SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY, APPROVE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW:
California’s Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), was approved by California voters in November 2004 and became effective January 1, 2005. The MHSA is administered by the California Department of Mental Health (DMH) and provides funding for expansion of mental health services in California. The MHSA consists of five program components designated by the State. The plan for the first program component, Community Services and Supports was submitted to the State and implemented following Board approval on December 13, 2005 (1). The plan for the second MHSA component, Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI), was submitted to the State after Board approval on November 18, 2008 (9). The Workforce Education and Training component plan was submitted to the State after Board approval on May 5, 2009 (7). The plan for the MHSA Innovation Component was submitted to the State after Board approval on October 20, 2009 (4) and implementation has begun. The plan for the final MHSA program component, Capital Facilities and Technological Needs, was submitted to the State after Board approval on March 23, 2010 (8).

With Board approval on December 9, 2008 (16), the County assigned its share of PEI funding for statewide projects, approximately $13.5 million, to the DMH to implement three State-administered PEI projects, Suicide Prevention, Student Mental Health Initiative, and Stigma & Discrimination Reduction. To expedite the implementation of the three projects, DMH contracted implementation and administration to the California Mental Health Service Authority (CalMHSA), a joint powers authority. Approval of today’s recommended actions will authorize the County’s membership in CalMHSA, in order to jointly develop statewide or regional mental health projects, and authorize the appointment of the Director of Mental Health Services to the CalMHSA Board of Directors to act as the County’s representative.

FISCAL IMPACT:
Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Operational Plan for the Health and Human Services Agency. The County is not currently a member of CalMHSA. If approved, this request will result in a one-time application fee of $1,000 in Fiscal Year 2010-11. The funding source will be local MHSA PEI funds. There is no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

There is no fiscal impact associated with project implementation and administration under the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement. Funding for the MHSA PEI Statewide projects is held by the State and is not included in the Health and Human Services Agency Operational Plan.
BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT:
N/A

RECOMMENDATION:
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
1. Approve the County of San Diego’s membership in the California Mental Health Services Authority, a joint powers authority.

2. Authorize the Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement.

3. Appoint the Director, Mental Health Services, to the California Mental Health Services Authority Board of Directors to act as the County of San Diego’s representative, as required by the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement.

4. Authorize the Director, Mental Health Services, to designate an alternate representative who shall have the authority to attend, participate in and vote at any meeting when the Director is absent.

ACTION:
ON MOTION of Supervisor Slater-Price, seconded by Supervisor Jacob, the Board took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Cox, Jacob, Slater-Price, Roberts, Horn

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

THOMAS J. PASTUSZKA
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors