

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Agenda Number:

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Department Name: Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health
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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Resolution for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 for the California Mental Health Directors Association

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the State Department of Mental Health (DMH) to withhold \$10,000 of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) funds for FY 2003-2004 on behalf of Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services (ADMHS) and allow these funds to be transferred to the California Mental Health Directors Association to fund an Administrative Services Organization for Medical eligible children from Santa Barbara County who are placed out-of-county

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 7. A Community that Fosters the Safety and Well-Being of Families and Children.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

For the fifth consecutive year, under the California Counties' State-authorized Mental Health Plan, all County Mental Health Services departments are required to provide specialty mental health services to Medical beneficiaries who are minors and reside out-of-home and out of their County of residence. However, local mental health service providers' unwillingness or unavailability to accept referrals of out-of-county beneficiaries and excessive delays in meeting the mental health services needs of these minors prompted action by the counties and the California Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDA). The Counties and

CMHDA concluded that the coordinated management of such services from individual and group professional service providers can best be accomplished through an Administrative Services Organization (ASO). Therefore, the CMHDA contracts with ValueOptions, Inc. (see attached) to provide such services on behalf of the counties. The activities of the ASO are monitored by CMHDA, as directed by the contract between ValueOptions, Inc. and CMHDA and State guidelines.

By approving this agenda item, access to services for Santa Barbara County Medi-Cal beneficiaries will continue to be as timely for beneficiaries who are out-of-county as it is for in-county beneficiaries. In addition, providers will continue to be credentialed using the same standards that the County uses to ensure better quality of care.

Funding for this ongoing program is based upon an agreement between Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services (ADMHS) and the State Department of Mental Health (DMH). DMH withholds a portion of the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) funds that are allocated to ADMHS for such services, and is billed directly by CMHDA on behalf of ADMHS for the services provided by the ASO.

ADMHS is now asking your Board's approval of the adoption of a resolution allowing DMH to continue to withhold the appropriate funding for the Specialty Mental Health services to be paid to CMHDA.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services are mandated by Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5600.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This resolution has no impact to the County General Fund or facilities. The \$10,000 will be held from ADMHS claims to the State for EPSDT reimbursement. In the event that the full amount withheld is not utilized for ADMHS clients, the remaining funds will be allocated back to ADMHS. This amount is less than it was for the four preceding years as CMHDA is currently using data based on actual cost and usage, rather than the start-up estimation of one percent (1%) expenditure of EPSDT. The Revenue is included in the Adopted Budget FY 2003-2004 Federal and State Revenue – page D-130, and the expenditure is included in the Adopted Budget FY 2003-2004 Children's Programs – page D-130.

Special Instructions:

Please send two (2) copies of the fully executed resolution and two (2) certified copies of the Minute Order to:

Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services
ATTN: Contracts
300 N. San Antonio Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Concurrence:

Auditor-Controller
County Counsel