



AGENDA REQUEST FORM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF INYO

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AGENDA NUMBER

13

- Consent Hearing Departmental Correspondence Action Public
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FROM: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – Behavioral Health

FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF: June 5, 2012

SUBJECT: Approval to join the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) and to assign the MHSA Statewide Prevention Early Intervention (SW PEI) funds.

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

Request Board 1) approve Inyo County's participation in the California Mental Health Services Authority, a joint powers authority, 2) designate the Behavioral Health Director to serve as a member of the Board of Directors and 3) assign the Statewide Prevention Early Intervention (PEI) funds in the amount of \$100,000 and the PEI Training and Capacity Building funds in the amount of \$8,400 to CalMHSA for use in statewide prevention projects and 4) approve the Department to issue a warrant in the amount of \$108,400 to CalMHSA from the MHSA Trust

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

SUMMARY DISCUSSION:

The California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) is a joint powers authority of counties which was established to allow counties to jointly develop and fund mental health services and education programs as determined on a regional, statewide, or other basis. Presently 90% of the counties participate in CalMHSA with 5 other counties in process of joining. There is a one-time membership fee of \$250 but there are no monthly dues or obligations of funding going forward.

CalMHSA was formed while the Department of Mental Health was still the State governing agency and there was funding set aside in the Mental Health Services Act for statewide projects. Although these funds were allocated in a specific amount to each county, according to county populations, the funds were to be received and reassigned back to the State Department of Mental Health. Several counties challenged this process and protested the oversight of these projects by the State Department of Mental Health (DMH). The County Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDA) began to look for alternative methods to access these funds to create Statewide Prevention and Early Intervention projects that followed the intent of the Act but allowed regions to develop strategies that worked in and for these regions. They developed CalMHSA and the associated joint powers agreement and encouraged counties to consider being a part of this effort. The Board of Directors is made up of primarily Behavioral Health Directors who are knowledgeable of and represent the needs of their communities/regions. Member counties have now assigned their Statewide PEI funds to CalMHSA. CalMHSA, in turn, has executed a contractual agreement with DMH for \$160 million to implement the projects. There are 26 different contractors that are addressing the areas of 1) Suicide Prevention, 2) Stigma and Discrimination Reduction, 3) Student Mental Health and 4) Outcome Evaluation. As projects are assigned/administered, any management by Inyo County would be associated with the specific program or project. There is no on-going obligation. CalMHSA is an affiliate of the California State Association of Counties and is a member of CSAC-EIA which provides broad insurance coverage with a \$25 million limit.

Inyo County has "State-administered PEI Project" allocations in the amount of \$25,000 per year for 4 years (from FY08/09 through FY 11/12) for a total amount of \$100,000. We also have allocations of \$2,100 per year for the same period for PEI Training and Capacity Building for a total of \$8,400. If given permission to join CalMHSA, we would also request permission to assign these funds to CalMHSA for use in the PEI projects. We have spent some

time in a collaborative planning capacity between Inyo and Mono County consumers to develop a Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Plan. We have developed strategies that will be reinforced in the Statewide efforts and will include the required extensive evaluation. The Behavioral Health Director will be involved in the statewide project oversight to ensure that our needs are met. We will also be involved in looking at the suicide prevention strategies. Our Program Chief is very knowledgeable in this area. Further, there is a regional School Mental Health project that has a component that consists of funds to start up a counseling program overseen by the County Superintendent of Schools. We are to be involved in this effort as well. Finally, we find that the contract with the RAND Corporation on outcome evaluation will allow us access to valuable data and analysis of such data in regards to programs offered. In summary, we feel that we will access valuable programs and will have adequate involvement to ensure that our voice is heard. This involvement will also give us experience in working as part of CalMHSA in order to inform us about whether it will serve us in the future.

ALTERNATIVES:


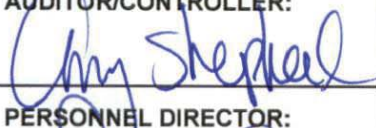
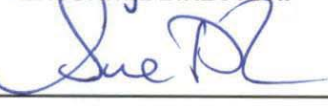
Your Board could choose to deny our participation in the CalMHSA at this time. As a consequence, we would not have a mechanism in place to participate in statewide or regional projects for which funds may be forthcoming. This would also restrict our ability to currently participate in the statewide prevention and early intervention projects. While we would still indirectly benefit from some of the efforts being put forward, we would not have a voice in the process nor would we be contributing our share of funds set aside for this purpose. To date, a regional CalMHSA pilot project for school mental health is at risk due to our lack of membership. Your Board could also choose to allow us to join CalMHSA but not to assign all or a portion of the statewide funds. While this was considered, an analysis of the requirements to spend the statewide funds suggests that we would have difficulty in ensuring that 1) the funds would not revert due to the other priorities of the division, 2) we were able to meet the requirement to join together regionally to formulate a plan and 3) the amount of funds would be sufficient to address all of the prevention areas in a meaningful way and to ensure adequate evaluation.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Other CalMHSA counties and partners.

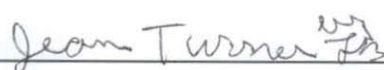
FINANCING:

Membership fee of \$250 would be paid from MHSA funds, and the \$108,400 Statewide PEI allocation and PEI Training and Capacity Building allocation funds would be distributed to CalMHSA from the MHSA Trust (505306), Deferred Revenue (2200). No County General Funds.

<u>APPROVALS</u>	
COUNTY COUNSEL: 	AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS AND ORDINANCES AND CLOSED SESSION AND RELATED ITEMS (Must be reviewed and approved by County Counsel prior to submission to the Board Clerk.) Approved: <u>yes</u> Date: <u>5/9/2012</u>
AUDITOR/CONTROLLER: 	ACCOUNTING/FINANCE AND RELATED ITEMS (Must be reviewed and approved by the Auditor/Controller prior to submission to the Board Clerk.) Approved: <u>Yes</u> Date: <u>5-10-12</u>
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR: 	PERSONNEL AND RELATED ITEMS (Must be reviewed and approved by the Director of Personnel Services prior to submission to the Board Clerk.) Approved: <u>✓</u> Date: <u>5/14/12</u>
BUDGET OFFICER:	BUDGET AND RELATED ITEMS (Must be reviewed and approved by the Budget Officer prior to submission to the Board Clerk.) Approved: _____ Date: _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE:

(Not to be signed until all approvals are received)



Date: 5-15-12