

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Agreement No: A – 11373

- a. Approve the Monterey County Department of Health and Behavioral Health Division's participation in the California Counties' Mental Health Services Authority in order to jointly develop and fund mental health services and education programs as determined on a regional, statewide, or other basis;
- b. Authorize the Director of Health to sign the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement and designate the Behavioral Health Director to act as the representative of Monterey County in the California Counties' Mental Health Services Authority; and
- c. Authorize the Director of Health to sign all future documents pertaining to the Agreement as may be required.

Upon motion of Supervisor Parker, seconded by Supervisor Salinas, and carried by those members present, the Board hereby:

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2009, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Armenta, Calcagno, Salinas, Parker, Potter

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 74 for the meeting on February 10, 2009.

Dated: February 10, 2009

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By *Adela L. Espinoza*
Deputy

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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DEPARTMENT: Health – Behavioral Health Division	

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY

Approval of this recommendation will allow the Department of Health, Behavioral Health Division to enter into the California Counties' Mental Health Services Authority (Authority) in order to jointly develop and fund mental health services and education programs as determined on a regional, statewide, or other basis.

DISCUSSION

The State Department of Mental Health (DMH) has identified five Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Projects as statewide projects for which they have reserved distinct, separate funding that does not impact the on-going base funding for the PEI programs developed by individual counties. In addition, DMH has supported the development of a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for the administration of one of the statewide projects: Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building. The California Government Code (Article 1, Chapter 5, Division 7, Title 1, the "Joint Exercise of Powers Act", Government Code section 6500 *et seq.*) permits two or more public agencies by agreement to exercise jointly powers common to the contracting parties.

In order to more efficiently develop and fund regional and statewide PEI mental health services and education programs under the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), a number of California counties are proposing a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement creating the California Counties' Mental Health

Services Authority, which will allow for each participating member county the opportunity to collaborate with all other members for the administration of these projects.

The Department of Health, Behavioral Health Division is requesting approval to become a participating member in the Authority to act jointly with other counties to maximize the MHSA funding. Through counties acting jointly, local needs can be identified and connected with like local needs in other regions in the state. Together, resources can be maximized for the most efficient use, ranging from purchasing products, to developing requests for proposals and contracts with providers to accomplish the agreed upon goals. A centralized entity would be capable of negotiating cost effective rates with various subcontractors statewide while greatly reducing the cost of overhead administration. Furthermore, a centralized entity would also be better suited to house, share and disseminate research, information and specific strategies that are the most effective.

The first statewide project area identified for joint implementation by counties is the Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building project. This project consists of development and implementation of training and technical assistance resources, workforce skill-building, and strategies to increase the capacity of contractors for service delivery. Using the JPA to provide cost effective training and technical assistance is an appropriate, immediate focus, however, having the JPA in place will be critical as the future of the MHSA evolves. The JPA will create a centralized county "voice" before the State Legislature, DMH, the MHSA Oversight and Accountability Commission and other parties regarding the vital source of funding for county public mental health services. It will also provide the member counties with an alternative to the assignment of county MHSA funds to the State DMH and legislature for the implementation of regional and statewide MHSA projects.

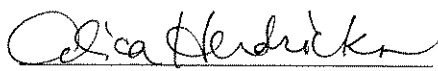
OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

The County Counsel and Auditor-Controller have reviewed the Agreement and concur. The Agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board.

FINANCING

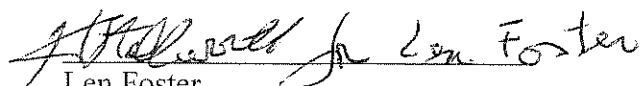
Approval of this action does not impact Net County Cost and will allow the Department to enter into a working agreement with participating member counties in California for the purpose of maximizing resources for the most efficient use. All costs associated with the programs to be implemented by the Authority will be funded with participating counties' MHSA revenues.

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01/28/2009
Date

Approved By:


Len Foster
Director of Health

1 / 28 / 09
Date

cc: Charles J. McKee, County Counsel
Michael Miller, Auditor-Controller