

## Town Hall Meetings

### *Get involved, your opinion counts!*

Join us for a Town Hall Meeting where you will hear about the MHSA, recovery and resiliency, and the effect of mental health on our community. Give us your ideas about how to use this additional money for mental health services.

**July 18, 2005**

6 p.m.—8 p.m.

Live Oak High School

**July 20, 2005**

6 p.m.—8 p.m.

Wheatland Pioneer Memorial Hall

**July 26, 2005**

6 p.m.—8 p.m.

Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Post No. 2563

**July 28, 2005**

6 p.m.—8 p.m.

Allyn Scott Youth & Community Center

**August 3, 2005**

6 p.m.—8 p.m.

East Nicolaus High School

**August 9, 2005**

6 p.m.—8 p.m.

Camptonville Resource Center

For additional information on Town Hall Meetings and to pre-register, call Donna Thompson at (530) 822-7200 or email at [DThompson@co.sutter.ca.us](mailto:DThompson@co.sutter.ca.us)

To learn more about the Mental Health Services Act visit [www.suttercounty.org](http://www.suttercounty.org) or contact

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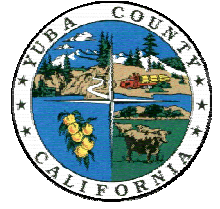
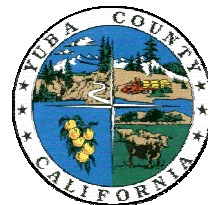
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## Mental Health Services Act (Prop. 63)

Help us plan for the additional \$1.7 million (annual) funding available for new mental health services to our community.

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# MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT FACTS

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Sutter-Yuba Mental Health Services (SYMHS) is pleased to acknowledge the passage of Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act. Thank you to all who supported this important, ground-breaking legislation.

## Overview

Prop. 63, *The Mental Health Services Act* (MHSA), funded by a new tax on high income individuals, is designed to expand and transform California's county mental health service systems. It stipulates that the State Department of Mental Health (SDMH) will contract with County Mental Health Departments to develop and manage the implementation of Prop. 63. It is important to note that in the first year of implementation, no services will be funded. The legislation requires an intensive planning process by each county to develop and submit three-year plan proposals for executing the purpose and intent of the Act. The State Department of Mental Health wants county mental health departments to expend funds made available through the act for a state-of-the-art, culturally competent system. The system should promote recovery/wellness through independence, hope, personal empowerment and resiliency for adults and seniors with severe mental illness and for children with serious emotional disorders and their families.

SYMHS wants to involve people with mental illness and family caregivers in the planning process. To find out more or to participate, please contact Donna Thompson, Staff Analyst, at 822-7200.

## Purpose and Intent of Prop. 63

- To make serious mental illness among seniors, adults and children a priority and promote early intervention and prevention services and medical and supportive care to prevent mental illnesses from becoming severe and disabling.
- To reduce the long term adverse impact on individuals, families, and state and local budgets resulting from untreated serious mental illness.
- To expand successful, innovative programs that have demonstrated their effectiveness for children, adults and seniors, including culturally and linguistically competent approaches to the underserved and others most severely at risk of serious mental illness.
- To provide state and local funding for services that cannot be paid for with other funds.
- To ensure that all funds are expended in the most cost-effective manner and in accordance with recommended best practices subject to local and state oversight.

The legislation requires an approved three-year plan that for each year allocates:

- **10%** to education and training programs
- **10%** to capital facilities and technology
- **20%** to Prevention and Early Intervention programs to prevent mental illness from becoming severe and disabling
- **5%** for Innovative Programs that increase access to services for underserved groups, that promote inter-agency collaboration, and increase the quality and outcomes of services
- The remaining funds are allocated locally to:
  - ⇒ Services for children with severe mental illnesses
  - ⇒ Services to adults and seniors with severe mental illnesses
  - ⇒ A prudent reserve to help maintain new programming in years when certain revenues decline below the average of previous year.

After this three-year period, funding will no longer be prescribed by category, and may be used for

- Services to children, adults or older adults
- Technology and capital facilities
- Human resource needs
- A prudent reserve