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To Whom It May Concern:

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Housing Program makes funds available to counties to develop permanent supportive housing for persons with severe mental illness. The MHSA Housing Program is jointly administered by the California Department of Mental Health (DMH) in partnership with the California Housing and Finance Agency (CalHFA).

The State Fiscal Year 2007/08 Planning Estimate for Humboldt County is \$1,955,300. The County desires to sign the attached MHSA Housing Program Assignment Agreement in order to transfer these funds to CalHFA for support of the MHSA Housing Program.

CalHFA will hold the transferred funds in a county specific sub-account, invest the funds in an appropriate investment vehicle as determined by CalHFA, and credit the county sub-account with interest received on the investment.

When the County identifies a supportive housing project to be developed through MHSA Housing Program funds, the County may access the funds through an MHSA Housing Program Application. The completed application will be available for public review and comment for 30 days prior to submission to DMH and CalHFA. DMH reviews the service related aspects of the application, and CalHFA reviews the application for all aspects of the project related to purchase, renovation, construction, and use of funds.

If you have any questions about the MHSA Housing Program, please call Housing Coordinator Rob Amerman at 441-5591 or email ramerman@co.humboldt.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Karolyn Rim Stein
Mental Health Branch Director

Assignment Agreement

MHSA Housing Program
Humboldt County

Humboldt County (the County) agrees to participate in the state-administered Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Housing Program funded from the Community Services and Support Component of the MHSA. The MHSA Housing Program will be jointly administered by the Department of Mental Health (DMH) in conjunction with the California Housing and Finance Agency (CalHFA).

The County agrees that upon its approval of this Assignment, the State Fiscal Year 2007/08 Planning Estimate in the amount of \$ 1,955,300 specified for the MHSA Housing Program will be transferred by DMH on behalf of the County to CalHFA. Specifically, funds in the amount specified will be transferred from the Mental Health Services Fund to the State Operations portion of the DMH state budget, item 4440-001-0001 Program 10, State Operations. DMH will then transfer these funds to CalHFA for support of the MHSA Housing program.

CalHFA will hold the funds transferred in a county specific sub-account, invest the funds in an appropriate investment vehicle as determined by CalHFA, and credit the county sub-account with interest received on the investment. The County (and the project sponsor, if applicable) may access MHSA Housing Program funds only through a MHSA Housing Program Application approved by CalHFA and DMH.

CalHFA is responsible for the review of the application for all aspects of the project related to purchase, renovation and/or construction of the housing development; underwriting of loans; disbursement of funds; all determinations regarding the use of operating subsidies for the development; and continued monitoring of the project.

DMH is responsible for review of the service related aspects of the application and for monitoring of the project to assure that appropriate supportive services continue to be provided.

Nothing shall prohibit the County from using funds from other programs to supplement the MHSA Housing Program funds, subject to requirements that may be applicable to use of such funds. This Assignment shall be effective only if the county has a fully executed MHSA Agreement with DMH.

Approved for County (by signature)

Printed Name and Title: