

**OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (OSHPD)  
Mental Health Professional Shortage Area**

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT  
PROGRESS REPORT (FY 08/09)**

Brief summary of the major activities performed during FY 08/09

The Shortage Designation Program (SDP) in the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development's (OSHPD) Healthcare Workforce Development Division reviews, analyzes, and makes recommendations on the Mental Health Professional Shortage Area (MHPSA) applications. Since July 2008, SDP received 8 MHPSA applications and completed review, analysis, and recommendation of 6 applications. The remaining 2 MHPSA applications are waiting to be processed by staff. Within this timeframe, SDP staff provided technical assistance on over 100 separate issues to various stakeholders, including the California Department of Mental Health (DMH), and created numerous customized Medical Service Study Area (MSSA) maps. SDP staff also assisted with the review and modification of the OSHPD/DMH MOU.

Identify 2 or 3 activities or accomplishments that are considered highlights and help further the intent of the MHSA (e.g., achieving system change)

- Provided over 100 separate instances of technical assistance to various stakeholders and assisted with the creation of myriad MSSA special request maps.
- Assisted with the review and modification of the OSHPD/DMH MOU.
- Conducted regional technical assistance workshop in Sacramento on October 23-24, 2008 with presentations focused on MHPSAs.

Identify activities being coordinated with the local mental health system

Copies of all MHPSA applications are mailed to the California Department of Mental Health, the County Health Department, and the County Health Officer. Applications are held by SDP for a 30-day comment period to allow comments and/or feedback from the above entities or their respective constituents.