

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 01/20/2004  
**Department Name:** Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health  
**Department No.:** 043  
**Agenda Date:** 2/10/2004  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**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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**SUBJECT:** Memorandum of Understanding with Santa Barbara County Education Office

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and execute the Memorandum of Understanding with Santa Barbara County Education Office, a local agency, to accept state funding to the County in exchange for mental health services mandated to be provided to County school children.

**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:**

Since 1984, pursuant to AB 3632, the County has been mandated to provide mental health services to children identified by the schools through an individualized education plan (IEP). As an “unfunded mandate”, these AB 3632 services have been funded by the State through SB 90. However, the State budget crisis has resulted in no SB 90 reimbursement to Santa Barbara County ADMHS in FY 02/03, nor is any expected in FY 03/04. Pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Federal Government allocated to the state \$68,997,000, to support mental health services provided to special education students by county mental health agencies during the FY2003-04, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 26.5 of the Government Code. These IDEA funds are then allocated by the State to County Education Offices to provide funding for AB 3632 services not now being reimbursed through the State SB 90 program.

Assembly Bill 1765, requires that during the 2003-04 fiscal year, the California Department of Education (CDE) distribute these funds to County Offices of Education for transfer to County Mental Health agencies via a contractual agreement. Thus, Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO) is required to act as the intermediary for Federal IDEA funds, set aside for mental health services and to contract with Santa Barbara County to transfer these funds, as offsetting revenue, for the mental health services provided. These funds were originally intended to be “one-time” funds, but are now anticipated for FY 04/05 as well.

ADMHS will serve as the administrator of the attached MOU and shall submit invoices to the SBCEO requesting all funds specified in the local allocation. The total award to Santa Barbara County is \$1,439,100; payments are expected to come in installments throughout the remainder of the fiscal year.

Your Board is now requested to approve the attached MOU between SBCEO and Santa Barbara County, with ADMHS acting as the administrator of these funds.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

Mental Health Services to identified children are mandated by Assembly Bill 3632 and Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5600, et seq.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The recommended action has no impact on the General Fund Contribution. IDEA funds are mandated for use solely for mental health services to youth. The final award amount is still undetermined. ADMHS is mandated to provide an accounting for those expenditures incurred to SBCEO.

The finalized amount will increase ADMHS’ revenue. ADMHS will submit a budget revision with the funds directed to Revenue Line Item 4339, State – Other Funds; Program 5100, Children Administration.

These actions will not result in a need for any additional facilities.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send two (2) certified copies of contract signature page and a minute order to:

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

**Concurrence:**

Auditor-Controller  
Risk Management