

MHSA funds to the California State Library are used to fund six primary mental health research activities, including: Reference and Information Services, Information Dissemination, Collection Development, Special Document Acquisition and Delivery, Research Services, and Librarian Assistance in order to augment the existing research and information-gathering capacity of the Department of Mental Health (DMH).

Specifically, the MHSA funds would enable the Library to provide enhanced reference and information services, develop appropriate search strategies and selection of databases and perform online searching in appropriate electronic and print resources and maintain a collection of materials (journals, books, reports, etc.) needed to support research efforts by DMH staff and would ensure that the records of the DMH collection would be accessible online through both the Library's online catalog and MELVYL, the online catalog which contains the University of California and CSL holdings.

CSL activities reported to DMH for the period 1/1/09 – 6/30/09 are as follows:

a. Brief summary of the major activities performed

As part of the agreement with the Department of Mental Health (DMH), the California State Library, delivered to DMH electronically, bi-monthly "Studies in the News" serial publications. These publications are distributed to other California state agencies and California County Mental Health Departments in addition to the DMH and are designed as bibliographies of current articles of interest to DMH/MHSA staff. The publications also included information on current webcasts on mental health related topics and podcasts relating to mental health issues. During the reporting period of 1/1/2009-6/30/2009, a total of 12 "Studies in the News" bibliographies were issued. Attached are copies of these bibliographies that were produced during the January 2009 thru the June 2009 time frame.

The assigned Reference Librarian to DMH served as a reference/resource staff person for the Suicide Prevention Committee and the Stigma Reduction Committee. The charge of the DMH assigned Reference Librarian was to provide relevant reference services to the committee as well as pertinent information and research for the committee's work product. Those services include collection development responsibilities and regularly scheduled interactions between the librarian and DMH staff from the two committees.

1. The assigned Reference Librarian continued collection development responsibilities which entailed submitting over 150 orders for books, journals, and media materials for the DMH professional library/resource center.

2. The assigned Reference Librarian visited the Department of Mental Health liaison for the State Library on a weekly basis to determine research needs, needs for specific book titles and or journal articles that were not accessible via the online journals provided by the State Library's online databases. Requests were processed by either ordering the requested title or utilizing the interlibrary loan process to provide the materials.
- b. Identify 2 or 3 activities or accomplishments that are considered highlights and help further the intent of the MHSA (e.g., achieving system change)
1. One of the highlights that the California State Library has provided DMH to further the intent of the MHSA, is the publication of the Bi-monthly Studies in the News publication This publication lends itself to research in studies in the scientific community that can assist in the planning for community projects/services using MHSA funds for the mentally ill as well as studies lending support to the recommendations that the MHSA staff are developing for further assistance in community/county efforts in assisting the mentally ill. This publication is designed to keep the MHSA staff as well as Department of Mental Health Staff aware of the current thinking in the various areas of mental health services, policies and procedures as well evidence-based practices and research that is being done in the mental health field.
 2. Another accomplishment of the relationship between DMH and the CA State Library is the participation and research assistance given to the Stigma Reduction Committee in their efforts to provide guidelines in developing strategies for addressing the Stigma Reduction campaign for the State of California.
- c. Identify activities being coordinated with the local mental health system
1. The assigned Reference Librarian provides assistance for research projects for local mental health and State agencies working on MHSA issues and projects. This involved research for the Department of Education and Administrative Office of the Courts as well as other State Agencies and Departments working on MHSA projects and includes the CA State Hospitals as well.