

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Renewal of Mental Health Plan Allocation Contract for Fiscal Year 2001-2002
And Signature Authority

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve the acceptance of the State Department of Mental Health (DMH) allocation from the State General Fund share for Specialty Mental Health Services, which is specific to serving Medi-Cal eligible clients, and authorize the chair to execute the agreement. This revenue contract is for the period of July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, at a total contract maximum of \$553,237.
- B. Authorize the County Administrator to sign the attached California Standard Agreement from the State Department of Mental Health, accepting the State General Fund allocation of \$553,237 for Specialty Mental Health Services.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

- A. Since implementing the Medi-Cal Managed Care Mental Health Plan (MHP) in 1994, the State of California allocates, on a fiscal year basis, funds to reimburse the County for the services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. This agreement defines the services to be provided, the “medical necessity” regulations, the availability of services, reporting requirements, and the acceptable codes with regards to reimbursement provisions. The MHP requires monitoring of service delivery, accessibility of services, and continuity and coordination of care with physical health care providers and other human services agencies. Section 3.05 of the State Contracting Manual requires the local governing board to issue a minute order accepting this allocation.
- B. This action allows for the authorized signature on the MHP revenue contract, and provides the documentation the State requires for executing the agreement.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services are mandated by Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5600. WIC Code 5775 governs Managed Care Contracts; Title 9, Chapter 11, Section 1800 regulates Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There is no impact to the General Fund, and no facilities impact. The above listed contracts have been included in the FY 01/02 ADMHS budget adopted by your Board.

The contract value for the Mental Health Plan is \$553,237 for FY 2001-2002. As the administrator of the Medi-Cal Mental Health Plan the County will receive the State Medi-Cal reimbursement and matching federal funds, Federal Financial Participation (FFP), in order to purchase and manage Medi-Cal mental health services in the most cost effective and coordinated manner. ADMHS also receives EPSDT funds for qualifying minors 21 years of age and under. Administering the Mental Health Plan enhances the ability of the County to protect its financial risk by developing cost effective strategies to serve Medi-Caid beneficiaries. ADMHS is better able to negotiate rates as well as operate programs at a lower cost due to the volume of clients.

Special Instructions:

Please send six (6) certified copies of the Minute Order and one (1) original signature page to:

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Concurrence:

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