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Family Service Agency of San Francisco
Awarded Over \$1.3 Million in Grants
to Create Four New Programs for Seriously Mentally Ill Youth, Adults, and Seniors

San Francisco – September 5, 2006 – Family Service Agency of San Francisco (FSA) was awarded \$1,385,220 by the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) to create four innovative new treatment, prevention, and recovery programs for seriously mentally ill young people, adults, and seniors in San Francisco. The awards were announced by DPH on August 9, 2006.

These four new programs will serve some of the most seriously mentally ill people in San Francisco, those who are most vulnerable, most costly, and hardest to reach. State and national studies demonstrate that intensive programs like these maximize client recovery while reducing taxpayer expense. By creating the best, most advanced treatment programs available anywhere, FSA serves its clients and the larger community at the same time.

“At FSA, we know that the best mental health treatment programs maximize client recovery while improving the quality of life and lowering the tax burden for all of us,” says Bob Bennett, FSA’s Chief Executive Officer. “We applaud the Department of Public Health for creating opportunities to develop truly exemplary, transformative models of care for people suffering with severe mental illness. We believe that intensive, wraparound programs do more than just settle for ‘managing’ these conditions. We think they offer mentally ill people – and their families – the best tools and resources to help them actually get their lives back.”

- FSA was awarded \$180,000 annually to develop and operate a **Senior Peer Recovery Center** for older adults with serious mental illness. The Senior Peer

Recovery Center will be based at the Curry Senior Center on Turk Street and will operate in conjunction with the Curry Center's daily meal program. The Senior Peer Recovery Program will serve as a comprehensive drop-in resource and recovery center for severely mentally ill seniors. It will link these seniors with an array of available services, including mental health and substance abuse treatment, medical care, social activities, and peer-to-peer recovery support. The Senior Peer Recovery Center is expected to serve 150 clients daily.

- FSA was awarded \$279,000 annually to develop and operate a full-service program for mentally ill youth ages 16-25. **The Moving Ahead Program for Youth (MAP for Youth)** will assist seriously mentally ill young people in becoming independent and productive members of the community. MAP for Youth will provide mental health and substance abuse treatment, physical health care, housing assistance, and vocational and educational support to approximately 22 of San Francisco's most seriously disturbed young people each year. MAP for Youth will partner with Goodwill Industries of San Francisco, the San Francisco Public Defender, the San Francisco District Attorney, Community Awareness and Treatment Services (CATS), and the Tom Waddell Health Center.
- FSA was awarded \$367,608 annually to develop and operate a full-service program for seriously mentally ill adults. **The Comprehensive Adult Recovery and Engagement program (CARE)** will provide an intensive array of recovery-oriented services and supports, including housing and basic needs assistance, physical health care, benefits assistance, employment services, and integrated mental health and substance abuse treatment services, for approximately 34 individuals with serious mental illness. CARE will partner with Goodwill Industries of San Francisco, Community Awareness and Treatment Services (CATS), and the Tom Waddell Health Center.
- FSA was awarded \$558,612 annually to develop and operate a full-service program for seriously mentally ill older adults, age 60 and above. **The Intensive Wellness Program for Seniors** will provide comprehensive and

integrated treatment services, including mental health and substance abuse treatment, physical health care, housing assistance, and vocational and educational support to approximately 43 of San Francisco's most seriously disturbed older adults each year. FSA will partner with Curry Senior Center, Community Awareness and Treatment Services (CATS), Goodwill Industries of San Francisco, the Over 60 Project at UCSF, and the Tom Waddell Health Center.

These three programs will be funded through new revenues generated by Proposition 63. Proposition 63 was passed by California voters in 2004 and imposes a 1% tax on annual personal incomes over \$1 million. Proposition 63 provides funds to counties to expand services and develop innovative programs and integrated service plans for mentally ill children, adults and seniors. It is anticipated that Proposition 63 will generate additional state revenues of about \$800 million this fiscal year.

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Founded in 1889, FSA is the now largest nonsectarian provider of outpatient social services in the City and County of San Francisco. FSA provides comprehensive, state of the art, evidence-based social services, including mental health treatment, in multiple languages at locations throughout the City. Offering services at no cost or on a sliding scale, FSA provides family and individual counseling, family intervention, medical assessments, and mental health services for children, youth, couples, and families.

For more than a century, FSA has developed innovative human service programs to address San Francisco's most pressing social concerns. FSA's newest initiative, the Felton Institute, will bring together the nation's best clinicians to provide state of the art clinical training in evidence-based program approaches. The Felton Institute will allow FSA to identify, develop and disseminate truly transformative services to fundamentally advance the field of social-service programming.

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