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Mental Health Service Act Community Planning in March

(Woodland, CA) – The community is invited to attend the Yolo County Mental Health Service Act Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting on March 1 to kick-off the community planning process for fiscal year 2016-17, and additional community input meetings on March 9.

The Mental Health Services Act (known as MHSA or Proposition 63, and passed by California voters in 2004) places a 1% tax on personal income in excess of \$1 million. This tax revenue is directed specifically to improving mental health treatment. The funds are distributed to California counties with the goal of transforming the public mental health system into one that is consumer- and family-driven, accessible to underserved populations, oriented toward the principles of recovery, culturally aware and which provides appropriate services.

At the community planning kick-off on March 1, consultants will facilitate the stakeholder process and explain the role of community members in providing feedback and helping to shape the plan for next fiscal year's programs and services provided through the MHSA. All interested community members (also referred to as "stakeholders") are encouraged to participate in the planning process by attending the kick off on March 1, and one of the community input meetings on March 9 (times and locations below).

For key dates related to MHSA community stakeholder planning, or copies of current and previous MHSA plans and annual updates, visit: <u>www.yolocounty.org/health-human-services/agency-information/mental-health-services-act-mhsa/mhsa-documents</u>. Questions concerning Yolo County's MHSA efforts can be directed to Yolo MHSA Administration at (530) 666-8537.

March 1 MHSA Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting & Kick-Off

2:00-3:30 p.m., Bauer Building Walker-Thomson Room, 137 N. Cottonwood Street in Woodland

March 9 MHSA Community Input Meetings

9:00-11:00 a.m., West Sacramento Wellness Center, 500-B Jefferson Boulevard in West Sacramento

1:00-3:00 p.m., Bauer Building Thomson Room, 137 N. Cottonwood Street in Woodland

4:30-6:30 p.m., RISE, Inc. Community Room, 17317 Fremont Street in Esparto