

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

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| (1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health | (2) MEETING DATE 5/5/2015 | (3) CONTACT/PHONE Cindy Collins, Administrative Services Manager 788-2932 Raven Lopez, Accountant III 781-4783 | |
| (4) SUBJECT Request to 1) approve a Memorandum of Understanding authorizing San Luis Obispo County Behavioral Health Department's participation in the Workforce Education and Training Southern Counties Regional Partnership; and 2) grant delegation of authority to the Behavioral Health Administrator to sign the agreement as well as future amendments. All Districts. | | | |
| (5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> 1) Approve a Memorandum of Understanding authorizing San Luis Obispo County Behavioral Health Department's participation in the Workforce Education and Training Southern Counties Regional Partnership; and 2) Grant delegation of authority to the Behavioral Health Administrator to sign the agreement as well as future amendments. </div> | | | |
| (6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) | (7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00 | (8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00 | (9) BUDGETED? No |
| (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 type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" 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 | | | |

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Anne Robin, L.M.F.T., Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: 5/5/2015

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1) Approve a Memorandum of Understanding authorizing San Luis Obispo County Behavioral Health Department's participation in the Workforce Education and Training Southern Counties Regional Partnership; and
- 2) Grant delegation of authority to the Behavioral Health Administrator to sign the agreement as well as future amendments.

DISCUSSION

California voters passed Proposition 63, which imposed a 1% tax on adjusted annual income over \$1,000,000 and was enacted into law in 2005 as the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). The purpose is to reduce the long-term adverse impact on individuals, families and state and local budgets resulting from untreated serious mental illness. The Workforce Education and Training (WET) component of the MHSA provides training and development for the mental health workforce. This component addresses shortages in public mental health occupations, skill sets, and individuals with unique cultural and linguistic competence. Additionally, WET funds provide education and training for all individuals currently providing public mental health services to maintain a culturally competent workforce.

In February 2009, the County of San Bernardino Behavioral Health Department submitted to the Department of Mental Health a Regional Partnership application on behalf of the Southern Counties to request State MHSA WET funds to implement and operate a Regional Partnership. The Partnership's goals are to coordinate regional education programs, disseminate information and strategies throughout the region, develop common training opportunities and share programs that increase diversity of the public mental health system workforce when those programs are more easily coordinated at a regional level. The ten entities that make up the Partnership are nine counties: Kern, Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, and a Joint Powers Agency, Tri-Cities (Cities of Claremont, La Verne, and Pomona).

In July 2012, the MHSA WET programs were transferred from the California Department of Mental Health to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD). Welfare and Institutions Code section 5820 requires the OSHPD, in coordination with the California Mental Health Planning Council, to determine the statewide need for mental health professionals, and to develop a five-year education and training development plan targeted at meeting these needs.

Effective June 30, 2014, the County of San Bernardino Behavioral Health Department ceased serving as the fiscal agent for the Regional Partnership. Effective upon execution of an Agreement with the OSHPD, the County of Santa Barbara Department of Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services (ADMHS) will serve as the new fiscal agent for the Regional Partnership. This Memorandum of Understanding reaffirms a collaborative relationship between all of the Southern Counties to conduct the activities outlined in the Regional Partnership application.

The term of the MOU is December 2, 2014 through September 30, 2017 and thereafter will automatically renew on an annual basis subject to available funding.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

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

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Regional Partnership is budgeting a total of \$4,047,347 from FY 2014/15 – 2016/17 to use towards WET activities; however, none of those funds will be given directly to San Luis Obispo County. Santa Barbara Department of ADMHS will act as the Regional Partnership’s fiscal agent and will receive and manage the funds. San Luis Obispo County mental health staff will benefit from no cost education and training opportunities, as well as other shared programs administered by Santa Barbara on behalf of the Regional Partnership. Therefore, this MOU has no financial impact to the County.

RESULTS

The WET activities associated with this MOU will assist the public mental health system in its efforts to expand outreach to multicultural communities, increase the diversity of the workforce, reduce the stigma associated with mental illness, and promote the use of web-based technologies and distance learning techniques. This MOU with the Southern Counties Regional Partnership will help achieve the County’s vision of a safe, healthy, and livable community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Memorandum of Understanding with Southern Counties Regional Partnership