

**COUNTY OF SONOMA  
AGENDA ITEM  
SUMMARY REPORT**

Clerk of the Board Use Only  
Meeting Date \_\_\_\_\_ Held Until \_\_\_\_\_  
Agenda Item No: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Agenda Item No: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
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**Department:** Health Services

**( X ) 4/5 Vote Required**

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**Board Date:**  
4/14/09

**Deadline for Board Action:**  
4/14/09

**AGENDA SHORT TITLE:** Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Funding and Contract Amendments

**REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:**

Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustment to the FY 08-09 Final Budget within the Special Revenue Fund – Department of Health Services in the amount of \$1,901,339 (requires 4/5 vote).

Authorize the Director of Health Services to execute amendments to mental health service provider contracts for FY 08-09, subject to County Counsel review, and any future amendments that do not significantly change the scope of work (\$704,100).

**CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**EXPENDITURES**

**Estimated Cost**                    \$    8,531,885

**Amount Budgeted**                    6,630,546

**Other Avail Approp**  
(Explain below)

**Additional Requested:**    \$    1,901,339

**ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL**

**Contingencies**  
(Fund Name:            )

**Unanticipated Revenue**            \$    1,901,339  
(Source: MHSA CSS, PEI, Capital/IT)

**Other Transfer(s)**  
(Source:            )

**Add'l Funds Requested:**            \$    1,901,339

**Explanation (if required):**

**Prior Board Action(s):** 1/27/09 –Appropriated \$843,577 for FY 08-09; 12/9/08 – Accepted PEI, and Cap/Tech MHSA Plans; 3/11/08 – Authorized State MHSA and service provider contracts.

**Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:** Lost opportunity to obtain and utilize additional MHSA revenues for services and continued transformation of the mental health system.

**BACKGROUND:** (Note: MHSA/Community Services and Supports Plan Update Approval and Funding Letter; MHSA Capital Facilities Approval and Funding Letter; and MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention Community Program Planning Award Letter are on file with the Clerk of the Board.)

**Current MHSA Funded Programs**

In November 2004, California voters approved Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to transform the delivery of mental health services in California. MHSA provides funding in key components including Community Services and Supports (CSS), Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI), and Capital Facilities and Information Technology (CAP IT). Since the passage of MHSA, the State has developed guidelines and processes specific to each component for counties to access MHSA funding.

The Mental Health Division (MHD) began implementing Community Services and Support (CSS) programs in 2006, and to date approximately \$19 million has been made available for CCS programs. This funding enabled MHD to develop a system of care that:

- Increased community-based service options for clients with serious mental illness, enabling them to avoid unnecessary institutionalization and out-of-home placements.
- Increased outreach and expansion of services to underserved client populations.
- Increased the involvement of clients and their families in all aspects of the public mental health system including client and family operated services.

**MHSA Funding Increases**

Over the past year the Department has taken steps to access additional MHSA funds available from the State. The Department submitted a CSS implementation plan update to obtain additional CSS funding (\$1,025,300) for a total FY 08-09 allocation of \$7,518,500. In February 2009, the State approved the plan update and notified the Department of the imminent release of the additional funding.

In March 2008, the State released guidelines for the Capital Facilities and Information Technology MHSA component. Counties may use these funds to acquire, remodel, or purchase facilities in which services are provided or to implement information technology projects. In December 2008, the Department submitted its Capital Facilities and Technological Needs Component proposal outlining the planned use of the \$4.9 million allocation. The State approved the plan and releases these funds based on the Department's submission of specific project requests. In February 2009, the Department submitted a project request to fund the completion of the Norton Center remodel allowing the move of the Youth and Family Services program out of Chanate Hall. In March 2009, the Department received State approval of \$597,239 for this project.

The State released the guidelines for the Prevention and Early Intervention component in September 2007. Since then, the Department has conducted an intensive community planning process as required by the State guidelines. The guidelines allow counties to request funding to cover the costs of "PEI Community Program Planning." In February 2009, the Department received approval of the \$278,800 to fund the required community planning.

**Attachments:** Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustment in the amount of \$1,901,339.

**On File With Clerk:** MHSA/Community Services and Supports Plan Update Approval and Funding Letter (dated 2/10/09); MHSA Capital Facilities – Norton Project Approval and Funding Letter (dated 3/13/09); MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention Community Program Planning Award Letter (dated 2/3/09).

**CLERK OF THE BOARD USE ONLY**

**Board Action** (If other than "Requested")  
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**Vote:**  
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**BACKGROUND** (continued)

**The total new MHSA funding includes:**

Community Services and Support (CSS)	\$1,025,300
Capital Facilities and Information Technology (CAP IT)	\$597,239
Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)	<u>\$278,800</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$1,901,339</b>

**Use of Funding**

In order to receive MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) funding, counties were required to conduct an extensive, broad-based, community stakeholder planning process. The purpose of the process was to get community input on the identification of broad areas for prevention and early intervention activities and services. The Department, with the assistance of Harder + Company and the Latino Engagement Stakeholder Committee, reviewed a number of organizations that provide technical assistance in this area and selected Community Action Partnership (CAP).

**Community Action Partnership (\$75,000):** CAP will (1) design and implement effective outreach and engagement strategies and coordinate the community stakeholder input process in collaboration with Harder + Company; and (2) facilitate the process of identifying organizations that provide prevention early intervention activities. Based on this work, the Department will issue several requests for proposal and award contracts to organizations that provide prevention and early intervention services and activities.

**West County Community Services (\$30,000):** West County Community Services was selected through a competitive process to operate the Consumer and Family Empowerment Center located in Guerneville. The center provides a variety of peer support services to individuals with mental illness and their families. The requested additional funding will enable West County Community Services to continue the current level of services thus avoiding reductions.

**Buckelew Programs (\$228,840):** Buckelew Programs collaborates with MHD staff to provide services to clients in the Transitional Age Youth Intensive Services program (TAY) and the Forensic Assertive Community Treatment program. In addition, Buckelew provides employment services and supported independent living services to a variety of MHD mental health services clients. Finally, the Department contracts with Buckelew for the services of a Family Services Coordinator that assists families of individuals with mental illness to understand the system of care and find the right services for their loved one.

The amendment to the Buckelew services contract will increase the funding for TAY, employment, and supported independent living services, and facilitate the transformation of the mental health system of care.

**Southwest Community Health Centers (\$55,000):** Southwest Community Health Centers (SWCHC) provides mental health services to clients whose mental illness can successfully be treated in a primary care setting. As a part of system redesign, SWCHC provides care to approximately 150 clients formerly receiving care through the MHD Resource Team. The Department provides funding for staff to assist SWCHC to accommodate the additional clients. The proposed contract increase will provide additional client case management services.

**BACKGROUND** (continued)

**Harder + Company (\$80,560):** Following a competitive selection process conducted in the spring of 2005, the Department selected Harder + Company to provide technical assistance to improve service and administrative operations, and to assist the Department with the planning and implementation of the Mental Health Services Act in Sonoma County. The first contract was executed in FY 04-05 with a term through FY 05-06. The request for proposals provided for extensions of the contract based on work needed and funding through FY 07-08. Delays by the State Department of Mental Health have caused the implementation process for MHSA to be extended. There have been periods of time with little or no work for Harder + Company to perform. Most recently, Harder + Company has been assisting the Department with the planning process for the MHSA PEI component. The remaining work to be done through the end of this fiscal year includes setting up and managing a process for evaluation of proposals from community-based organizations to provide PEI services.

**Other Client Services Contracts:** The Department is requesting authority to amend or create new contracts in an amount not to exceed \$234,700. Contracts will be amended and/or awarded in accordance with county procurement procedures and the approved MHSA Plan. This authority enables the Department to quickly and efficiently provide clients with appropriate care. To accommodate changing service needs and capabilities it may be necessary, upon occasion, to contract with other mental health services providers not currently identified.

**Prudent Reserve:** The Mental Health Services Act requires that each county establish a Prudent Reserve equal to 50% of the current year's approved CSS funding. The Department will use \$600,000 of the FY 08-09 allocation to fund a portion of the reserve. The Department has a plan to fully fund the Prudent Reserve by 2011.

**Summary of Funds Usage:**

Community Action Partnership	\$75,000
West County Community Services	\$30,000
Buckelew	\$228,840
Southwest Community Health Center	\$55,000
Harder + Company	\$80,560
Other client services contracts/amendments	<u>\$234,700</u>
<b>Total Contract Amendments</b>	<b>\$704,100</b>
Prudent Reserve	\$600,000
Norton Center Remodel	\$597,239
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$1,901,339</b>

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The Department is appropriating \$1,901,339 in MHSA funds not included in the FY 08-09 Final Budget. If passed, Proposition 1E *Mental Health Funding Temporary Allocation*, will not impact funds that have already been allocated to counties. There is no contribution from the General Fund or use of Realignment.