



## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD ACTION ITEM - SEPTEMBER 5, 2019**

### **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT ANNUAL UPDATE BOARD LETTER, WITH AUTHORIZATION FOR CALMHSA PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION PARTICIPATION, EXTENSION OF MOU FOR PURCHASE OF STATE HOSPITAL BEDS, AND ANNUAL PAYMENT TO CALMHSA**

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) provides funding to counties to address a broad continuum of mental health service needs, including prevention, early intervention, and system development, and to address the necessary infrastructure, technology, and training to effectively support the public mental health system. MHSA programs provide services for children, youth and families; transition age youth; adults; and older adults, with an emphasis on individuals who are unserved or underserved. The MHSA is comprised of five components: Community Supports and Services (CSS); Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI); Innovation (INN); Workforce Education and Training (WET); and Capital Facilities and Technological Needs (CF/TN). Since inception, the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), Behavioral Health Services (BHS) has invested over \$1.3 billion of MHSA funding to expand and enhance mental health programs, and over the last five years MHSA investments have increased by over 58 percent.

BHS is in the third year of implementing the MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan: Fiscal Years 2017-18 through 2019-20 (Three-Year Plan) approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 10, 2017. The MHSA Fiscal Year 2019-20 Annual Update (Annual Update) includes budget and programmatic changes to the Three-Year Plan. The majority of services listed in the Annual Update are a continuation of programs previously approved by the Board of Supervisors in the Three-Year Plan. As mandated by the MHSA, the Annual Update requires review and approval by the Board of Supervisors prior to submission to the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSAOC). Today's first recommended action requests the Board to receive and approve the MHSA Fiscal Year 2019-20 Annual Update, which includes MHSA funding of over \$214.5 million.

The Annual Update includes \$400,000 assigned to the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) to continue statewide PEI campaigns and local PEI initiatives, including *Each Mind Matters*, an initiative aimed at reducing stigma and encouraging people struggling with mental health illness to reach out for support; and *Know the Signs*, a media campaign designed to educate the community on how to recognize the warning signs of suicide and where to find professional help. Today's second recommended action requests the Board to ratify and execute the participation agreement with CalMHSA for the statewide prevention and early intervention sustainability (PEI) program for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, and authorizes the Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to extend the term of this agreement in future Fiscal Years, if needed, if there are no material changes to terms and conditions. Today's third recommended action authorizes a payment of \$400,000 in FY 2019-20, and annually in future Fiscal Years as agreed upon in the Member Annual

Program Funding Commitment, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Director, Health and Human Services Agency, in support of these statewide PEI campaigns and initiatives. Funding for this program is included in the FY 2019-20 MHSA Annual Update.

On June 20, 2017, the Board approved and authorized the Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute an Amendment extending the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the California Department of State Hospitals and the CalMHSA authorized by the Board on March 11, 2014, for the negotiation and purchase of State hospital beds for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019, and for the payment of up to \$23,000 annually to CalMHSA for operational costs incurred under the MOU during those fiscal years. Approval of today's fourth recommended action will authorize the Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to ratify and execute an amendment to the MOU for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, and extend the term of this MOU in future Fiscal Years, if needed, if there are no material changes to terms and conditions. Today's fifth recommended action will authorize payment of up to \$23,000 to CalMHSA in FY 2019-20, and annually in future Fiscal Years as agreed upon in the Member Annual Program Funding Commitment, for operational costs incurred under the MOU, and subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Director, Health and Human Services Agency.

**It is THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that your Board support the approvals and authorizations needed to implement the above recommendations.**