

**OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (OSHPD)
Physician Assistant Program**

- a. Brief summary of the major activities performed 1/1/09 – 6/30/09:

The Song-Brown Program held two Mental Health Task Force meetings: October 9, 2008 and November 5, 2008. The Song-Brown Physician Assistant Mental Health Request for Application (RFA) was approved by the California Healthcare Workforce Policy Commission on November 18, 2008 and the RFA was released on November 24, 2008.

The Mental Health Task Force members consisted of the following individuals:

- 1) Rick Dehn, MPA, PA-C, Program Director, Physician Assistant Program
University of California, Davis
- 2) Les Howard, PA-C, Program Director, Physician Assistant Program
San Joaquin Valley College
- 3) Dale McBride, PA, Practicing Physician Assistant in Mental Health
- 4) Delores Middleton, MEd., PA-C, Ed.D., Program Director/Instructor,
Physician Assistant Program Riverside Community College
- 5) Conrad Rios, FNP-C, PA-C, MSN, Commissioner, California Healthcare
Workforce Policy Commission
- 6) Janice V. Tramel, MS-HPE, NP/PAC, Primary Care Physician Assistant
Program USC Keck School of Medicine

Song-Brown staff developed the draft RFA and DMH staff provided Mental Health Services Act expertise to the Mental Health Task Force.

- 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):

Mental Health Task Force members reviewed the draft Song-Brown Physician Assistant (PA) RFA and provided direction regarding PA mental health criteria and program curriculum.

1) The Song-Brown Program received six mental health applications from the following PA programs:

1. Riverside Community College	\$ 99,808
2. Samuel Merritt College	\$100,000
3. San Joaquin Valley College	\$ 99,424
4. Stanford University	\$100,000
5. University of California, Davis	\$100,000
6. USC, Keck School of Medicine	\$100,000

Total requests: \$599,232

2) The following PA programs were awarded Song-Brown Special Program Mental Health funds:

1. Riverside Community College	\$ 99,808
2. Samuel Merritt College	\$100,000
3. San Joaquin Valley College	\$ 99,424
4. University of California, Davis	\$100,000
5. USC, Keck School of Medicine	\$100,000

Total Awarded: \$499,232

3) A second Song-Brown Physician Assistant Mental Health Request for Application was released on June 15, 2009, there is \$500,000 available to fund five PA programs for a maximum of \$100,000 each. The applications are due on August 13, 2009.

c. Identify activities being coordinated with the local mental health system:

Each Physician Assistant Program will increase the skills and confidence of students in clinical and knowledge areas necessary to provide mental health care in medically and mental health underserved areas, and which will increase the likelihood that a Physician Assistant Program graduate would choose employment in psychiatry in a public mental health facility.