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September 27, 2011

Acting Director Cliff Allenby  
California Department of Mental Health  
1600 9th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Acting Director Allenby,

Due to the impending possible reversion of millions of Innovation funds starting June 30, 2012, the MHSOAC at its September 22, 2011 meeting took unanimous action supporting the revised calculation of Innovation reversion proposed by the California Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDA). The Commission has directed me to communicate to the Department of Mental Health (DMH) the urgent nature of this issue and to strongly advocate that DMH quickly implement the proposed revised calculation. The proposed change in calculation would have the affect of reducing the amount of Innovation funds subject to reversion for many counties without changing the statutory requirement that Innovation funds be spent on Innovation programs.

The Commission requests that DMH provide a status report by October 11, 2011 on the procedure and next steps it intends to take to resolve the Innovation reversion problem. I look forward to continued collaboration with you on this issue.

Sincerely,

SHERRI GAUGER  
Executive Director  
Mental Health Services  
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cc: MHSOAC Commissioners  
Patricia Ryan, Executive Director, California Mental Health Directors Association

