



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB) ACTION ITEM SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) FY 2021-22 ANNUAL UPDATE BOARD LETTER

The County of San Diego (County), Health and Human Services (HHS) Behavioral Health Services (BHS) is in the second year of implementing the MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan: Fiscal Years 2020-21 through 2022-23 (Three-Year Plan), approved by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) on October 27, 2020 (7). The MHSA Fiscal Year 2021-22 Annual Update (Annual Update) presented today includes budget and programmatic changes to the Three-Year Plan. The majority of services outlined in the Annual Update are a continuation of programs previously approved by the Board in the Three-Year Plan. As mandated by the MHSA, the Three-Year Plan and subsequent Annual Updates require approval by the Board prior to submission to the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC).

Since the establishment of the MHSA, the County has invested nearly \$2 billion of MHSA funding to expand and enhance critical mental health programs to dramatically shift how residents of San Diego County access care and support for behavioral health needs through the continued development of a regionally distributed model of care focused on prevention and continuous care, rather than perpetual crisis. The County continues to make significant MHSA investments in critical prevention, treatment and support services through the implementation of the Three-Year Plan and subsequent Annual Updates.

The estimated MHSA costs and revenues for FY 2021-22 are approximately \$218.6 million, inclusive of \$400,000 dedicated to the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA), to continue participation in statewide prevention and early intervention campaigns and local initiatives. The funding source is Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). The proposed MHSA budget reflects enhanced Medi-Cal drawdown tied to a Federal Medi-Cal Assistance Percentage (FMAP) associated with COVID-19. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Behavioral Health Services is seeking Board of Supervisor approval to:

1. Receive and approve the Annual Update, which includes MHSA funding of approximately \$218.6 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022, inclusive of \$400,000 dedicated to the California Mental Health Services Authority.

It is, THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that BHAB supports the approvals and authorizations needed to implement the above recommendation.