NOTICE OF STAKEHOLDER PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE DRAFT REGULATIONS FOR THE ENHANCED TREATMENT PROGRAM (ETP)

TO: All Interested Parties

DATE: August 14, 2018

SUBJECT: Development of the draft ETP regulation

COMMENT PERIOD: August 14, 2018 – September 13, 2018

The Department of State Hospitals (DSH) invites you to participate in the Development of the draft ETP regulations. This public comment period is intended to inform, involve, update, and solicit input on the ETP regulations described in this notice.

This outreach is to resolve issues or concerns prior to the formal rulemaking process and to help streamline the regulatory process.

BACKGROUND

Assembly Bill 1340 (AB 1340) was passed to expand the range of available clinical treatment by establishing a pilot ETP for those patients determined to be at high risk of most dangerous behavior against other patients or hospital staff. The goal of the pilot ETP is to evaluate the effectiveness of concentrated, evidence-based clinical therapy and treatment in an environment designed to improve these patients’ conditions and return them to the general patient population.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD AND SUBMITTAL OF COMMENTS

Any interested person or his or her representative may present comments in writing by personal delivery, postal mail service, fax, or email submittal as described in detail below. The public comment period for this draft regulation will begin on August 14, 2018. For any written comment to be considered, comments not physically submitted in person, must be received by the Department no later than 5:00 pm, September 13, 2018.

For consideration, any written comments shall be submitted by September 13, 2018, as follows:

1. By email to DSH.Regulations@dsh.ca.gov. It is requested that all comments, particularly those emailed with attachments, contain the ETP draft regulation identifier “Enhanced Treatment Program” in the subject line to facilitate timely identification and review;
2. **By fax transmission to** (916) 651-3090. It is requested that all fax transmissions contain the ETP draft regulation identifier “Enhanced Treatment Program” in the subject line to facilitate timely identification and review;

3. **By United States Postal Service to:**

   California Department of State Hospitals
   Regulations Unit
   Enhanced Treatment Program
   1600 9th Street, Room 410
   Sacramento, CA 95814; or

4. Hand-delivered to the address above.

We welcome your participation in this effort. If you have general questions regarding the ETP draft regulations, please contact Yamin T. Scardigli, at yamin.scardigli@dsh.ca.gov. It is requested that all emails include the ETP draft regulation identifier “Enhanced Treatment Program” in the subject line.

**INTERNET ACCESS**

A DRAFT of the regulation text (attachment 1), are enclosed for your consideration. This notice, the DRAFT regulation text, are also available on the Department’s Internet web site for this regulation at [http://www.dsh.ca.gov/Publications/Stakeholder_Workshop_Notices.aspx](http://www.dsh.ca.gov/Publications/Stakeholder_Workshop_Notices.aspx)

**Attachment 1:**

Regulation Text:
New Chapter 17. Enhanced Treatment Program

   § 4800. Application of Chapter
   § 4801. Definitions

Article 2. Admissions
   § 4900. Referral Process
   § 4901. Initial Evaluation
   § 4902. Placement Evaluation Meeting
   § 4903. Admission Criteria
   § 4904. Emergency Placement
   § 4905. Certification Requirement

Article 3. Services
   § 5000 Individualized Treatment Plan

Article 4. Discharge
   § 5100 Discharge and Transition