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To: STRTP Program Statement Submission Applicants
CWS Group Home Contractor Forum Participants
BHS Residential Mental Health Contractors

Cc: County of San Diego Child Welfare Services
County of San Diego Probation
County Office of Education

From: Yael Koenig, CYF Deputy Director

Re: **Mental Health Program Approval for Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs**

As our local group home programs become licensed as Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs), per CDSS, the one year timeline to obtain a Specialty Mental Health Services contract becomes effective (MHSUDS Information Notice No 17-016). To initiate a mental health contract, a mental health program statement and application must be submitted to the Mental Health Plan (MHP). Please note that the review, approval, and potential contract establishment with the MHP is projected to require 9-12 months and, therefore, interested providers are encouraged to expedite submission of the following documents promptly upon licensure as an STRTP:

- Application for Mental Health Program Approval STRTP
 - http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Documents/PPQA%20Pages/DHCS-3131_STRTP_Mental_Health_Program_Approval_Application_Form.pdf
- Interim Mental Health Program Approval for STRTPs Protocol :
 - http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Documents/PPQA%20Pages/Interim_Protocol_for_STRTP_Mental_Health%20_Approval.pdf

DHCS has indicated that there will be an update to the Interim Mental Health Program Approval Protocol in the near future. The current documents can be found at: http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/forms/Pages/Mental_Health-Forms.aspx

Please submit the application, tool, and any questions to:

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