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Ms. LouEllen Rice
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Dear Ms. Rice:

Please find enclosed the Colorado's Modification Report for federal fiscal year 2007 (or Year Three of the 2005-2007 Community Mental Health Services Block Grant Plan), which is necessitated by the increasing of the State's award by approximately 8.2 percent. This report is provided pursuant to the relevant regulations regarding changes to the award amount greater than one percent.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns at (303) 866-7486.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Janet Wood'.

Janet Wood, M.B.A., M.Ed.
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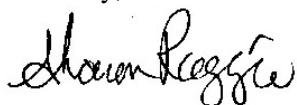
As chair of the Colorado Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council (the Council), I am writing this letter to inform you that the Council has reviewed and endorses the FFY 2007 Community Mental Health Service Block Grant Modification Report. As you know, the Council ensures persons with mental illnesses and families of children with serious emotional disorders have a voice in advising, monitoring and evaluating public sector mental health services in the State of Colorado throughout the development of our plans

The Council discussed the proposed use of the new block grant monies as recommended by its Strategic Planning and Monitoring Committee. The Committee reported on its discussion with the State, and on the changes requested by the Committee that were made to the Report. The Committee's recommendation included endorsing the three allocation 'categories', and the amounts to be assigned to each. The Council voted to make one change in allocated amounts, specifically to dedicate more resources to the 'community services' category.

Council had a lengthy discussion about the three categories of funding allocations, as well as about what types of activities and services may be funded with these new funds. These proposed allocations match the funding priorities and goals that Council has previously identified. Of very important note for the Center for Mental Health Services and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the Council was dismayed and frustrated when it heard of the massive funding cuts for the state's statewide consumer organization. The Council endorses use of a portion of these new monies to replace those cut by SAMHSA. However, the Council remains concerned about this cost shifting onto the Block Grant, and about anticipated future reductions in funding to consumer and family run organizations.

Again, to the Block Grant Modification report. The Council believes it is important and appropriate to have a voice in how the new dollars are spent and appreciates the opportunity to review the recommendations and suggest changes.

Sincerely,



Sharon Raggio
Chair

Colorado



Community Mental Health Services Block Grant Plan

FFY 2007 (Year Three) Modification Report

**Community Mental Health Services Block Grant Plan
 FFY 2007 Modification Report**

Colorado's Mental Health Block allocation increased from \$5,757,965 to \$6,224,556 an increase of \$466,591 during federal fiscal year 2007, or Year Three of the State's three year approved plan (2005-2007). The Division of Mental Health will designate five percent, or \$23,330, of the FFY 2007 increase for administrative purposes and designate the remaining \$443,261 for services noted in the table below. This Report reflects all changes requested by the Colorado Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council, including the amounts allocated to each category. The State intends to seek the advice and endorsement of the Council as it receives and reviews applications for use of these funds. Due primarily to the timing of the increase and this Report, Colorado is not recommending nor making any changes to the goals of the current Plan.

Program Request	Increased Funding FFY 2007
Enhanced Training and Evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Revision and update of the 'Population in Need' study, Phase II ➤ Enhanced evaluation of services provided to persons with SMI/SED ➤ Training on community mental health services, including evidence based and promising practices 	\$100,000
Increased Support for Planning Council Organization and Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Provision of stipends ➤ Increased travel and expenses support ➤ Transformation/system change efforts 	\$55,000
Development, Support and Expansion of Community Mental Health Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Youth Transition ➤ Older Adult Services ➤ Homelessness ➤ Consumer and family-run services 	\$288,000
SUBTOTAL	\$443,000
Administration of Grant Activities (5%)	\$ 23,330
TOTAL	\$466,330

CRITERION 1: COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE SYSTEMS

The proposed allocations contained in this Report will impact this Criterion. Specifically, the funding for “Development, Support and Expansion and Expansion of Community Mental Health Services” is expected to provide additional resources to address certain areas identified by the State and the Council as needing improvement.

Two areas of focus of the State and the Council have been services for youth in transition and for older adults. Examples of possible service enhancements include community mental health center staff trained and dedicated to serving the needs of both youth and family during the age of transition and of older adults. Further, the State anticipates providing increased funding to address persons who have a serious emotional disturbance or serious mental illness and who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Also, the State anticipates providing increased funding to Colorado’s statewide consumer run organization, in large part to replace other federal grant funds that have been eliminated.

CRITERION 2: MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS DATA AND EPIDEMIOLOGY

The proposed allocation contained in this report will impact this Criterion. Specifically, the funding for “Enhanced Training and Evaluation” is expected to provide additional resources to estimate the number of Coloradans likely to seek public community mental health services, and to provide additional training and evaluation of new and existing programs.

The State, along with Council and its members, is committed to updating its landmark 2002 “Population in Need” study. Specifically, the State expects to enter Phase II of the process at the beginning of the state fiscal year 2007-08.

Also, the State recognizes the ongoing need to provide training and evaluation for new and existing programs, such as for the services provided under the Child Mental Health Treatment Act. The Act, in operation since 1999, was enhanced by the Department this past legislative session, in part, to provide alternatives to residential treatment services, which will require new training of staff, families and advocates.

CRITERION 3: PROVISION OF CHILDREN’S SERVICES

As noted above under Criterion 1, the proposed allocation contained in this report will impact this Criterion.

CRITERION 4: TARGETED SERVICES TO HOMELESS AND RURAL POPULATIONS

As noted above under Criterion 1, the proposed allocation contained in this report will impact this Criterion.

CRITERION 5: MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Colorado Mental Health Services submits no modifications that will directly impact this Criterion.