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BOARD REPORT

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DATE: November 1, 2011

AGENDA DATE: November 8, 2011

TO: DEL NORTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Gary Blatnick, Director/Public Guardian/Conservator
Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: California Mental Health Services Authority

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:

Approve and authorize the Chair to: 1) adopt the Resolution Authorizing Participation in the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA); 2) approve the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) (as amended in 2010) governing operations of CalMHSA; 3) authorize the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to sign the JPA on behalf of the County, and to act as the representative of the County on the Board of Directors of the CalMHSA, and authorize the Director to appoint an alternate to represent the County on the CalMHSA Board; and 4) authorize the Director of DHHS to expend the application fee to participate in CalMHSA.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

Approval of this request allows the County's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to join the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) in order to jointly develop and fund mental health services and education programs as determined by CalMHSA Board on a regional, statewide, or other basis. The application fee is a one-time cost of \$250.00.

The California Government Code (the "Joint Exercise of Powers Act," Section 6500 et seq.) permits two or more public agencies by agreement to jointly exercise powers common to the contracting parties. Six initial member Counties formed the CalMHSA in 2009. In April 2010, CalMHSA entered into a contract with the State Department of Mental Health (DMH) to administer three statewide Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Projects on behalf of its member Counties. The JPA as amended in 2010 is attached as Attachment 1. Under the Agreement, each member County has a representative on CalMHSA's Board of Directors who is entitled to vote regarding general JPA governance and to govern Programs in which the County is participating. As of May 2011, CalMHSA had 29 member Counties containing more than 85% of the state's population.

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DHHS requests approval to join CalMHSA in order to act jointly with other counties to develop, fund and administer mental health services and educational programs beneficial to our residents. CalMHSA does not deliver services itself, but facilitates efficient use of resources by multiple Counties by providing group purchasing power, joint development of Request for Proposals (RFPs) and contracts for services, reduced overhead through sharing of the expenses of administration and reporting, and sharing research and strategies.

CalMHSA also provides its member Counties with the ability to deal jointly with the State. Representatives of Member Counties or Cities that have not participated in any Program of the Authority may attend and participate in board meetings, but may not vote or be a member of the Executive Committee until such time as their County or city takes all steps necessary to assign Statewide PEI funds or to participate in some other Program of the Authority resulting in funds being received by the Authority for or on behalf of the member. We anticipate making a financial contribution to a future project beneficial to our residents which we could not otherwise carryout on our own.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not approve the request and decline to participate in cost effective and beneficial mental health prevention, intervention, research and other projects for our residents.

FINANCING:

There is an application fee of \$250 to join CalMHSA. Otherwise, participation in the Authority will not impose any additional County costs except some necessary travel to participate in meetings (may be done remotely) and those DHHS Mental Health Branch voluntarily incurs by electing to participate in specific CalMHSA programs. No direct effect on current County services will occur as a result of merely joining CalMHSA. Joint administration of programs or projects by CalMHSA should result in more cost-effective rates for services and increased efficiency in implementing services.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

SIGNATURES REQUIRED:

Chair, Board of Supervisors; Clerk of the Board

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

AUDITOR:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Jay Sarina, YES *JS*

COUNTY COUNSEL: Gretchen Stuhr, YES

PERSONNEL:

OTHER DEPARTMENT:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - ____

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF DEL NORTE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING DEL NORTE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY, A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY, WITH OTHER CALIFORNIA COUNTIES TO DEVELOP AND FUND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, in November 2004, California voters passed Proposition 63, which was enacted into law in 2005 as the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and which imposed a 1% tax on adjusted annual income over \$1,000,000 for the purpose of reducing the long-term adverse impact on individuals, families and state and local budgets resulting from untreated serious mental illness; and

WHEREAS, California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) is a Joint Powers Authority formed to be a single agency acting for its member counties to develop mental health services and education programs, obtain funding, contract for services, collect data, make reports, and act as a repository of information and expertise for such programs; and

WHEREAS, CalMHSA has entered into a contract with the California Department of Mental Health (DMH) to administer Statewide Programs for Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI), and has worked with the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (OAC) to facilitate compliance with OAC Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, thirty five counties are currently members of CalMHSA; and

WHEREAS, Del Norte County desires to become a member of the CalMHSA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors that:

1. The Del Norte County Board of Supervisors approves Del Norte County's participation as a member in the CalMHSA, a Joint Powers Authority, with other California counties in order to jointly develop and fund mental health services and education programs on a regional or state-wide basis; and
2. The Board hereby designates the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services to sign the Joint Exercise Powers Agreement, and to act as the representative of Del Norte County in the CalMHSA and appoint an alternate; and
3. The Board hereby designates the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services of Del Norte County as its fiscal and programmatic administrative agent with the purpose of signing all future documents pertaining to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, as may be required; and
4. The Board hereby authorizes the County's Health and Human Services Director to expend \$250 as the application fee to participate in CalMHSA.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Del Norte, State of California, held on the ___ day of _____, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Leslie McNamer, Chair
Del Norte County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: JEREMI RUIZ
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____