



FACT SHEET

Mental Health Services Act (Prop 63)

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INTRODUCTION

The passage of Proposition 63 (now known as the Mental Health Services Act or MHSA) in November 2004, provides the first opportunity in many years to provide significant increased funding, personnel and other resources to support county mental health programs and monitor progress toward statewide goals for children, transition age youth, adults, older adults and families. The Act addresses a broad continuum of prevention, early intervention, and service needs and the necessary infrastructure, technology and training elements that will effectively support this system.

PURPOSE

The purposes of Prop. 63 are to define serious mental illness among children, adults and seniors as a condition deserving priority attention; reduce the long-term adverse impact on individuals, families and state and local budgets resulting from untreated serious mental illness; expand the kinds of successful, innovative service programs for children, adults and seniors begun in California, including culturally and linguistically competent approaches for underserved populations; and provide state and local funds to adequately meet the needs of all children and adults who can be identified and enrolled in new Prop. 63 programs.

FUNDING

This Act imposes a 1% income tax on personal income in excess of \$1 million. Through June 2007, approximately \$2 billion in Prop. 63 personal income revenues have been generated. The funds that are collected from personal income tax payments are made available to California counties. To date, three-quarters of the funding generated has been invested in California's mental health system through actual distributions to counties and commitments. Below is a table illustrating current Prop. 63 revenues and investments.

Prop. 63 Revenues and Investments (Through June 30, 2007)	Amount (In millions)
Total revenue received	\$ 2,138.8
<i>Personal income tax payments</i>	2,077.7
<i>Interest income</i>	61.1
Total investments in the CA mental health system	\$ 1,583.2
<i>Local services</i>	1,540.7
<i>State administration</i>	42.5
Remains to be invested	\$ 555.6

SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

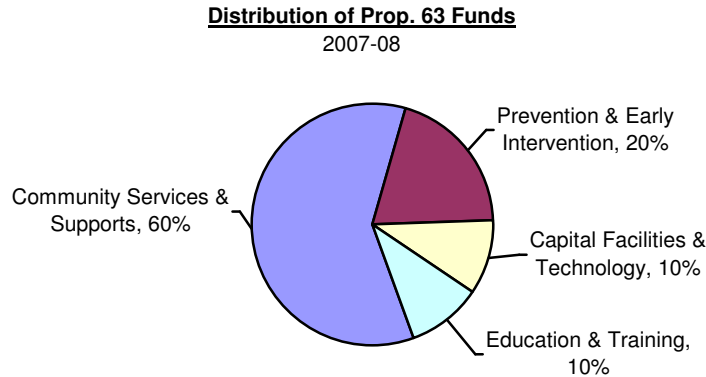
Prop. 63 requires funding to be used to expand community-based public mental health services in five different areas with a commitment to stakeholder involvement:

- (1) Community Services & Supports funds to provide integrated mental health and other support services to those with serious mental illness whose needs are not currently met through other funding sources;
- (2) Prevention & Early Intervention funds to reduce the stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness and provide preventative services to avert mental health crises;

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- (3) Innovative Programs funds to improve access to mental healthcare;
- (4) Capital Facilities & Technology funds to improve the infrastructure of California's mental health system; and
- (5) Education & Training funds to develop and grow the mental healthcare workforce.

Each year since passage of Prop. 63, specific proportions of funds were dedicated to each of the five areas. Below is a chart illustrating the way that funding is proportioned in the 2007-08 fiscal year. Additionally, California counties have dedicated \$400 million in Prop. 63 funding for a Housing Program to finance the capital costs associated with development, acquisition, construction and/or rehabilitation of permanent supportive housing for individuals with mental illness and their families, especially including homeless individuals with mental illness and their families



MILESTONES

Since passage of Prop. 63, the State of California and its counties have made several achievements:

- \$665.4 million has been distributed to counties for expanding mental health services, with another \$875 million committed to distribute to counties over the next year.
- Statewide, 100,000 people came together in local communities to plan how Prop. 63 money should be spent; many were mental health consumers and family members.
- 3,400 individuals have become enrolled in "Full Service Partnerships" which, under Community Services & Supports, provide 24/7 assistance in all areas of a person's life to help them live full and satisfying lives in the community.
- Approximately 20% of the new positions being created are for mental health consumers and family members within the public mental health system.
- 350 students have received stipends to help them complete Masters degrees in Social Work in exchange for a commitment to work in the public mental health system after graduation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Additional information on Prop. 63 can be found on the California Department of Mental Health Web site, <http://www.dmh.ca.gov>.