

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

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

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

- a. Brief summary of the major activities performed:

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 January 2009, SDP received 2 MHPSA applications and completed review, analysis, and recommendation of 2 applications. Within this timeframe, SDP staff provided technical assistance on over 40 separate issues to various stakeholders via telephone and email including the California Department of Mental Health (DMH), and created numerous customized Medical Service Study Area (MSSA) maps.

- 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) Provided over 40 separate instances of technical assistance to various stakeholders and assisted with the creation of myriad MSSA special request maps.
- 2) Conducted regional technical assistance workshop in Sonoma on March 18 & 19, 2009 with presentations focused on MHPSAs.
- 3) Shortage Designation Program has sent out nine renewal letters to the appropriate clients that are up for Mental HPSA designation.

- c. 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.