



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## AGENDA ITEM

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**DATE:** November 13, 2018

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

### SUBJECT

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT – STATEWIDE EARLY PSYCHOSIS LEARNING HEALTH CARE NETWORK INNOVATION PROJECT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### OVERVIEW

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), in effect in California since January 1, 2005, funds nearly half of all mental health services in San Diego County. One component of MHSA is Innovation, a required set-aside for development of new treatment approaches. Innovation funding is time-limited and tests the effectiveness of novel ideas. The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) must approve all Innovation projects following authorization by each County's board of supervisors. The Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) has been approved for 23 Innovation projects since 2008 through four funding cycles. Currently, BHS is developing proposals for Cycle 5. Today's action represents the first proposal for Cycle 5, authorizing participation in the statewide Early Psychosis Learning Health Care Network Innovation Project, designated as INN 24 in San Diego County.

The Statewide Early Psychosis Learning Health Care Network Innovation Project aims to assess the effectiveness of California's 23 separate early psychosis programs. San Diego County has one early psychosis mental health program designed to identify and address psychotic illness in its earliest stages (i.e., after initial possible symptoms have appeared). The University of California, Davis (UCD) is organizing a proposed multi-County collaborative. By coordinating and sharing outcome results, the proposal aims to improve interventions for individuals experiencing early psychosis symptoms through the production of real-time data at the individual, clinic, County, and State levels to inform client- and program-level decisions as well as the development of learning opportunities. The proposal is for a five-year project beginning on January 1, 2019.

Approval of today's recommended actions authorizes the County of San Diego's participation in the UCD-led collaborative, authorizes the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue a single-source contract with UCD as a single-source provider, and authorizes additional funding for Pathways Community Services, LLC which operates Kickstart, the County of San Diego's existing early psychosis program. The proposal requires UCD to obtain MHSOAC approval prior to implementation. Today's actions support the countywide *Live Well San Diego*

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vision by developing more effective treatment approaches for individuals suffering from serious mental illness, which promotes health and well-being in children, adults, and families, contributing to a healthy, safe, and thriving region.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Authorize the County of San Diego's participation in the University of California, Davis Statewide Early Psychosis Learning Health Care Network Innovation Project (INN 24) to be funded through the MHSA Innovation component.
2. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and Administrative Code Section 401, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to enter into negotiations with the University of California, Davis and subject to successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract through June 30, 2024, and amend as needed to reflect changes to services and funding allocations, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, and contingent upon approval by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC).
3. Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to amend Contract number 552662 with Pathways Community Services, LLC, to expand services, subject to the availability of funds; and to amend the contract as required in order to reflect changes to services and funding allocations, subject to the approval of the Director, Health and Human Services Agency, and contingent upon approval by the MHSOAC.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in Fiscal Year 2018-19 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of \$157,576 in Fiscal Year 2018-19 and \$227,148 in Fiscal Year 2019-20. The funding source is the Mental Health Services Act. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT**

At its meeting on November 1, 2018, the Behavioral Health Advisory Board voted   the recommendations.

**BACKGROUND**

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) was approved by California voters in November, 2004, providing funding for the expansion of mental health services in California. The MHSA consists of five program components designated by the State: Community Services and Supports, Prevention and Early Intervention, Workforce Education and Training, Capital Facilities and Technological Needs, and Innovation. The County of San Diego is entering Cycle 5 of its MHSA

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Innovation plan. Five percent (5%) of the total MHSA funding allocated to the County must be utilized specifically for Innovation programs. Innovation programs have a time limit of five years. After this time frame, the County must evaluate the program and determine whether to continue under another MHSA funding component and/or other funding source.

Innovation programs are short-term and offer novel, creative and/or ingenious mental health practices/approaches that are expected to contribute to learning, and are developed within communities through a process that is inclusive and representative, especially of unserved and underserved individuals. Innovation programs may focus on one or more of the following four purposes: (1) Increases access for underserved groups; (2) Increases quality of services and outcomes; (3) Promotes interagency collaboration; and/or (4) Increases access to services.

The University of California, Davis (UCD) has proposed an Innovation program which recognizes the potential of coordinating outcome information among California's early psychosis programs, and has suggested counties participate. Early intervention aims to identify individuals early in the disease process, and through treatment, mitigate the catastrophic symptoms of serious mental illness. Currently, there are 23 programs across the state developing strategies for mitigation of early psychosis. In San Diego the existing program is called Kickstart, which is operated by Pathways Community Services, a contracted provider. UCD's proposed program, the Statewide Early Psychosis Learning Health Care Network, aims to share data and multiply the power of new evidence-based practices to alleviate suffering among those with symptoms of early psychosis.

The County of San Diego's participation in the Statewide Early Psychosis Learning Health Care Network would be funded under the Innovation set-aside of the MHSA budget, assuring adequate funding for the project. The project fulfills MHSA Innovation requirements by promoting interagency collaboration and presents a unique opportunity to advance knowledge and the application of effective interventions to benefit individuals suffering from serious mental illness in San Diego county.

Approval of today's recommended action would authorize the County of San Diego's participation in the UCD-led collaborative, authorizes the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue a single-source contract with UCD as a single-source provider, and authorizes additional funding for Pathways Community Services, LLC which operates Kickstart. The additional funding for Kickstart would increase staffing for additional data collection to allow participation in the Statewide Early Psychosis Learning Healthcare Network.

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**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Today's proposed actions support the Building Better Health and Living Safely Initiatives in the County of San Diego's 2018-2023 Strategic Plan as well as the County's *Live Well San Diego* vision by providing necessary resources and services for individuals with behavioral health needs to lead healthy and productive lives. Specific *Live Well San Diego* outcome indicators include increased life expectancy and quality of life.

Respectfully submitted,

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HELEN N. ROBBINS-MEYER  
Chief Administrative Officer

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

Innovation 24 Project Brief: Statewide Early Psychosis Learning Health Care Network INN Project

**AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**

**REQUIRES FOUR VOTES:** ☐ Yes ☒ No

**WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED**

☐ Yes ☒ No

**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:**

September 25, 2018 (5), received and approved MHSA Fiscal Year 2018-19 Annual Update; October 10, 2017 (3), received and approved MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan: Fiscal Years 2017-18 through 2019-20; April 25, 2017 (5), authorized submission of new Innovation Plan to the State; July 19, 2016 (7), approved Behavioral Health Services Ten Year Roadmap; October 28, 2014 (9), authorized acceptance of the MHSA Three Year Program and Expenditure Plan: Fiscal Year 2014-15 through Fiscal Year 2016-17; September 10, 2013 (5), authorized amended Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement with CalMHSA for additional services; January 25, 2011 (8), approved CalMHSA Joint Powers Authority membership; March 23, 2010 (8), authorized acceptance of the Capital Facilities and Technological Needs plan, which includes the Mental Health Management Information Systems (MIS) project; October 20, 2009 (4), authorized acceptance of MHSA Innovation Community Planning Funds in the amount of \$2.9 million for Fiscal Years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 and authorize submission of the Innovation Plan to the State; May 5, 2009 (7), authorized the acceptance of the MHSA Workforce Education and Training plan; December 9, 2008 (16), approved PEI Assignment of Funds to the Department of Mental Health; November 18, 2008 (9), authorized the acceptance of the MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) funds; February 27, 2007 (6) authorized the MHSA Integrated Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan for up to \$87,000,000 of CSS funds; December 13, 2005 (1), authorized competitive solicitations of new contracted programs

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and services and the amendment of contracts to expand existing programs and services as required to implement the County’s MHSa CSS Plan.

**BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:**

A-87 Competitive Procurement

**BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:**

N/A

**MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:**

N/A

**ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION  
NUMBER(S):**

552662

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** Health and Human Services Agency

**OTHER CONCURRENCE(S):** Department of Purchasing and Contracting

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