

State Departments
MHSAs Progress Report*
Fiscal Year 08-09
Reporting Period: 1/1/09 – 6/30/09

Department California Department of Veteran Affairs

1. Identify 2-3 highlights for this reporting period

- We have developed a Veterans Reintegration Process whereby we get the contact information from all discharging veterans in California. We then outreach to them by email, phone and snail mail to get them into the VA healthcare system for physical and mental health treatment. It is very successful and it is described in the attached booklet.
- We have developed a resource manual for veterans benefits including the mental health benefits that are available to all veterans. We have printed 30,000 and have distributed almost 15,000 in just one month. It is very popular.

2. Please list all the goals/objectives/activities/deliverables for this reporting period as listed in the MOU work plan and provide an update.

Goal 1 -					
<u>Objectives 1a</u>					
	Due Date	Status on achieving objective, activities and deliverables (insert links)	Identify outstanding policy and program issues	Identify activities being coordinated with the local mental health system and other partners	Upcoming events/opportunities/resources anticipated during the next six months
Major activities/deliverables:					
1. Develop an electronic web based scanning operation to input and distribute recently discharged veterans contact information for outreach purposes	10/31/09	In progress 20% complete	Difficulty in scanning and reading handwritten input	We distribute this information to the VA mental health outreach coordinators through out California for outreach	We have been invited back to Wash DC VA HQ's to present our idea for national implementation.

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2. Printed a resource guide for all veterans with mental health information and VA, State and local contact information to access treatment and benefits.	6/31/09	Completed			
3. Printed a Reintegration Action Plan for veterans with mental health issues. We will deliver a hard copy for you	6/31/09	Completed and awaiting mass printing and distribution	Budget constrains has delayed printed 5,000 copies	We will get this publication to all state agencies to distribute to veterans who are in need of this.	
4. Currently producing a made for TV PSA that features PTSD/TBI and other veteran disabilities. It will run 30 and 60 seconds and will also be made to run on the radio.	09/30/09	The story board is almost complete and we should be reviewing it by 08/15/09	No problems	Looking for sponsors to show it on TV	