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### **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES**

### **CAPITAL FACILITIES COMPONENT PROPOSAL UPDATE**

MERCED – Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (MCBHRS) is opening the opportunity for the community to provide public comment and feedback on the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Capital Facilities Component Proposal Update. MCBHRS is requesting public comment to discuss the possible sale of the MHSA property located at 1137 B Street in Merced, California. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations § 3200.060 and 3320 the MHSA planning, implementation and evaluation process must include a Community Planning Process that involves community collaboration and a 30-day Public Comment period.

MCBHRS is seeking community collaboration and input from a diverse range of clients, family members, Behavioral Health staff, and representatives from partner agencies and community-based organizations as part of the discussion of the Capital Facilities Component Proposal Update. The public hearing will be held May 2, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at 1137 B Street. The meeting is open to the public, and community members are encouraged to attend and to provide public comment and feedback.

“Capital Facilities” means the segment of the MHSA Capital Facilities and Technological Needs component under which the County acquires and develops land and/or constructs or renovates building(s) in which MHSA administrative activities, services and/or supports are provided. Merced County’s original Capital Facilities Plan was approved in 2009 and included the purchase of the 4,000-plus square foot building on 5 acres of land located at 1137 B Street in Merced, California. At the end of 2017 the administrative staff housed at the B Street property will relocate to a new BHRS location and a determination is needed for the future of the B Street property.

Through the MHSA stakeholder process, including focus groups and key informant interviews, it has been recommended for Merced County to sell the property located at B Street in Merced. It was explained and discussed to stakeholders that all proceeds from the selling of the property would be placed back into the MHSA Community Services and Support Component for direct services to individuals with severe mental illness. The stakeholder process and recommendation is detailed in the Capital Facilities Component Proposal Update. Please click on the link to view the Update and access the Public Comment Form: <http://www.co.merced.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=486>

For further questions and information please call Sharon Jones, MHSA Coordinator at 209-381-6800 ext. 3611, or email your request to [sjones@co.merced.ca.us](mailto:sjones@co.merced.ca.us).

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