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COUNTY SEEKS INPUT ON MENTAL HEALTH TECHNOLOGY NEEDS ***Three Community Forums to Take Place in March***

The County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) will be conducting three community forums to gather input from the public and mental health community on tools to improve consumer and family access to health information.

The forums are designed for the community at large to provide information on technology projects to be established as part of the Consumer/Family Empowerment Projects and Other Technological Needs phase of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA).

The forums will take place:

Thursday, March 11, 2010

South Region Center
690 Oxford
Chula Vista, CA 91911
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 18, 2010

HHS East County Adoptions—Conference Room
198 West Main
El Cajon, CA 92020
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 25, 2010

North Inland Regional Center—Multipurpose Room
600 E. Valley Parkway
Escondido, CA 92025
2:00-4:00 p.m.

The forums are part of a series of community meetings to determine what mental health projects are needed to empower clients receiving mental health services, engage family members in the client's treatment, and provide technological tools to access health information. Integrating recommendations gleaned from the forums, HHS will develop new projects which will be funded by the Mental Health Services Act, which was approved by California voters in 2004 and imposes a one percent tax on personal income above \$1 million for the creation of new mental health programs statewide.

For more information about the upcoming forums, call 1-888-977-6763 or email MHSPop63@sdcounty.ca.gov.

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