What:
The California Department of Mental Health (DMH) is making available an additional one time $935,200 to San Luis Obispo County to support the implementation of the Community Services and Supports component of its Mental Health Services Act programming (MHSA).

This funding can be used to expand, enhance or fill gaps in the existing Community Services and Supports (CSS) Plan, for FY 2007-08.

The original CSS Plan and programs were created based on extensive local needs assessment and public input during 2005-06 and approved by the Board of Supervisors in June 2006.

The MHSA Community Planning Team has reviewed current CSS programming and determined best use of the new funding.

A proposed program expansion follows on page 2.

What's Next:
The public is invited to review and comment on the proposed use of the new funding from January 21 – February 20, 2008.

At the close of that period, the proposed program amendments will be forwarded to the Department of Mental Health for approval.

Expanded programming is expected to begin April 1, 2008.

To Comment on the Proposed Amendments:
Please contact Dale Magee, MHSA program planner, (805) 438-3232, or email to MHSA-SLO@charter.net

To Review the Full Community Services and Supports Plan:

Learn More About the MHSA:
http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/health/mentalhealthservices/mhsa.htm
Expansion of CSS Work Plan 3: Adult FSP
Two Adult FSP teams are operating under the current CSS Plan, this will expand services to help meet increased demand for this intensive care.

Demand for intensive services is growing, while the traditional system’s programs are diminishing. An additional Adult Full Service Partnership Team helps fills this gap. Input from consumers, family members and providers ranked client-centered, intensive case management that includes individualized care plans, “whole person” care, day to day living assistance, and facilitated access to services as a top priority. Also prioritized was the need for mental health professionals that have small case loads, spend extensive time with each person, can get to know individuals well, and can be provide more treatment than the current system allows. FSP programs meet these priorities, and have already shown success.

The additional Adult FSP program will:
- Provide intensive, integrated enrollee-based services for 12-20 adults per year (18-60 years old).
- Provide full service mental health services, 24/7 access to care, therapy, medical management, safe and adequate housing, employment services, co-occurring disorder care, and wellness services and supports.

Eligible adults are those at risk of involuntary institutionalization (IMD, jail) with one or more of the following characteristics: chronic history of 5150, hospitalizations, ER visits, law enforcement involvement; co-occurring substance abuse; homeless.

Core FSP team members include:
- Personal Services Coordinator / MH Therapist (1 FTE)
- Resource Specialist (2 FTEs)
- Housing Case Manager (1 FTE)
- Homeless Outreach and Engagement Specialist (.5 FTE)
- Psychiatrist (1 FTE dedicated for all FSP clients)
- Drug & Alcohol specialist (1 FTE dedicated for all FSP clients)
- Vocational specialist (1 FTE dedicated for all FSP clients)