Mental Health Services Act
Project Updates
Peer Supports and Outreach

PROGRAM	STATUS
1. Peer Recovery and Support Services System Development	
a. Peer Support/Resource Centers (Adult and TAY)	Contracts awarded to Jefferson Transitional Program in Western and Mid-County and Oasis Rehabilitation in the Desert. The Oasis program in the Desert is called the Harmony Center which began services in December 2006. The Western location is open as well, and is offering orientation sessions to prospective consumers. Although most of the orientations thus far have been for Adults, efforts to identify and attract specific TAY populations to the center are underway. Jefferson staff is meeting with staff in Western Region programs and clinics to promote the Peer Center and begin the referral process. Services began in March. In Mid-County a space has been identified in Perris and a building lease has been signed. Promotional efforts in Mid-County will ensue while the building renovations are completed over the next month.
2. Outreach and Engagement Project	
a. General Community Outreach/Engagement	Cultural Competency position is again vacant. In process to identify a Cultural Competency Coordinator to oversee the Outreach functions and implement the strategies outlined in the Outreach and Engagement Work Plan.
b. Specific Outreach for Ethnic Populations	Half time staff in each region will dedicate time to outreach activities related to ethnically diverse populations.