

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 11/4/04  
**Department Name:** Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health  
**Department No.:** 043  
**Agenda Date:** 12/7/04  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:** 10 Minutes  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** James L. Broderick, Ph.D.  
Director, Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services

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Director, Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services

**SUBJECT:** Rescind the designation of Cottage Hospital as a Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) facility for the involuntary evaluation and treatment of mentally ill persons

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## **Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Rescind the designation of Cottage Hospital as a facility for the involuntary detention, evaluation and treatment of mentally ill persons (California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 9, Subchapter 3, and California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), Chapter 2, Part 1, Division 5, Section 5000 et seq.)

## **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:**

On January 5, 1999 the Board of Supervisors approved the designation of Cottage Hospital as a Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) facility. Since that original designation, representatives from Cottage Hospital, in close collaboration with Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services (ADMHS) staff have effectively provided detention, evaluation, and treatment services for persons committed pursuant to the LPS Act. Cottage Hospital Administration has submitted a request to have their designation rescinded at this point in time. This occurred after a series of meetings between representatives from Cottage Hospital and ADMHS. The main barrier to Cottage Hospital's ability to provide LPS services since January 1, 2002, is a lack of psychiatric coverage necessary to meet LPS requirements. As there is a continuing need in the county for this resource, ADMHS remains committed to working with Cottage Hospital towards developing a viable solution.

The impact of this action leaves the County with one LPS designated facility; County-operated Psychiatric Health Facility which continues to operate near capacity.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services are mandated by Welfare & Institutions Code Section 5600. The California Code of Regulations, Title 9, Subchapter 4, authorizes a county Board of Supervisors to designate, by ordinance or resolution, an appropriately licensed hospital as a facility for involuntary evaluation and treatment of mentally disordered persons pursuant to Chapter 2, Part 1, Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and subject to the approval of the State Department of Mental Health.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

ADMHS operates the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF), a 16-bed licensed free-standing psychiatric hospital. The PHF will now be the only psychiatric inpatient facility in Santa Barbara County designated to involuntarily treat mentally ill persons. When the PHF is at capacity, involuntarily committed persons must be treated in other Southern California hospitals necessitating the transport of mentally ill people, sometimes over 100 miles away from our county.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send one copy of the completed minute order to:

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**Concurrence:**