



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
For Agenda Of: 5/12/20
Placement: Administrative (5/12/20: Set Hearing);
Departmental (6/2/20: First Reading);
Administrative (6/16/20: Second Reading)
Estimated Time: 10 minutes on 6/2/20
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Behavioral Wellness
Director(s) Alice A. Gleghorn, Ph.D., Director, 681-5220
Contact Info: Christie Boyer, CPA, Associate Director of Finance, 681-5231
SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness Fee Ordinance - FY 2020-21 Published Charges

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form:

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

On May 12, 2020, set a hearing on the Departmental Agenda for June 2, 2020 to consider the introduction (First Reading) of an Ordinance amending the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness Published Charges for inpatient and outpatient mental health services, effective 30 days after adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

On June 2, 2020:

- a) Receive and file a presentation regarding amendments to the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness Published Charges for inpatient and outpatient mental health services; and
- b) Consider and approve the introduction (First Reading) of an Ordinance to amend the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness Published Charges for inpatient and outpatient mental health services;
- c) Read the title and waive further reading of the Ordinance; and

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

- d) Continue the item to the Administrative Agenda of June 16, 2020 to consider the adoption (Second Reading) of an Ordinance amending the Santa Barbara County Published Charges for inpatient and outpatient mental health services.

On June 16, 2020:

- i) Consider and adopt the Ordinance (Second Reading) to adjust the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness Published Charges for inpatient and outpatient mental health services, effective 30 days after adoption by the Board of Supervisors; and
- ii) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), since the recommended actions are government fiscal activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

The Board of Supervisors last approved the fee schedule for services at County mental health service locations (“Published Charges”) for the Department of Behavioral Wellness (“Department”), including rates for inpatient and outpatient mental health services, on May 15, 2018. The proposed Published Charges are consistent with the full cost recovery budget principles of Santa Barbara County. California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) § 7106 authorizes the County Board of Supervisors to establish a schedule of charges for the care, treatment, or observation of patients at County psychiatric facilities, as defined in WIC §5600. WIC §5710 provides that each County may collect patient fees for the care and treatment of each individual receiving treatment from the County mental health program. Approval of the recommended action to update the Published Charges will assist Behavioral Wellness in recovering the cost of providing services.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None

Budgeted: No

Special Instructions:

The Clerk of the Board to post notice and publish legal notice of the hearing pursuant to Section 6062a of the Government Code in a newspaper of general circulation in Santa Barbara County 10 days prior to the hearing and again 5 days prior to the hearing and shall make available information and provide notice to those who have requested it as required per Section 54986 of the Government Code.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Notice Fee Ordinance FY 20-21

cc:

Auditor-Controller
CEO