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**CONTRACT BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**TO:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**THROUGH:** COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
**FROM:** YVONNIA BROWN, DIRECTOR, MENTAL HEALTH

**VENDOR OR CONTRACTOR** California Mental Health Services Authority**PRODUCT OR SERVICE** Membership of Joint Powers Authority**TYPE** Professional Special Services**ACTION** New No.**Process** Other**Date of last Competitive Process****Original Contract Date****Date of last Board Action**

**SCOPE OF SERVICES/SUMMARY** California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) is evolving to provide counties an independent administrative and fiscal intergovernmental structure for jointly developing, funding, and implementing mental health services and educational programs at the state, regional, and local levels. As an on-going efficient delivery mechanism for statewide and other California mental health projects, a central component of CalMHSA's vision is to continually promote systems and services arising from a commitment to community mental health, and to the values of the California Mental Health Services Act. (continued on Page 2)

**REVIEW** Auditor-Controller CEO Counsel Admin Services Human Resources Risk Management**Department Contact/Phone:** Jamie Baker (6842), Manjit Kaur (3200), Sharon Mendonca (6803)**REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION/ACTION NEEDED:**

1) Approve and authorize the Merced County to participate in the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA.) 2) Authorize the Merced County Director of Mental Health (MCDMH), and his/her alternate to represent the County on the CalMHSA Board of Directors. 3) Authorize the MCDMH to sign the membership application and other documents related to membership. 4) Approve Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement of the CalMHSA JPA, and authorize the Merced County Director of Mental Health to sign the JPA Agreement and future amendments on behalf of the County. 5) Adopt a resolution authorizing County's participation in the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA). 6). Direct Mental Health Department to return to the Board with any future amendments to the agreement.

**For Board Staff Only****April 26, 2016****BOARD ACTION: 4/26/2016****O'BANION/MCDANIEL - APPROVED RECOMMENDATION****RESOLUTION NO. 2016-32****CONTRACT NO. 2016079****TO: MH**

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**Budget Unit 41506**

**Contract Period Beginning 5/1/16**

**Total Contract Amount**

**Difference**

**Budgeted Amount           \$500**

**Account Number 21500**

**Ending Ongoing               Months**

**Prior Contract Amount \$**

**Actual Expenditures**

**Budget Transfer Attached No**

**Funding Source** There is an application fee of \$500 (based on County population) to join CalMHSA. Otherwise, participation in the Authority will not impose any additional County costs as funding for the statewide PEI projects has been reserved for counties acting jointly or collaboratively, and is separate from and does not impact the ongoing base funding of the Counties for the PEI programs developed and operated by individual Counties.

**Staffing Impact (none by this action)**

**Additional Information (Continued from page 1)**

CalMHSA provides member counties a flexible, efficient, and effective administrative/fiscal structure focused on collaborative partnerships and pooling efforts in development and implementation of common strategies and programs, fiscal integrity, protections, and management of collective risk and accountability at state, regional, and local levels.

Approval of this item will allow the Merced County's Department of Mental Health to participate in 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.

In 2004, voters approved Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), which among other things provided for the State Department of Mental Health (DMH) to implement various mental health services through contracts with county mental health programs or counties acting jointly.

In 2007, the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) approved five statewide Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Projects. In 2008, MHSOAC determined that three of these projects would be most effectively implemented by a single administrative entity, and approved funding for these projects in the amount of \$40,000,000 per year for four years. This funding is separate from and does not impact the ongoing base funding for PEI programs developed by the individual counties. The three programs identified by MHSOAC for single statewide administration were Suicide Prevention, Student Mental Health Initiative, and Stigma and Discrimination Reduction.

DMH was the single administrative entity initially contemplated by the MHSOAC, and some Counties assigned their statewide PEI Project funds to DMH, but when other Counties declined to assign their funds to DMH, the California Mental Health Directors Association determined that the most efficient alternative would be a single statewide entity such as a Joint Powers Authority. MHSOAC and DMH supported formation of a Joint Powers Authority to administer the projects. DMH Information Notices 10-05 and 10-06 provide Counties three options for implementation of statewide PEI Programs: a Joint Powers Authority, a multi-County collaborative, or assignment to DMH.

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 California Mental Health Service Authority (CalMHSA) in 2009. In April 2010, CalMHSA entered into a contract with DMH to administer the three statewide PEI Projects on behalf of its member Counties. In June 2010, CalMHSA's Board approved amendments to its Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to clarify the rights and obligations of member Counties. The Agreement 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 has the authority to attend, participate in and vote on actions of the Board of Directors. As of November 2010, CalMHSA had 29 member Counties containing more than 85% of the state's population and accounting for more than \$130,000,000 of the \$160,000,000 allocated to Counties to administer the three statewide PEI Projects over the four-year period.

The Merced County's Department of Mental Health requests approval to join CalMHSA in order to act jointly with other counties to administer the three statewide PEI Projects. In addition to providing an alternative to assignment of the funds for these projects to DMH, CalMHSA facilitates efficient use of resources by multiple Counties by providing group purchasing power, joint development of 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 a unified voice in dealing with DMH, MHSOAC, and the legislature. CalMHSA may in the future facilitate joint county administration of other mental health services.

There is no direct effect on current County services will occur, since funds for the statewide PEI projects are separate from and in addition to funds currently received under the MHSOAC. However, Counties will benefit directly and indirectly from these statewide projects through training and technical assistance provided to Counties and their PEI partners' support for the implementation of local PEI projects, media and social marketing materials in multiple languages, model program sites, enhanced state and local partnerships, coordinated state and local efforts, research and evaluation, and statewide quality improvement activities. Establishing an alternative to state administration of state-level MHSOAC programs through participation in the CalMHSA should result in more cost-effective rates for services, reduced demands on County administrative services, and increased efficiency in implementing services.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF MERCED, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-32

APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM )  
OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN )  
CALMHSA AND MERCED COUNTY)

**WHEREAS**, County wishes to become a member of the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) in order to have the opportunity to; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the California Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDA) recommended that county behavioral health departments act jointly through CalMHSA to fund and administer mental health services and education programs; and,

**WHEREAS**, County of Merced, desires to join with other counties for the purpose of jointly developing, funding and administering mental health services and education programs in which County elects to participate in; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Merced County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve and authorize County's participation in the California Mental Health Services Authority. Approve the CalMHSA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement as amended in 2013. Authorize the Director of the Department of Mental/Behavioral Health to sign the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (as amended in 2013) on behalf of County. Authorize the Director of the Department of Mental/Behavioral Health to act as the representative of the County on the Board of Directors of the California Mental Health Services Authority, and authorize the Director to appoint an alternate represent the County on the CalMHSA Board. Authorize the Director of Mental/Behavioral Health to expend the application fee to participate in CalMHSA.

I, **JAMES L. BROWN**, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Merced, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was regularly introduced, passed and adopted by said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016 by the following vote:

**SUPERVISORS:**

AYES: Hub Walsh, John Pedrozo, Daron McDaniel, Jerry O'Banion

NOES: None

ABSENT: Deidre F. Kelsey

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of this Board this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

JAMES L. BROWN, CLERK

By Andrea Hamill  
Deputy

