



## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB) ACTION ITEM**

### **AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AND THE TRI-CITY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT BOARD LETTER JANUARY 2, 2020**

In 2018, Tri-City Healthcare District (Tri-City), suspended its Behavioral Health Unit (BHU), which provided adult inpatient psychiatric services, and its Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU), which provided adult crisis stabilization services. Since then, meeting the urgent and emergent behavioral health needs of North San Diego County has become increasingly challenging. On June 25, 2019, the Board of Supervisors directed the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate an agreement with Tri-City or related entity, to provide funding to assist in constructing a psychiatric health facility to be located in Oceanside, California, and return to the Board on September 10, 2019, with a resolution or a report on progress; as well as negotiate with any other hospitals that are interested in partnering with the County of San Diego (County) regarding additional psychiatric health facilities.

On September 10, 2019, the Board authorized the Director of the Health and Human Services Agency to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and Tri-City which detailed an arrangement to pursue the development of a 16-bed psychiatric health facility on vacant land located at the Tri-City Medical Center in Oceanside, California to be jointly funded by the County and Tri-City; and return to the Board on or before January 14, 2020, with a final agreements to implement the terms of the MOU.

This action requests approval of a lease, sublease and operating agreement along with the appropriation of funding required to develop the psychiatric health facility. Pursuant to these agreements, the County will lease the property on which the psychiatric health facility will be built, construct the building, and then sublease the building to Tri-City. During the term of the sublease, the operating agreement will govern what services Tri-City will provide at the psychiatric health facility and how the County will compensate Tri-City for those services. Additionally, the operating agreement provides the means by which Tri-City will repay the County's no-interest loan to Tri-City for Tri-City's one-half share of the construction costs. Tri-City will repay the loan through a combination of devotion of land for the lease and through in-kind services. The terms of the lease, sublease and operating agreement are thirty (30) years.

These actions will complement and support ongoing work to review the full continuum of local behavioral health care services across the entire region, in alignment with the County's *Live Well San Diego* vision for a region where all residents have the opportunity to build better health, live safely and thrive.

**It is THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that your board support the authorizations and approvals necessary to advance this action.**