

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF)
SANTA BARBARA APPROVING THE)
COUNTY'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE)
CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES)
AUTHORITY (CALMHSA), A JOINT)
POWERS AUTHORITY.)
_____)

RESOLUTION NO._____

Whereas, the Mental Health Services Act (the "Act") (also known as Proposition 63), passed by California voters in 2004, anticipated that counties would find it most efficient to act jointly both statewide and regionally to use the funds provided by the Act for specific projects; and

Whereas, Section 3 of the MHSA states that the purpose and intent of the Act is "[t]o ensure that all funds are expended in the most cost effective manner and services are provided in accordance with recommended best practices subject to local and state oversight to ensure accountability to taxpayers and to the public[;]" and

Whereas, California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5897 (added by the Act) states, in part, as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of state law, the State Department of Health Care Services shall implement the mental health services provided by Part 3 (commencing with Section 5800), Part 3.6 (commencing with Section 5840), and Part 4 (commencing with Section 5850) of this division through contracts with county mental health programs or counties acting jointly. A contract may be exclusive and may be awarded on a geographic basis. As used herein a county mental health program includes a city receiving funds pursuant to Section 5701.5.

(b) Two or more counties acting jointly may agree to deliver or subcontract for the delivery of such mental health services. The agreement may encompass all or any part of the mental health services provided pursuant to these parts. Any agreement between counties shall delineate each county's responsibilities and fiscal liability[;]" and

Whereas, through counties acting jointly, programs to address local needs in one county can be coordinated with programs to address similar needs in other counties or regions of the State; and

Whereas, through counties acting jointly, resources can be maximized and administrative costs can be reduced; and

Whereas, a centralized entity is better suited to house, share and disseminate research, information and specific strategies that are the most effective and quality assured; and

Whereas, a joint powers authority is an efficient and effective vehicle for developing and implementing statewide and regional mental health projects; and

Whereas, the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) provides a vehicle through which counties can act jointly, provides an alternative to having the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) administer statewide projects as part of the Act, and provides counties with an alternative to assigning county funds provided under the Act to DHCS to implement state and regional projects as part of the Act; and

Whereas, the County of Santa Barbara desires to become a member of CalMHSA in order to have the opportunity to jointly develop, fund and administer mental health services and mental health education programs in which the County of Santa Barbara chooses to participate.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara approves the County's membership in CalMHSA so that the County can work with other counties to jointly develop and fund statewide or regional projects under the Act.

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara designates the Director of the County of Santa Barbara Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services (ADMHS) Department to serve as a director on the CalMHSA Board of Directors on behalf of the County.

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara authorizes the ADMHS Director to designate an alternate director who shall have the authority to attend, participate in and vote at any meeting of the CalMHSA Board of Directors when the ADMHS Director is absent.

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara approves the CalMHSA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, as amended, and effective July 1, 2013.

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara authorizes the Chair of the Board to execute the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (as amended, and effective July 1, 2013) that allows the County to become a member of CalMHSA.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this ____ day of _____, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

By: _____
STEVE LAVAGNINO
CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: _____
Deputy County Counsel