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CaIMHSA SEEKS QUALIFIED SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS

The California Mental Health Services Authority (CaIMHSA) is seeking qualified subject matter experts for the comprehensive and coordinated initiative, of Stigma and Discrimination Reduction, which will be implemented over the next three years. This initiative is part of the Statewide Prevention and Early Intervention Implementation Work Plan (Work Plan <http://www.calmhsa.org/downloads/Revised-CaIMHSA-Implementation-Work-Plan.pdf>) approved by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission and funded by the Mental Health Services Act.

CaIMHSA is an independent administrative and fiscal government agency focused on the efficient delivery of California mental health projects. In April 2010, the Department of Mental Health (DMH) contracted with CaIMHSA to administer the funding and implementation of three statewide prevention and early intervention strategic plans in the areas of Suicide Prevention, Stigma and Discrimination Reduction, and Student Mental Health.

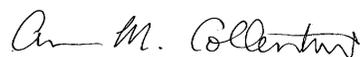
The California Institute for Mental Health (CiMH), on behalf of CaIMHSA, is recruiting a diverse pool of subject matter experts who will be involved in providing consultation in the development of the request for proposals, evaluation of proposal submissions, and participation on future project related advisory committees. CaIMHSA seeks representatives with lived experience with mental illness, their family members and/or caregivers. Cultural competence is critical as funds are intended to serve California's diverse populations. To meet the needs of diverse populations, CaIMHSA seeks representatives of underserved ethnic, racial, and cultural groups, who will serve as subject matter experts.

CaIMHSA is establishing a pool of subject matter experts who are best suited for specific tasks related to the above initiative. Therefore, not all applicants will be suitable for participation. As the need arises, applicants will be contacted and given follow up information and instructions.

Some activities performed by subject matter experts, such as reviewing/providing feedback during the RFP development process, or participating on proposal review panels, require confidentiality and non-conflicts of interest. It is CaIMHSA's goal to maintain transparency. However, when transparency may create confidentiality conflicts, CaIMHSA may not be able to disclose the names of participants in activities/tasks/projects.

If you are interested in being considered as a subject matter expert, please complete and return the attached application, along with your resume, the Non-Conflict of Interest form and Conflict of Interest Policy by close of business, **Friday, February 3, 2012**, to Helen Lao at hlao@cimh.org or mail to CiMH, c/o Helen Lao, 2125 19th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95818. If you have any questions regarding the application and documents please contact Helen Lao at hlao@cimh.org or (916) 556-3480 ext. 179, for CaIMHSA related questions please contact Laura Li at laura.li@georgehills.com or (916) 895-4818.

Sincerely,



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