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**Ann Detrick PhD
Director**

March 6, 2009

Dear Community Stakeholder:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara County Department of Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services, I am pleased to provide this draft of the Santa Barbara County FY 2008/2009 Community Services and Supports (CSS) Plan Update, required by the California Department of Mental Health (DMH) under the Mental Health Services Act. The Plan Update offers to DMH our County's reconsideration of existing programs funded through the CSS initiative and identifies our desire to apply additional CSS funds to support our goal of an integrated mental system of care. This plan update emphasizes our County's intent to: assure consumer self-help initiatives; support the evidence based-practice of Assertive Community Treatment Team (ACT) services, consistent with National Program Standards for ACT Teams (National Alliance on Mental Illness, 2003); and meet our County's Prudent Reserve requirements. To achieve these system goals, the Plan Update proposes the redirection of CSS funds from some existing programs. The Plan Update is available at http://www.admhs.org/apps/admhs_main/MHSA/MHSA_index.asp

Our Department seeks your feedback to this Plan Update, and you may offer feedback in the following ways:

- Complete the feedback form. You may return this form to Eric Baizer, Department Business Specialist of our MHSA office in several ways:
 1. E-mail it to ebaizer@co.santa-barbara.ca.us;
 2. Fax the completed form to the attention of Eric at 681-5262; or
 3. Send your feedback by postal mail to ADMHS, Attn: MHSA, 300 N. San Antonio Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110.

We will accept comments any time during the 30-day public comment period, March 6th to April 6th, 2009. If you prefer not to use this form, written comments prepared in any format will be accepted.

- You are also welcome to provide public comment during a hearing to be held by the Mental Health Commission on Tuesday, April 7, 3:00 P.M. at the Children Services Building at 429 North San Antonio Rd. in Santa Barbara.

A summary of all comments provided through feedback forms will be made available to all Mental Health Commissioners prior to the hearing. In addition, a summary of these comments and of statements made before the Mental Health Commission will be included in the final draft plan submitted to the (DMH).

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Thank you for your interest in programs that benefit individuals with mental illness in Santa Barbara County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Detrick". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Ann Detrick, Ph.D.
Director

Cc: Margie Lopez, Chairwoman
Santa Barbara County Mental Health Commission