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GovernorKevin R. Hayden  
Secretary**State of Wisconsin**  
Department of Health and Family Services**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** August 23, 2007

**TO:** Cheryl McIlquham  
Director, Office of Policy Initiatives and Budget

**FROM:** John Easterday  
Administrator

**SUBJECT:** The FFY 2008-2009 Community Mental Health Services Block Grant

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Attached is the FFY 2008-2009 Community Mental Health Services Block Grant application. This application is being submitted to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)/Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) in compliance with Public Law 102-321. The application responds to major planning and system change initiatives occurring at SAMHSA and CMHS that include mental health system transformation, SAMHSA's transition to increased accountability based on national outcome measures, and addresses the President's New Freedom Commission goals and recommendations. Wisconsin's allocation is anticipated to be **\$7,538,575**.

The FFY 2008-2009 Community Mental Health Services Block Grant application has been reviewed by the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health as required by federal law and they have submitted a letter with their comments enclosed in the application. Please sign the cover letter and the federally-required forms in the application.

Should there be any need for your staff to communicate with someone about the application, please contact Peg Algar, Mental Health Block Grant Planner, Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, P.O. Box 7851 Room 437, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7851 (FAX 608/267-7793, phone: 608/266-2754 or e-mail, [algarne@dhfs.state.wi.us](mailto:algarne@dhfs.state.wi.us)).

Thank you.