CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
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TO: LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CHIEFS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
CHAIRPERSONS, LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS
LOCAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS

SUBJECT: APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT

This notice provides updated information on the State Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) application to The California Endowment (TCE), a private foundation whose mission is to offer grants to organizations and institutions that directly benefit the health and well-being of Californians.

The DMH and ADP jointly applied to TCE in August 1997, requesting $13 million to fund 16 dual diagnosis demonstration projects. Potential grantees are normally notified within three months after submission of their proposals that they are being considered for funding. The State was never notified as to the status of its application; therefore, it could be assumed that it was not selected for funding.

At a recent informational meeting in Sacramento for potential applicants to TCE, staff from DMH discussed with TCE's Regional Program Director the possibility of modifying and resubmitting our application. The TCE representative stated that under its newly structured CommunitiesFirst program (the first grants program to be introduced as part of TCE's five-year strategic plan), those local programs, organizations, institutions, and other applicants that apply directly to TCE will be more competitive than those submitted under the umbrella of the State. The DMH and ADP will not resubmit another application from the state under this recommendation.

With this in mind, please be advised that it would be in the best interests of those organizations, institutions and other local programs that intend to apply to TCE for funding to apply directly to TCE's CommunitiesFirst program.

An application packet can be obtained from TCE by calling (800) 449-4149 or by writing to:

The California Endowment
CommunitiesFirst
Grants Administration
21650 Oxnard Street, Suite 1200
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Sincerely,

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