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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD ACTION ITEM - MARCH 1, 2018

DRUG MEDI-CAL ORGANIZED DELIVERY SYSTEM AUTHORIZATION & IMPLEMENTATION

The County of San Diego is seeking to implement a Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) in order to improve care for those who are struggling with Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) and to enhance the system of care available to our San Diego County residents.

The objectives of the DMC-ODS are:

- To increase the County of San Diego (County) SUD provider network capacity and offer new services to an expanded number of Medi-Cal beneficiaries.
- To increase local oversight of the SUD provider network with the goals of improved service quality and cost efficiencies.
- To ensure efficient care coordination and linkages among physical health, mental health, and SUD services.
- To increase public safety through the implementation of evidence based treatment services.

This transformative blend of new and expanded services, including more focused services for the criminal justice population, increased program standards and oversight, and improved care coordination, will result in a full continuum of integrated services available to support individuals with substance use disorders based on their medical needs throughout the recovery process. This action will also increase the number of people the County can serve by 30% over a three-year period (approximately 3,000 additional Medi-Cal beneficiary admissions), some of whom may have never experienced the benefit of treatment services.

The Board Letter requests the Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the Clerk of the Board to execute the DMC-ODS Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of California, and subsequent amendments, to reflect revised revenue amounts allocated by the State. In addition, it requests authorization to appropriate funds, procure and amend contracts and for the addition of staff to support the expanded SUD provider network capacity, its local oversight, and system-wide care coordination.

Today's actions support the countywide *Live Well San Diego* vision by enhancing access to services; advancing health and well-being in children, adults and families; and promoting self-sufficiency, which leads to a healthy, safe and thriving region.

It is, THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that your Board support the approvals and authorizations needed to implement the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System.