



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: ADMHS
Department No.: 043
For Agenda Of: 4/1/14
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Interim Director
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SUBJECT: Resolution to Join the CalMHSA Joint Powers Authority

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: Select_Concurrence

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt and authorize the Chair to execute the attached resolution which authorizes the County to become a member of the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA), a Joint Powers Authority (Attachment 1);
2. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the California Mental Health Services Authority (Attachment 2);
3. Authorize the ADMHS Director or designee to complete and execute the New Member Data Fee Form (Attachment 4);
4. Designate the ADMHS Director to serve as a director on the Board of Directors of CalMHSA on behalf of County;
5. Authorize the ADMHS Director to designate an alternate director to attend, participate in and vote at any meeting of the Board of Directors of CalMHSA when the ADMHS Director is absent; and

6. Determine that the recommended actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that the activities are covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA.

Summary Text:

Approval of the above recommended actions will allow the County to become a member of CalMHSA in order to jointly develop and fund mental health services and mental health education programs as determined by the CalMHSA Board on a regional and statewide basis.

Background:

The California Government Code (the “Joint Exercise of Powers Act,” Section 6500 et seq.) permits two or more public agencies by agreement to jointly exercise powers common to the contracting parties. Six initial member counties formed the CalMHSA Joint Powers Authority (JPA) in 2009. As of August 2013, CalMHSA had 50 member counties, 1 member city, and 1 member JPA containing more than 95% of the State’s population. Under the Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, each member has a representative on CalMHSA’s Board of Directors who is entitled to vote regarding general JPA governance and to govern Programs in which the County is participating. While ADMHS did not choose to recommend that the County join CalMHSA at its inception, the Department now believes it is in the County’s best interest to have a vote on a statewide organization that represents County Mental Health Plans.

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the County to act jointly with other counties to develop, fund and administer mental health services and mental health educational programs. CalMHSA does not deliver services itself, but facilitates efficient use of resources of multiple counties by providing group purchasing power, joint development of Requests for Proposal (RFPs) and contracts for services, reduced overhead through sharing of the expenses of administration and reporting, and sharing research and strategies.

CalMHSA also provides its member counties with the ability to deal jointly with the State of California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Department of State Hospitals (DSH), the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC), and the legislature.

The following items are attached for reference:

- **Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the California Mental Health Services Authority (Attachment 2):** This Agreement sets forth the County’s rights and responsibilities as a member of CalMHSA.
- **Bylaws (Attachment 3):** The Bylaws govern the administration and management of CalMHSA.
- **New Member Data Fee Form (Attachment 4):** This document is used by CalMHSA to establish the application fee and document contact information.
- **CalMHSA Fact Sheet/ Talking Points (Attachment 5):** This document includes basic facts and accomplishments of CalMHSA.

- **CalMHSA Membership Pros and Cons (Attachment 6):** Summarizes advantages and disadvantages of joining CalMHSA.

Key Contract Risks: Risk is minimized by the liability limitations of Article 13 of the JPA Agreement in accordance with California Government Code section 6508.1.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 500.00		
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: There is an application fee of \$500 for the County to join CalMHSA, which will be funded by State Mental Health Services Act funds. There are sufficient funds included in the County’s FY 2013-14 Adopted Budget to cover this cost. Other than the application fee, participation in CalMHSA will not result in any additional County costs except those the County voluntarily incurs by participating in specific CalMHSA programs or by engaging CalMHSA to provide administrative services for CalMHSA mental health projects. Approval of the recommended actions and any future participation in CalMHSA projects will not increase the use of general fund dollars by the ADMHS Department.

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) copy of the Minute Order, one (1) copy of the executed Resolution, and one (1) copy of the executed Agreement to:

Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services
 Attn: Contracts
 300 North San Antonio Road, Bldg 3
 Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Attachments:

1. A Resolution of the County of Santa Barbara to join the CalMHSA JPA
2. Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the California Mental Health Services Authority
3. Bylaws
4. New Member Data Fee Form
5. CalMHSA Fact Sheet/ Talking Points
6. CalMHSA Membership Pros and Cons