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Public invited to comment on Mental Health plan

SOLANO COUNTY – Solano County Health and Social Services Mental Health Division encourages the public to review and make comments on its Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 Annual Plan.

“The MHSA process is a community-driven process, and we encourage mental health consumers, family members of consumers and Solano residents to review the MHSA Annual Plan and provide comments about it,” said Michael Oprendeck, Solano County Health and Social Services Deputy Director for Mental Health.

The public comment period ends May 17, 2009.

Solano County will host two public hearings on the MHSA Annual Plan after the public comment period. The public is encouraged to attend.

- May 19, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. at the Solano County Office of Education, 5100 Business Center Drive, Board Room, Fairfield
- May 21, 2009 from 1-4:30 p.m. at the Solano County Government Center, 675 Texas Street, First Floor, Multi-Purpose Room, Fairfield

MHSA was formed by Proposition 63, which was passed by the voters in 2004 to provide funding for additional mental health services in California. These additional services include comprehensive, extensive case management services; wellness and recovery services; and prevention and early intervention services for target populations including very young children, school-age children, young adults and older adults.

Solano County's MHSA plans were developed through extensive community planning processes. Annually, Solano County provides an update to the community about changes in MHSA activities. Additionally, Solano County Mental Health Division reports MHSA updates to California Department of Mental Health Services (DMH) and the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC). Both state agencies review and approve portions of the plan.

To view the MHSA FY 2009-10 Annual Plan, visit the Solano County Mental Health Division web site at www.solanocounty.com/mentalhealth and click Get Involved! To receive a mailed copy of it, please call 707-784-8320. To provide feedback and comments about the plan, call 707-784-8320, email jmrichards@solanocounty.com, or mail to 275 Beck Ave., MS 5-250, Fairfield, CA 94533, attn: MHSA Community Feedback.

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