
  - Projects with tax credit funding have been unable to sell the credits to fully fund the project
- Most developers are not interested in small scale projects.

# We Plan to Issue a Request for Proposals for Capital Facilities Projects

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- \$1.5 Million is available for capital facilities Projects to:
  - Purchase or construct **county owned facilities** for the delivery of mental health services
- The County will conduct a competitive process to determine the capital facilities that will be funded after:
  - The PEI contracts are awarded and
  - Crisis residential feasibility studies are completed

# MHSA Update, Review

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**Questions?**

# **C&SS, Full Service Partnership, Children, Update**

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## **Children's Full Service Partnership**

# **C&SS, Full Service Partnership, Young Adult (Transition Age Youth), Update**

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## **Young Adult Full Service Partnership**

# **C&SS, Full Service Partnership, Older Adults, Update**

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## **Adults Full Service Partnership**

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## **Older Adults Full Service Partnership**



# MHSA Update, Review

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**Questions?**

# C&SS, Systems Development, Mobile Crisis, Update

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- Expanded Mobile Crisis Unit, February 2009.
- Four additional personnel in the Mobile Crisis Unit.
- Best practice model for delivering services.
- Changes to the 24 hour Crisis unit.

# **C&SS, Systems Development, Wellness & Recovery, Update**

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## **Neighborhood of Dreams**

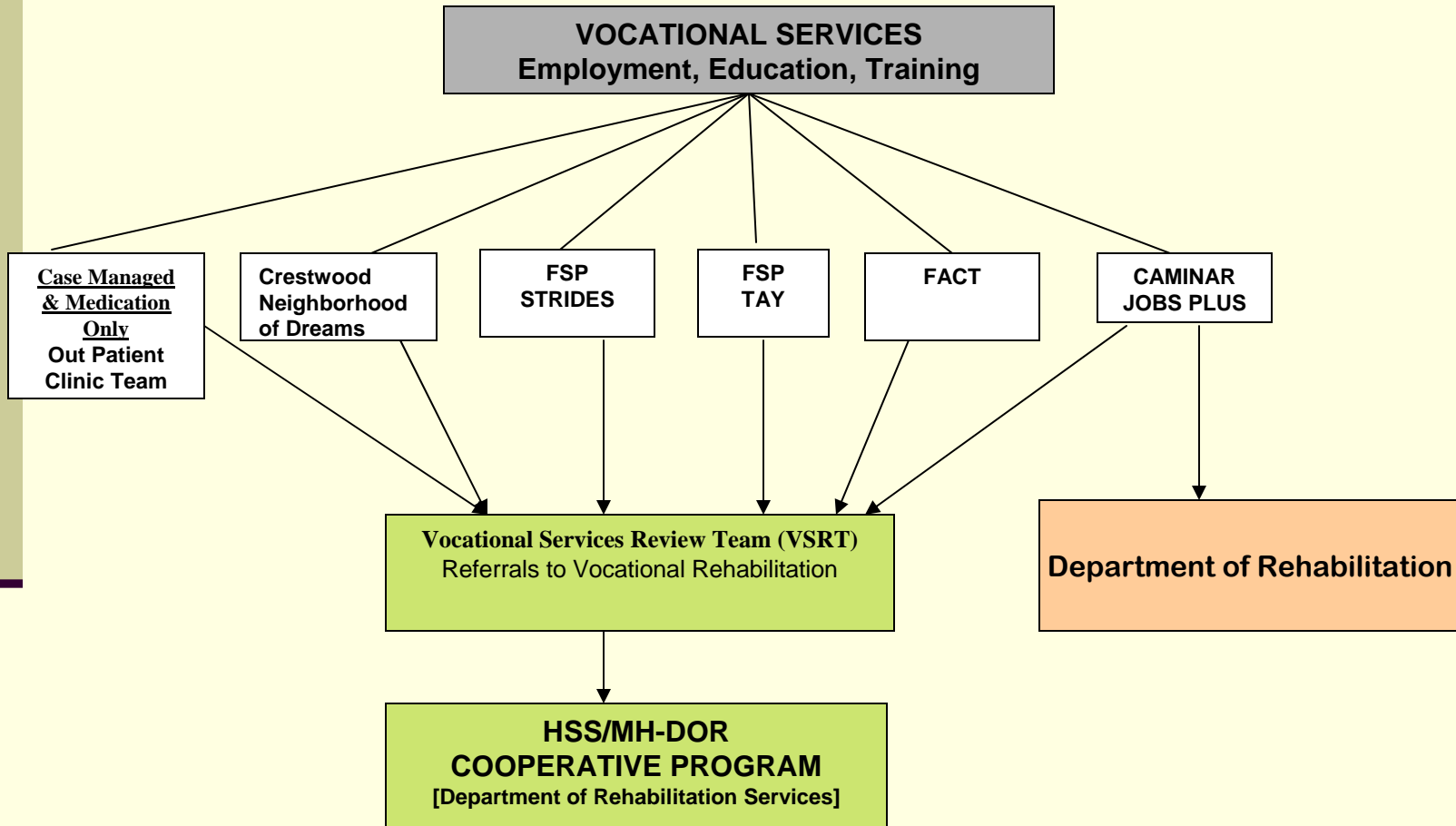
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# **C&SS, Systems Development, Foster Families & Bilingual Support, Update**

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## **Foster Families & Bilingual Support**

# Review MHSA Vocational Resources



# Description of Vocational Services

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- Employment, education and job placement services
- Assist consumers with job skills development and prepare for competitive employment
- Job developers help consumers obtain and maintain positions in the business community
- Provide follow-up and job coaching services

# Referral to Solano County HSS – Mental Health/Department of Rehabilitation Cooperative Program

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- Consumers need to be referred to and accepted by the Vocational Services Review Team (VSRT) and authorized by Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) for DOR Services
- 55% of our mutual clients are currently in job search, job development and placement track and 45% are in educational plans.

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# The County is Moving Forward on the Technology Needs Component

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- Capital Facilities & IT Plan approved by DMH.
- The Electronic Health Record (EHR) Readiness Project Proposal is posted for review
- The EHR readiness Project provides funds for:
  - Consulting services to perform workflow analyses and conduct a readiness assessment
  - Staffing to oversee the consultant's work and develop requirements for the acquisition and implementation of a full EHR system

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# Workforce Education and Training (WET) Plan Update Review

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- WET Plan submitted to DMH early January.
- Projected approval date is April 2009.
- \$2,041,000 total funding requested.

# WET Plan Includes 5 Funding Categories

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1. Workforce Staffing Support
2. Training and Technical Assistance
3. Mental Health Career Pathway Assistance
4. Residency, Internship Programs
5. Financial Incentive Programs

# WET Plan Overview: Training & Technical Assistance

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- Increase capacity of the clinical and administrative mental health workforce.
- Develop recruitment, retention and training plans for specific under-represented populations
- Expand cultural competence training.

# WET Plan Overview: Training & Technical Assistance, cont'd

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- Provide English as Second Language, Spanish and Tagalog language training
- Enhanced training for law enforcement (CIT) personnel working with CSS Mobile Crisis Response.
- Expansion of funding for education and training activities proposed in the PEI Plan.

# WET Plan Overview: Other Components of Plan

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- Mental Health Career Pathway Assistance
  - Consumer and family members
- Residency Internship Program
  - Expanded internship and supervision program
- Financial Incentives Program
  - Loan assumption program.

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# Prevention Early Intervention (PEI) Plan is being Implemented

- **\$1.8 million awarded to Solano.**
- **Children 0-5:** partnership with First 5 Solano Children & Families Commission; services start May 1, 2009
- **School Age Children:** post Request for Proposals February 23, 2009; services start July 1, 2009.
- **Transitional Aged Youth:** post Request for Proposals Spring 2009.
- **Older Adults:** post Request for Proposals Spring 2009.

\* All dates are tentative.

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# Future Plans for MHSA

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- **Innovation Plan** instructions released January 30, 2009
  - Solano's planning process is on hold.
- **MHSA Steering Committee**: sending nominations to the Local Mental Health Board for approval
- **Integrated Plan** start process in 2009.

# Future Plans for MHSA, 2009-10 FY

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- CS&S Plan Update 2009-10 FY will be posted for public comment March 2009.
- Contracted amounts may decrease in the 2009-10 FY.
- CS&S contracts will go out to bid fall 2009 for 2010-11 FY-2012-13 FY.\*

\*Tentatively scheduled at this time.

# MHSA Update, Review

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# Announcements

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- Solano County Health & Social Services staff provide announcements.
- Community members provide announcements.

# Review Next Steps

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- Review next steps identified during meeting.

# Complete Evaluations and Adjourn

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- Complete evaluations, thank you.
- Next meeting:
  - Thursday, May 21, 2009, 1-4 PM
  - 675 Texas St, MP, First Floor
  - Fairfield, CA 94533



# Review Questions and Feedback

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