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## MEMORANDUM

To: Capital Facilities and Technology Work Group	From: Jim Featherstone and Mitch Wippern
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Date: September 25, 2008	Re: Capital Facilities/Technology Fact Sheets
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### Capital Facilities Component

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) provides funding for services and supports that promote wellness, recovery and resiliency. A portion of the MHSA funds have been specifically set aside for Capital Facilities. The County must show that use of these funds will:

- Produce long-term impacts with lasting benefits
- Move the mental health system toward the goals of wellness and recovery
- Provide for the expansion of accessible community-based services for clients and their families
- Support integrated service experiences
- Increase peer support and consumer run facilities
- Develop community based, less restrictive settings that will reduce the need for incarceration or institutionalization

### What is a "Capital Facility"?

- A building secured to a foundation which is permanently affixed to the ground
- Used for the delivery of MHSA services for mental health clients and their families or
- Used for MHSA administrative offices

### Allowable Use of Capital Facilities Funds

- Acquire and build upon land
- Acquire Buildings
- Construct Buildings
- Renovate Buildings
- Establish a capitalized repair and replacement reserve for buildings acquired with Capital Facilities funds.

### Potential Use of Funds

The Mental Health Division of HHSA is currently considering a variety of options for use of Capital Facilities funding that would address the facility needs of MHSA programs and/or administration of these programs.



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### Technological Needs Component

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) provides funding for services and supports that promote wellness, recovery and resiliency. A portion of the MHSA funds have been specifically set aside for Technology. The County must show that use of these funds will:

- Modernize and transform clinical and administrative information systems to improve quality of care, operational efficiency and cost effectiveness
- Increase consumer and family empowerment by providing the tools for secure consumer and family access to health information within a wide variety of public and private settings

### Required Components of an MHSA Funded Project

Any MHSA funded technology project must meet certain requirements to be considered for approval by the State.

- It must fit in with the State's long term goal to develop an Integrated Information Systems Infrastructure where all counties have integrated information systems that can securely access and exchange information.
- It must be part of and support the County's overall plan to achieve an integrated Information systems infrastructure through the implementation of an Electronic Health Record (EHR).

### Ways to Use Technology Funds

Some of the ways the MHSA Technology funds could be used are listed below. This is not an exhaustive list of possible projects.

- To purchase a data warehouse to combine and store data from multiple information systems to increase or complete clinical picture available to the treatment team
- To purchase resources to increase consumer and family access to computers
- To fund scanning and imaging projects to allow the information system to become "paperless"
- Expansion of the Network of Care to increase consumer access to the Personal Health Record
- To fund pilot projects to monitor new programs and improve service outcome strategies

### Potential Use of Funds

The Mental Health Division of HHSA is currently planning to analyze the best way to use the available MHSA funds to support the overall goal to create an integrated information systems infrastructure through the implementation of an Electronic Health Record (EHR). Other uses may include electronic signature devices as well as Technology tools to improve consumer/family member access to their Personal Health Information and involvement in their own recovery process.

### Planning estimates

Capital Facilities/Technology Planning Estimates from DMH Info Notice 08-02	Additional Capital Facilities/Technology Planning Estimates	Total Capital Facilities/Technology
\$1,031,000	\$323,900	\$1,354,900

Link to DMH Website on [Capital Facilities and Technology](#).