

**COUNTY OF SONOMA  
AGENDA ITEM  
SUMMARY REPORT**

Clerk of the Board Use Only  
Meeting Date \_\_\_\_\_ Held Until \_\_\_\_\_  
Agenda Item No: \_\_\_\_\_ Agenda Item No: \_\_\_\_\_

**Department:** Health Services

**( ) 4/5 Vote Required**

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**Board Date:**  
5/5/2009

**Deadline for Board Action:**

**AGENDA SHORT TITLE:** Mental Health Services Act Housing Project – Windsor Redwoods

**REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:**

Authorize the Director of Health Services to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with Burbank Housing Development Corporation regarding Mental Health Services Act Funding for the Windsor Redwoods affordable housing development in Windsor, subject to County Counsel review, and any future amendments that do not significantly change the scope of work.

Authorize the Director of Health Services to submit an application to the California Department of Mental Health and the California Housing and Finance Administration on behalf of Burbank Housing Development Corporation for funding of the Windsor Redwoods housing project.

**CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**EXPENDITURES**

**ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL**

**Estimated Cost** \$

0 **Contingencies**  
(Fund Name: )

**Amount Budgeted**

**Unanticipated Revenue**  
(Source: )

**Other Avail Approp**  
(Explain below)

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

**Additional Requested:** \$

0 **Add'l Funds Requested:** \$ 0

**Explanation (if required):**

**Prior Board Action(s):** 1/8/2008– Authorized MOU with Burbank Housing Development Corporation to provide supported housing to mentally ill clients at Vida Nueva in Rohnert Park.

**Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:** Lost opportunity to provide supported housing for mentally ill clients.

**BACKGROUND:** (Note: The Memorandum of Understanding with Burbank Housing Development Corporation and the MHSA Funding Application are on file with the Clerk of the Board.)

In 2004, California voters passed the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) making funds available to support new, expanded, and enhanced mental health services. The MHSA goals are to transform the public mental health system, to promote high quality, more cost effective services, and to empower clients and family members to pursue and achieve hope, self-reliance, and recovery.

MHSA funding is divided into the following five categories:

- Community Services and Supports.
- Workforce Development, Education and Training.
- Prevention and Early Intervention.
- Capital Facilities and Technology.
- Innovative Programs.

In preparation for submitting its initial Community Services and Supports Plan to the California Department of Mental Health (CDMH), the Department conducted an extensive local stakeholder planning process to identify community priorities. Based on these priorities, the Department secured MHSA funding and implemented the following programs:

- Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) serves offenders referred by Mental Health Court by providing psychiatric consultation, medication management, group counseling, and substance abuse treatment referrals.
- Transition Age Youth (TAY) provides mental health services, case management, housing, employment services, and independent living skills education for clients ages 18-25 years.
- Family Advocacy Support and Treatment Team (FASTT) assists family members in accessing mental health and community services for children ages 8-12 years, and provides support and education to family members.
- Community Intervention Program (CIP) delivers integrated, community-based, multi-lingual mental health services countywide.
- Older Adult Team provides peer support and counseling services in collaboration with community organizations.
- Consumer Operated Services, including the Wellness Center in Santa Rosa and the Empowerment Center in Guerneville, provide employment programs, peer advocacy and counseling, assistance with medication, and transportation services.
- Supportive Housing Services provide mental health services at supported housing for seriously mentally ill clients.

The planning process identified housing as an important priority to the clients and the community, and prioritized a number of MHSA housing projects. Recognizing the importance of safe, affordable housing in fostering recovery from mental illness, the CDMH has allocated MHSA funding of \$400 million statewide, including \$4.5 million for Sonoma County, for the development and construction of housing for the mentally ill. The funding is to be used in partnership with the California Housing and Finance

**Attachments:** None.

**On File With Clerk:** Memorandum of Understanding between the Department and Burbank Housing Development Corporation; MHSA Funding Application.

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<b>Board Action</b> (If other than "Requested")	<b>Vote:</b>

**BACKGROUND:** (continued)

Administration (CalHFA) to leverage other federal and state funding supporting affordable housing projects. County mental health agencies must apply for this funding on behalf of the housing development organizations.

The Windsor Redwoods Housing Project is being developed by Burbank Housing Development Corporation (Burbank). The Windsor Redwoods L.P. (a limited partnership with Burbank as the general partner) will own the 65-unit apartment complex located in Windsor.

The Department will submit an application to CDMH and CalHFA on behalf of the Windsor Redwoods, L.P. for \$1,000,000 to develop the Windsor Redwoods Housing Project.

The Department will have guaranteed access to eight units for clients with serious mental illness and/or families with a seriously emotionally disturbed child. The Department will provide support services to ensure that clients placed at Windsor Redwoods successfully meet their obligations as tenants.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If approved, CalHFA will disburse the funds directly to Windsor Redwoods, L.P. If any of the parties fail to fulfill their obligations, funds may revert to the State in a manner consistent with the MHSA funding applications and agreements. There is no contribution from the General Fund or use of Realignment funds.