COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Department of Behavioral Health Services

Subject: Authority For The Department of Behavioral Health To Participate In The California Mental Health Services Authority Joint Exercise Of Powers Agreement

Supervisors:
District: ALL

Contact: Mary Ann Bennett, Deputy Director 875-9904

Overview
The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) has funding for state-wide initiatives when multiple counties collaborate. The California Mental Health Services Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) provides the opportunity for the County of Sacramento to compete for state-wide funding.

Recommendation
1. Adopt the attached resolution stating intent to participate in the California Counties Mental Health Services Authority, a joint powers authority (JPA), with other California counties to develop and fund mental health services and education programs on a regional or statewide basis.
2. Authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health Services or designees to sign the continuous agreement, act as a representative of the County of Sacramento in the JPA, and do everything necessary to assign funds.

Measures/Evaluation
This agreement supports the County’s Strategic Objectives to minimize the impact of mental illness on individuals, families and the community, and will meet all requirements set forth by the State Department of Mental Health (DMH) regarding measures/evaluation.

Fiscal Impact
This action will not result in any net County cost. This action will increase access to compete for regional and state-wide Mental Health Services Act funding.

BACKGROUND
The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) provides funding for mental health services to all 58 counties based on population. In addition, MHSA has funding available for regional or statewide
initiatives which require multi-county collaboration. The JPA was formed by a group of California counties creating a mechanism for strategic planning to optimize use of MHSA regional and state-wide initiative funding.

**DISCUSSION**

California Welfare and Institution Code allow counties to jointly administer mental health programs and services at their discretion. MHSA furthered this authority by including language that allow for “counties acting jointly” to administer MHSA programs. California Department of Mental Health (DMH) has set aside specific Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) projects to be administered through a single entity. DMH has supported the development of a JPA for the administration of some of these projects. County Counsel has reviewed the JPA and had no adverse findings.

**MEASURES/EVALUATION**

This agreement supports the County’s Strategic Objectives to minimize the impact of mental illness on individuals, families and the community.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

The PEI projects have been allocated a statewide total of $40 million which counties cannot access individually. Participating in the JPA increases opportunities for securing funding as well as for strategic collaboration.

Respectfully submitted,  

**APPROVED**  
STEVEN C. SZALAY  
Interim County Executive

**ANN EDWARDS-BUCKLEY, Director**  
Department of Behavioral Health Services

By:  
BRUCE WAGSTAFF, Interim Administrator  
Countywide Services Agency

Attachment

Resolution -- California Mental Health Services Authority Joint Exercise Of Powers Agreement
RESOLUTION NO. 2010-0137

CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Department of Behavioral Health Services Mental Health Division seeks Mental Health Services Act funding for state-wide initiatives, which is only available when multiple counties collaborate, and;

WHEREAS, the California Mental Health Services Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement provides the opportunity for the County of Sacramento to collaborate with other counties in order to compete for state-wide funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health Services, or her designee, to sign the continuous agreement, act as a representative of the County of Sacramento in the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, and do everything necessary to assign funds.

On a motion by Supervisor _______Peters______, seconded by Supervisor _______Yee______, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento, State of California, this 9th day of March, 2010, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors, MacGlashan, Nottoli, Peters, Yee, Dickinson

NOES: Supervisors, None

ABSENT: Supervisors, None

ABSTAIN: Supervisors, None

In accordance with Section 25103 of the Government Code of the State of California, a copy of the document has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Sacramento, on 3/9/10.

Chair of the Board of Supervisors of Sacramento County, California

Filed by Office of the Clerk of the Board

ATTEST: ___Cynthia Lee___
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

[Signature]
Chair of the Board of Supervisors

[Signature]
Clerk of the Board

[Date] 3/9/2010
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