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TO: LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CHIEFS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
CHAIRPERSONS, LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS

SUBJECT: MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENTS

This Information Notice provides detail on the changes in the amounts required to be deposited by counties and cities into their local health and welfare trust fund mental health account to meet minimum realignment maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements for Fiscal Year 1995-96.

Chapter 64, Statutes of 1993 (SB 627) added Section 17608.05(b) to the Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code to allow a county or city to limit its deposit of matching funds to the amount necessary to meet minimum federal MOE requirements. The amount of the reduction allowed by this provision was limited to $15,000,000 statewide for Fiscal Years 1993-94 and 1994-95. The provision for "match relief" sunset on June 30, 1995.

AB 906, which was introduced in February 1995, included an amendment to Section 17608.05(b) of the W&I Code that would have allowed counties permanent match relief for mental health services up to $25,000,000 per fiscal year. However, AB 906 was not passed by the Legislature during the regular session which ended on September 15, 1995. It is possible that the bill will be discussed when the Legislature reconvenes in January 1996 or that the provision for match relief will be placed in another bill. At this time the Department of Mental Health does not know whether changes will be made to the match relief provision to prorate the match amount that must be deposited by counties and cities to reflect partial year implementation or whether the possibility exists to make the provision retroactive to July 1, 1995.

Some counties may also be aware of AB 858 which included identical match relief language to that contained in AB 906. However, the September 15, 1995 version of AB 858 included a provision that prohibits Sections 1 through 11 of that bill from becoming operative unless AB 1143 were to be enacted and became operative before January 1, 1996. (Section 11 contained the match relief language.) AB 1143 was not passed by the legislature before adjournment of the regular session. Therefore, none of the provisions included in AB 858 can become operative.

Pending some further legislative action, counties or cities are now required to deposit realignment MOE funds each month in accordance with the schedule developed by the Department of Mental Health that was in effect for Fiscal Years 1991-92 and 1992-93. This schedule is based on county or city standard matching obligations for Fiscal Year 1990-91 as required by Chapter 89, Statutes of 1991 (AB 1288). The enclosed table reflects the local realignment MOE funds for each county or city for Fiscal Year 1995-96 and is identical to the amounts included in the original schedule developed in September 1991.

If you have any questions, please contact Stan Johnson, Acting Chief, County Financial Program Support, at (916) 654-2314.

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Enclosure

cc: California Mental Health Planning Council
Chief, Technical Assistance and Training

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
LOCAL REALIGNMENT MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT FUNDS (AB 1288)
Fiscal Year 1995-96

Statewide	$73,614,903
Alameda	4,673,729
Berkeley City	0
Alpine	0
Amador	0
Butte	410,883
Calaveras	10,886
Colusa	12,174
Contra Costa	1,636,558
Del Norte	18,899
El Dorado	25,000
Fresno	1,447,072
Glenn	15,361
Humboldt	66,329
Imperial	28,364
Inyo	36,125
Kern	1,127,912
Kings	52,318
Lake	61,112
Lassen	0
Los Angeles	24,936,330
Tri-City	105,027
Madera	12,764
Marin	801,771
Mariposa	5,025
Mendocino	43,671
Merced	404,169
Modoc	0
Mono	10,826
Monterey	806,605
Napa	191,272
Nevada	46,780
Orange	5,203,347
Placer	351,244
Plumas	11,618
Riverside	2,291,355
Sacramento	2,666,818
San Benito	44,730
San Bernardino	2,790,381
San Diego	4,805,140
San Francisco	4,161,222
San Joaquin	1,610,757
San Luis Obispo	507,924
San Mateo	2,237,308
Santa Barbara	975,242
Santa Clara	2,349,584
Santa Cruz	497,716
Shasta	403,968
Sierra	0
Siskiyou	11,208
Solano	1,134,194
Sonoma	848,359
Stanislaus	979,992
Sutter/Yuba	34,530
Tehama	39,290
Trinity	8,970
Tulare	505,943
Tuolumne	30,348
Ventura	1,555,329
Yolo	571,424