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Butte County Department of Behavioral Health Summary of MHSa Innovation Proposed Guidelines (INN)

Butte County's Planning Estimate

\$699,100 per year (FY 10/11)

Butte County's Planning Funds

On April 22, 2009 Butte County sent a request to DMH for \$209,100.00.

General Requirements for Innovation

The following describes general requirements of all INN Projects.

- Innovation Projects must be designed for voluntary participation.
- Essential Purposes of MHSa Innovation, one or more of the following four purposes must be in each project. The selected purpose will determine the key focus for learning and change.
 - Increase access to underserved groups
 - Increase the quality of services including better outcomes
 - Promote interagency collaboration
 - Increase access to services
- Definition of Innovation:
 - An Innovation Project is defined, for purposes of MHSa guidelines, as one that **contributes to learning** rather than a primary focus on providing service. By providing the opportunity to 'try out' new approaches that can inform current and future practices/approaches in communities, an Innovation Project contributes to learning in one or more of three ways:
 - Introduces new MH practices/approaches that have never been done before.
 - Makes changes to an existing MH practice/approach, including adaptation for new setting/community.
 - Introduces new application to the MH system of promising practice/approach that has been successful in a non-MH context or setting.
 - The project must embody the general principles of MHSa (community collaboration, cultural competence, consumer and family driven system, wellness and recovery, & an integrated service experience).
 - Range of Innovation Projects:
 - Innovative Projects have a wide range of possibilities and may include: administrative/governance/organizational practices; advocacy, education and training for service providers; outreach, capacity building and community development; planning, policy and system development; prevention, early

intervention; public education efforts; research; services and/or treatment interventions.

Planning Process

A community planning process will be developed and reviewed by the BHB MHSA Advisory Committee. The planning process will build on the previous planning process of the MHSA CS&S, WET, CAP/IT, PEI, and Housing components. Given this foundation the planning process will be more focused and briefer than the past planning processes.

Further Information, Questions, or Comments

Call or email Betsy Gowan, MFT, 530-891-2887, egowan@buttecounty.net, or to review a complete copy of the guidelines at http://www.dmh.cahwnet.gov/Prop_63/MHSA.