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Richard Sanguinetti  
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Dear Mr. Sanguinetti,

I am writing to you on behalf of the San Joaquin AIDS Foundation to express our sincerest gratitude for the fine work done by Mr. Bruce Hopperstad in requesting our input on the Proposition 63 Mental Health Committee.

This is the first time that we have been asked for our input on what services are needed for the community that we serve. Our organization conducted several hundred surveys as well as town hall forums to assist the committee with designing a program that fits the needs of the community. Many times we are given programs that have no benefit for the community. By allowing public input in the process, Mr. Hopperstad and the CBO's have come up with a plan that meets the needs of the communities that we serve. For the first time in our community, the public that we serve expressed thanks that we asked for their input in the process. The feedback we received was in the past, programs were put out that had no impact as they were designed in a vacuum. What was developed in this process will have a positive impact as it will be actually what is needed by those we serve.

I would ask that the Steering Committee allow the work that has been done to continue and the allow the hard work and input that has been given by the public, not be dismissed. If we are to serve the public, the voice of the public should not be silenced.

Respectfully,  
Robert Lampkins  
President, Board of Directors

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TO: Whom it May Concern

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I am writing this letter on behalf of some of the clergy in the Afro-American community. I speak as the voice of a few Pastors and Ministers in this community. We would like to thank and commend Mr. Bruce Hopperstead for his efforts and energy in assisting us with Prop 63. We learned to appreciate his knowledge and sincerity during our meetings with him. We believe his efforts to be genuine and forthright. Therefore we feel it's only fitting that we again say "Thank You" Bruce.

Remember this letter is only the representation of a few of us Pastors and Ministers that has worked to bring about a much-needed change in our Mental Health Services.

In His Service,  
Pastor Thurnell Clayton Jr.

Good afternoon, we at Mary Magdalene Community Services wanted to take the time to say thanks you and to share how much we appreciate the MH Prop 63 Steering Committee for the work that you are doing to finalize a plan for the Mental Health Service Act. I think at this point we can all testify to the fact that this has been a big undertaking. Your willingness to remain focused and complete a document that speaks to the heart of the MHSA and what the community has said, is amazing. In discussion with participants of some of the Consensus groups we all felt that Bruce Hopperstad's presentation in December reflected well what the community had said.

Lastly, I along with a few others attended a CIMH meeting in Sacramento to present our experience in outreaching to the African American Community for Prop 63. In that meeting a couple of State Mental Health staff was present. Our local commitment to bringing the ethnic communities on board made it possible for this county to be recognized by the state as an example of how outreach and engagement of ethnic populations can happen. Throughout our presentation they applauded the efforts of this county. We have since been ask to assist them in developing two web-cast on "Outreach to Ethnic Communities". They were also impressed with how this county uses ethnically based CBO to do outreach, and our local plan to continue the dialogue with the ethnic CBO's, consumers, family members through the development of a consortium.

Thanks for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

Samuel Vaughn

Mary Magdalene Community Services