



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Department Name:** ADMHS  
**Department No.:** 043  
**For Agenda Of:** 2/18/14  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Takashi Wada, MD, Interim Director  
Director(s) Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services  
Contact Info: 805-681-5220

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of SB 82 Triage Personnel Grant

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Director of the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services Department to accept grant funding awarded by the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission for Triage Personnel for the period of February 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$933,136 for FY 13-14, \$2,352,536 for FY 14-15, \$2,468,608 for FY 15-16, and \$2,594,250 for FY 16-17.
2. Approve a Budget Revision Request (BRR# 0003273) increasing appropriations of \$1,234,332 for FY 2013-14 in Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services Department, Mental Health Services Act Fund, for Salaries and Benefits and Services and Supplies funded by unanticipated revenue of \$933,136 from California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission's Triage Services Grant and \$301,196 from Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (FFP).
3. Adopt the attached Personnel Resolution effective February 18, 2014 as follows:
  - a. Add 1.0 FTE Team Supervisor-Practitioner (5177; \$5,099.00 to \$6225.00 approximately per month);
  - b. Add 6.0 FTE Case Worker (5155; \$3,651.00 to \$4,457.00 approximately per month);

- c. Add 6.0 FTE Practitioner II (5192; \$4,755.00 to \$5,805.00 approximately per month);
  - d. Add 9.0 FTE Recovery Assistant (5160; \$2,706.00 to \$3,304.00 approximately per month)
4. Determine that the approval of the recommended actions is 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:**

The Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services Department (ADMHS) received a Notice of Intent to Award from the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) for the Senate Bill (SB) 82 Triage Personnel grant. ADMHS has identified the need for three critical resources necessary for an effective and efficient Crisis System of Care: Mobile Crisis Response Teams, Crisis Facilities (Crisis Stabilization and Crisis Residential) and Crisis Triage Teams. This grant provides for one of the three critical resources by adding three regional Crisis Triage Teams to improve the provision of timely, effective, and lasting interventions to people experiencing mental health crises in Santa Barbara County. This field-based triage workforce will allow for a proactive program that emphasizes treatment in the least restrictive manner through early intervention, case management, peer support and clinical care before, during and after a crisis event. This program will focus on helping individuals break recurring cycles of incarceration, extended visits to the Emergency Room, psychiatric hospital stays, or homelessness. Approval of the recommended actions will authorize ADMHS to fill a critical gap in our existing Crisis System of Care.

**Background:**

As a result of SB 82, known as the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013, California has an opportunity to use Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) dollars to expand crisis services statewide that are expected to lead to improved life outcomes for the persons served and improved system outcomes for local mental health departments and their community partners. The Crisis Triage Personnel grant, administered by MHSOAC, provides funds for 22.0 FTE regular positions in the ADMHS Department. In addition, 1.5 FTE Psychiatrists will be added via locum tenens or Contractor on Payroll contracts. These positions will complement the existing Mobile Crisis Teams that operate with limited staffing, and currently do not have the resources to address urgent care needs pro-actively with an early intervention model before hospitalization is imminent, nor the ability to provide follow-up support to reduce the risk of crisis reactivation or recidivism. As a result, law enforcement and hospitals serve as first responders in most mental health crisis situations in the county, and clients frequently wait up to 24 hours in the Emergency Department for stabilization of their crisis need.

The additional staff capacity funded by the Crisis Triage Personnel grant will allow ADMHS to fill a critical gap in our existing Crisis System of Care. The Crisis Triage Teams will reduce some of the burdens on Emergency Rooms and law enforcement and break cycles of hospitalization and/or incarceration. These field-based staff will establish a strong field presence in high-need community settings such as Emergency Departments, shelters, and police beats, broadening the County's web of Crisis Support services to include early intervention, reinforcements during crisis events, and post-crisis follow-up referrals, linkages and monitoring. The new teams will serve an estimated 2,956 consumers and family members each year.

**Key Contract Risks:**

This grant is cost reimbursed; therefore MHSOAC will reimburse ADMHS based upon the expenditures submitted, which details the costs which have been incurred by ADMHS. Even though receipt of MHSOAC grant funding is contingent upon incurring costs associated with the grant, there is the risk that MHSOAC may audit the costs and/or services and disallow payments, which would result in a repayment.

**Performance Measure:**

- Reduction in psychiatric use of Emergency Rooms
- Reduction in inpatient acute psychiatric admissions
- Reduction of recidivism
- Reduction in overall associated costs
- Improved and effective linkage with necessary outpatient mental health services

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>FY 14-15</u></b>	<b><u>FY 15-16 Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>FY 16-17 Cost:</u></b>
		<b><u>Cost:</u></b>		
General Fund				
State	\$ 933,136	\$ 2,352,536	\$ 2,468,608	\$ 2,594,250
Federal	\$ 301,196	\$ 759,284	\$ 796,747	\$ 837,297
Fees				
Other:				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,234,332</b>	<b>\$ 3,111,820</b>	<b>\$ 3,265,355</b>	<b>\$ 3,431,547</b>

A Budget Revision Request is necessary to adjust the Mental Health Services Act Fund’s budget to recognize the revenue from the grant that was recently awarded to ADMHS for the Crisis Triage Personnel, recognized projected Medi-Cal revenue, and to establish an appropriations budget. There is no increase in General Fund contributions and no match requirements for this grant. In addition to the grant funds, the services provided by the Crisis staff will be Medi-Cal reimbursable, providing an additional source of revenue for the program for those clients with Medi-Cal coverage.

**Staffing Impacts:**

<b><u>Legal Positions:</u></b>	<b><u>FTEs:</u></b>
ADMHS Team Supervisor - Practitioner	1.0
ADMHS Case Worker	6.0
ADMHS Practitioner II	6.0
ADMHS Recovery Assistant	9.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>22.0</b>

**Special Instructions:**

Please return one (1) Minute Order to:

Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services  
ATTN: Contracts Division

300 N. San Antonio Road, Bldg. 3  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

**Attachments:**

Budget Revision Request#0003273  
Personnel Resolution