

Sustaining Prevention and Early Intervention Statewide Programs

At its 2013 Strategic Planning Meeting, CalMHSA Board members validated its commitment to sustain PEI Statewide Projects and requested that a CalMHSA Taskforce be formed to develop a Sustainability Plan by December 2013. The Taskforce was formed and is made up of a CalMHSA board member representative from each of the 5 CMHDA regions of California. In August the CalMHSA Board adopted a set of Criteria to be utilized to rate and prioritize current projects and activities for sustaining.¹

In response to feedback from the Board members, and stakeholders, CalMHSA staff determined that a strategy for both a short-term sustainability plan and a long-term sustainability plan needed to be developed. At the August Taskforce meeting and at the September CalMHSA Advisory Committee Meeting, CalMHSA staff presented a concept for a two phase planning strategy for sustaining current CalMHSA PEI Statewide Projects and for developing a plan for future statewide projects. Taskforce members and Advisory Committee members endorsed the concept of the two phase planning strategy and requested that a Two Phase Plan be brought to the full CalMHSA Board. In October, the Two Phase Plan was approved by the CalMHSA Board. The proposed Two Phase Sustainability Planning process is detailed below:

- 1) **Phase One - December 2013 PEI Statewide Sustainability Plan** will:
 - i) Apply approved rating criteria to existing projects
 - ii) Include a funding recommendation for projects through June 2015
- 2) **Phase Two – A New CalMHSA PEI Statewide Projects Plan to be implemented July 1, 2015:**
 - i) January 2014 – begin development of a New CalMHSA PEI Statewide Plan with a proposed implementation of July 1, 2015,
 - ii) Plan development to be funded with PEI Statewide Project Planning funds,
 - iii) New Plan will consider new statewide activities as well as those currently implemented,
 - iv) New Plan will explore diverse funding options, including MHSAs funds, other public and/or private funding streams for sustaining the plan,
 - v) Existing Sustainability Taskforce will continue to oversee plan development,
 - vi) Advisory Committee will continue to provide feedback during development of the New Plan.

¹ In July 2013, the Advisory Committee provided feedback on the criteria which was included in the criteria adopted by the CalMHSA Board.

