



State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Family Services

Jim Doyle, Governor
Kevin Hayden, Secretary

August 23, 2007

The Honorable Jim Doyle
Governor of Wisconsin
P.O. Box 7863
115 East, Capitol
Madison, WI 53707-7863

Dear Governor Doyle:

The Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) is submitting the 2008 Community Mental Health Services Block Grant funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)/Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) in compliance with Public Law 102-321. The application is requesting \$7,538,575 for Federal Fiscal Year 2008 and is due on September 1, 2007.

The Community Mental Health Services Block Grant is used for a variety of purposes to support Wisconsin's mental health service system including the provision of children's and adult mental health services, provider training, and service system changes including quality improvement projects. The grant application serves as the State Plan for Mental Health describing Wisconsin's mental health service system, major programs, and Wisconsin's plans for the upcoming year on the use of the grant.

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 it has submitted a letter with their comments enclosed in the application.

Attached for your signature is a letter authorizing DHFS Secretary Hayden and his designee to sign the federal agreements and assurances to accompany the updated grant application. Please contact Susan Grosse in my office after you have signed the letter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cheryl McIlquham
Office of Policy Initiatives and Budget.