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To: Providers of Mental Health Crisis Services and Hospitals
 From: Crisis Work Group
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Please find attached the distribution of grant funds for each district and the methodology for the distribution. Overall for the last four months, we had to reduce funding by \$100,000 and for FY 2010 by \$300,000. None-the-less, some districts will be receiving additional dollars and other districts less as a result of the distribution formula. The Work Group, the respective Office Directors and Commissioner have reviewed and approved this distribution as the basis for the distribution. It is seen as a fair and equitable distribution of the grant funds.

In an earlier memorandum, we distributed copies of the minimum standards with a list of providers and hospitals by district. The latter placed some hospitals and/or providers in more than one district. We subsequently corrected the errors.

We ask that representatives of the providers and hospitals in each district come together to develop how the crisis system in the district will be configured to meet the minimum requirements and how the funds will be distributed both for FY 2009 and FY 2010. If this has not occurred or been scheduled, we would suggest that the Mobile Crisis Providers take the initiative to bring together the first meeting. If there is more than one Mobile Crisis Provider in a district, it is our recommendation that they talk and determine who will initially take responsibility to coordinate the setting of the first meeting. It is not the intent of the Work Group or DHHS to dictate how the system in a district is configured other than to meet the requirements distributed earlier and within the available resources. It is also not our intent to have one agency take over all services in a district. Your end result can be to have DHHS contracting directly with one or more providers who will provide services in the system for the district. You may also develop arrangements in MOUs and financial agreements across districts.

The following are the documents that the Department should receive at the conclusion of your work but

no latter than identified in the timeline below. These documents will be reviewed by the Department to ensure that they meet the requirements outlined in the requirements for a crisis system and MOUs and are financially sound.

1. A detailed description of how you recommend that the local system will operate and meet the minimum requirements
2. Copies of all recommended MOUs among the providers and hospitals (this may be one or multiple MOUs)
3. Recommendation on the distribution of general funds amongst the organizations
4. Proposed contract(s) with DHHS on standard contract forms including budgets which support the distribution of the general funds.

It is recognized that our delay in getting out the materials make the timelines below more challenging and we have adjusted the November deadline by a week; however we are unable to adjust the January deadline or we will not be able to have the revised contracts in place for March 1, 2009.

Timelines:

- Friday, November 28, 2008 – Each District or combination must provide a progress report to the Department
- Friday January 9, 2009 – Each District or combination provides the final product outlined above.

In the event that the Providers of Crisis Services and the Hospitals within a district are not able to organize or create a local system please contact the Department to discuss the situation. We are available to the district groups to provide clarification of the documents you have received and the process we expect will be undertaken in each district.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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