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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD ACTION ITEM - MAY 3, 2018

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Innovation Funds for Community Program Planning for Innovation Projects

The County of San Diego is seeking the approved use of MHSA Innovation funds from the MHSAOAC to support community program planning for Innovation projects. The request is for the use of \$100,000 in Innovation funds to support a human-centered design process as part of the planning for a future Innovation project .

The proposed human-centered design process would guide the development of an Innovation project proposal. To engage a consultant for the design process, a request for consent from MHSAOAC for an expenditure of \$100,000 of BHS Innovation funds has been submitted. The expenditure will provide for a contract to develop and facilitate an objective process with community stakeholders. The contract proposal will seek an organization that is skilled in human-centered design, a highly regarded practice in technology industries and academia that includes the end-user in all stages of design. The contractor will be selected through a competitive procurement.

The proposal, as informed by stakeholders, will feature technology-based enhancements for mental health practice. Additionally, being aware of statewide efforts to improve behavioral health practice through technology will enable the County of San Diego to interconnect with other Counties and the MHSAOAC at every step. The goal is to benefit from learning generated by other Counties and the MHSAOAC, and to share results from the County of San Diego.

It is, THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that your Board support the approvals needed to implement a human-centered community planning pilot program using MHSA Innovation Funds.