

County of Santa Clara

Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System

Mental Health Services



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Kim Roberts
SCVHHS - Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Mental Health Services Act Agreement with State Department of Mental Health and Related Agreements with Contractors

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Consider recommendations relating to the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Agreement.

Possible action:

- a. Approve delegation of authority to the Director of Mental Health, or designee, to amend the MHSA Agreement No. 07-77343-000 with State of California Department of Mental Health: (1) to extend the term through June 03, 2013; (2) to amend the scope of services as needed for the extended term; and (3) to act as fiscal and programmatic administrative agency for purposes of the agreement for the extended term, following approval by County Counsel as to form and legality, and approval by the Office of the

County Executive. (The County agrees to operate a program in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and to have an approved Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan filed with the State pursuant to the Mental Health Services Act.) Delegation of authority shall expire on June 30, 2013.

- b. Approve delegation of authority to the Director of Mental Health or designee, to negotiate, execute, amend and terminate agreements with contractors relating to the implementation of approved Mental Health Services Act plans, following approval by County Counsel as to form and legality, and approval by the Office of the County Executive. Delegation of authority shall expire on June 30, 2013.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no impact on the County General Fund as a result of these actions. All costs related to implementation of approved MHSA plans will be fully covered by MHSA funding and/or other revenue sources, such as Medi-Cal, Medicare and EPSDT.

CONTRACT HISTORY

The Board of Supervisors approved funding in 2005 for the County's local MHSA planning process, including active participation by stakeholder groups and a Stakeholder Leadership Committee. On December 15, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved the MHSA Community Services and Support (CSS) Three-Year Plan for FY 2006 through FY 2008. Following this action, the Mental Health Department submitted the plan to the State Department of Mental Health (DMH) and final approval was received in early January 2007 for all components of the plan.

On February 27, 2007, the Board of Supervisors accepted State funding to implement the CSS plan for FY 2006 through FY 2008, and approved a delegation of authority to execute the MHSA Performance Agreement with DMH. On February 12, 2008, the Board adopted a resolution, per State requirements, delegating authority to execute the MHSA Performance Agreement with the State DMH to modify the scope, extend the term, and act as fiscal and programmatic administrative agency for the purposes of the MHSA Agreement through June 30, 2008.

On May 6, 2008, the Board approved a delegation of authority to amend the MHSA Agreement and to extend the term in 12-month increments, and approved a delegation of authority to execute and amend agreements with contractors relating to the implementation of the approved MHSA CSS Plan, and for the planning phase of the Workforce Education and Training (WET) Program, Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Program, and Capital Facilities and Information Technology (CFIT) Program through June 30, 2010. This delegation of authority will expire on June 30, 2010.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

On February 25, 2009, the Mental Health Department received an amendment to the MHSA Agreement from DMH extending the term of the agreement through June 30, 2013, beyond the expiration date of the existing delegation of authority. See attached extension.

Approval of the recommended actions will enable the Mental Health Department to continue implementation of MHSA programs and provision of needed services to mental health clients. The list of contracts executed under the delegation of authority approved by the Board on May 6, 2008 is attached for your information.

The Mental Health Department provides quarterly reports to the Health and Hospital Committee (HHC) on the status of Mental Health Services Act. The latest MHSA report was submitted to HHC on March 18, 2009, and forwarded to the

Board of Supervisors on April 7, 2009 under the HHC report.

BACKGROUND

On November 2, 2004, California voters passed Proposition 63, establishing new tax revenues to be used to expand county mental health services to children, adults and seniors with severe mental illnesses, and to fund prevention and early intervention services, innovative programs, human resource development, and capital facilities and technology improvements.

The State Department of Mental Health has divided implementation of MHSA funds into five components: 1) Community Services and Supports (CSS) which expands services to seriously mentally ill children, transition youth, adults, and seniors; 2) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) services; 3) Workforce Education and Training (WET); 4) Capital Facilities and Technological Needs (CFTN); and 5) Innovation (INN).

In addition, MHSA CSS funds were used to create an MHSA Housing Program, which is a discrete program funded with a one-time statewide investment of \$400 million. The County's allocation for the MHSA Housing Program is \$19.2 million.

As reported to the Health and Hospital Committee on March 18, 2009, the Mental Health Department is currently engaging stakeholders at all levels in order to submit its FY 2010 MHSA Consolidated Plan to DMH for approval by the end of the fiscal year. The plan will include an update to the CSS plan which is currently being implemented, as well as initial plans and projects for the PEI, WET, CFTN and INN components. This would allow the Mental Health Department to begin implementing all MHSA components next fiscal year. The latest HHC report provides more detailed information on the status of each component.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve the recommended actions may impact implementation of MHSA programs serving mental health clients.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A - Contracts Executed Under MHSA Delegation of Authority
- Attachment B - Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Agreement - Extension
- Attachment C - Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Agreement Exhibit A-Funding Detail Chart