**Mental Health Services
Oversight & Accountability Commission**

PROPOSITION 63—HOW IT WORKS

The vision behind Prop 63 was to build a system where access would be easier, services would be more effective, out-of-home and institutional care would be reduced and stigma toward those with severe mental illness or serious emotional disturbance would no longer exist.

All decisions for services and programs are made at the local level with significant stakeholder input. This allows stakeholders and counties to decide what programs are needed to meet the needs of county residents, and tailor them according to those needs.

There are five different categories of Prop 63 programs and services:

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS—this is for the most severely mentally ill individuals and may include Full Service Partnerships--wrap-around services—to fully meet the needs of the consumer.

PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION—these services and programs seek to treat mental illness before it becomes disabling. Research shows that an individual has a greater chance of recovering if treatment begins at an early stage.

INNOVATION—unique, never-before-tried, time-limited programs. This allows counties to think out-of-the-box in developing programs that have never been tried before and may prove to be highly effective. If they prove to be effective within a designated time frame, they are then moved to a different component. If they are found to not be effective, they are no longer funded.

WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING—funds employment and training to bring in more qualified people to work in the field of mental health.

CAPITAL FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGICAL NEEDS—provides funding for infrastructure and technology to support the mental health care system.

- ❖ Housing—Prop 63 provided a one-time, set-aside amount of $400 million for housing, projected to result in upwards of 2,500 units of permanent support housing for individuals with serious mental illnesses. Counties have been able to leverage almost $3 billion through collaborating with government agencies at state, local and federal levels.