

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 4/21/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Katie Grainger (805) 781-4756 Star Graber (805) 781-4759	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution required by the State to grant authority to the Behavioral Health Department to submit an application for a three year state grant, in an amount up to \$950,000, to expand and enhance services for mentally ill offenders to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for mentally ill offenders. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve the submittal of a resolution required by the State to grant authority to the Behavioral Health Department to submit an application for a state grant to expand and enhance services for mentally ill offenders to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for mentally ill offenders.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the submittal of a resolution required by the State to grant authority to the Behavioral Health Department to submit an application for a state grant to expand and enhance services for mentally ill offenders to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for mentally ill offenders.

DISCUSSION

The Behavioral Health Department seeks Board approval to apply for a grant to be funded by the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). There will be nine (9) awards in the State. The funding is for a three-year period, from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018. The grant was submitted prior to approval by the Board due to the late application notice by the grantor. The grant required the development of a multi-agency collaborative process that further delayed the finalization of the staff report.

The grant application has been submitted to the BSCC – prior to the due date of April 3, 2015. Board approval prior to submission was not required by the State. If the Behavioral Health Department is a recipient of the award, they will be notified by June 1, 2015.

The goal and purpose of the BSCC Grant Program, to expand/enhance treatment capacity for mentally ill offenders (Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Grant or MIOCR), is to implement appropriate prevention, intervention, supervision, and services through promising and evidence-based strategies to reduce criminal recidivism for mentally ill offenders. The grant funding will expand co-occurring disorder treatment services and increase collaboration with criminal justice partners with the goal of reducing criminal recidivism. Enhanced services focus on individualized treatment, medication adherence, and community reintegration services to achieve long-term recovery; and lower criminal justice costs associated with this target population.

The proposed program is a three-pronged approach which will: 1) increase the presence of a Behavioral Health Department clinician in the pre-trial court room to screen mentally ill offenders as they are being sentenced, thus providing an alternative to incarceration by ordering appropriate offenders into treatment; 2) increase the clinical treatment services in-custody in the specialized mental health Unit 200 at the County Jail providing evidence based programs; and 3) increase Psychiatrist and Licensed Psychiatric Technician (LPT) capacity in the community clinic to provide walk-in medication and screening appointments for offenders with mental illness upon release of custody to provide a seamless re-entry from jail to community.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

BSCC's Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) Grant Program will involve the San Luis Obispo County Behavioral Health Department, Superior Court, the Sheriff's Department, including the Jail, and the Probation Department.

As part of the grant requirement, the County must establish a Strategy Committee that includes, at a minimum, the Sheriff, representatives from other local law enforcement agencies, the Chief Probation Officer, the County Behavioral Health Director, a superior court judge, a former offender who is or has been a client of a mental health facility, and representatives from other organizations that can provide or have provided treatment or stabilization services for mentally ill offenders, including treatment, housing, income or job support, and caretaking. A Strategy Committee meeting was held in conjunction with the already established Community Corrections Partnership meeting on March 16, 2015. A former offender was not present at this specific meeting, but will be present at future Strategy Committee meetings in order to remain compliant with the grant requirements.

Prior to the CCP meeting, a work group met March 5, 2015 with management level staff representing the required members. This group of mid managers reviewed the current services system to determine which gaps could be addressed by this potential funding. The recommendations were then reported to and approved by the Strategy Committee at the March 16, 2015 Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) meeting.

County Counsel has reviewed the resolution as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

BSCC's Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Grant Program will be funded at a maximum of \$950,000 over a three-year period starting July 1, 2015. Proposed personnel include Mental Health Therapists, Probation Officer and a Psychiatrist. Other proposed funding includes office supplies and grantee orientation training.

A mandatory minimum of a 25 percent (25%) match or (\$237,500) of the MIOCR grant funds is required over 3 years. Behavioral Health Department in-kind match will be achieved through MHSA funded Forensic Re-Entry Services (FRS) personnel. Additional in-kind match will be provided by criminal justice partner agencies.

In addition, Behavioral Health staff will be responsible for grant and reporting requirements. If awarded, the Department will return to the Board for approval to accept funding and any required adjustments to the adopted FY 2015-16 budget for Behavioral Health.

During the second and third years of the project period, a sustainability planning process will review each component of the grant: 1) pre-trial courtroom screening; 2) treatment services at the County jail; and 3) walk-in medication and screening appointments. Each of the components will be evaluated with regard to effectiveness and performance, and then prioritized for sustainability.

The grant requires that in the fourth (4th) year a sustainability plan be established for at least one year. Potential funding sources to address sustainability include increased Medi-Cal reimbursement for individual mental health screenings and walk-in medication. Other sources of funding for sustainability will be determined during the first 2 years of the project, without reliance on increased general fund dollars. These may include other state or federal grants.

RESULTS

Approval of this item will result in approval to apply for a California Board of State and Community Corrections MIOCR grant. Specific results and outcomes of this grant proposal have been established during the application process, and will be reported as part of the request for Board approval of the Notice of Grant Agreement. General program objectives of the BSCC grant proposal will include:

- Reduce criminal recidivism for individuals with mental illness
- Increase positive quality of life outcomes (medication adherence, housing stability, income and job supports)

This grant opportunity will help the Behavioral Health Department achieve its mission of working in collaboration with the community to provide services necessary to improve and maintain the health and safety of individuals and families affected by mental illness and/or substance abuse. Services are designed to assist in the recovery process to achieve the highest quality of life by providing culturally competent, strength based and client and family centered strategies utilizing

best practices. Furthermore, the grant will contribute to the County of San Luis Obispo's vision of a healthy and safe community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 - Resolution for MIOCR Grant