

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Department of Mental Health

SUBMITTAL DATE:
August 1, 2006

SUBJECT: Report on Mental Health Services

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors receive and file the attached Mental Health Services Report (Attachment A).

BACKGROUND: At the Board of Supervisors meeting on March 20, 2006, the Department of Mental Health was directed to provide an update concerning the mental health services programs and the implementation of Proposition 63, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA).

The attached report provides a: 1) financial update, 2) current status of the Proposition 63, and 3) information regarding mandated vs. non-mandated services.

Departmental Concurrence

Jerry Wengerd

Jerry Wengerd, Director
Department of Mental Health

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$	In Current Year Budget:
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$	Budget Adjustment:
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$	For Fiscal Year:

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

Lisa Brandt

County Executive Office Signature

Policy

Consent

Dep't Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 1.0, 3/20/06

District: All

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ATTACHMENT A
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
REPORT ON MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

August 1, 2006

BACKGROUND

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on March 20, 2006, the Director of the Department of Mental Health presented an update on the financial status of the mental health programs and the status of Proposition 63, Mental Health Services Act implementation. At that meeting the Board requested a quarterly update regarding mental health services.

This update focuses on three issues: 1) the financial update, 2) the current status of Proposition 63 programs, and 3) Board questions regarding mandated vs. non-mandated services.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The financial status issue, which is continuously monitored, is the structural deficit anticipated in 2007-2008 that was reported in the earlier Board meeting. On March 20, 2006, the Department anticipated using \$7.5 million from the Mental Health reserve fund to balance the 2005-2006 fiscal year budget. The actual reserve needed was \$6.3 million. This \$1.2 million saving was achieved primarily through salary savings. The Department is continuing to strategize how to lessen the 2007-2008 deficit and will provide another update in the next quarterly budget report.

PROPOSITION 63

Riverside County's Proposition 63, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), Community Services and Supports (CSS) Three-Year Plan was approved by the State Director of Mental Health on June 30, 2006, except for the one-time start up funds which is still in negotiation. Approval is expected in the next week.

The Department is now proceeding with recruitment and the RFP processes for the new Outpatient Recovery Centers and Peer Support Centers described below.

The immediate challenges will be to acquire new space throughout the county and to provide a great deal of training in the new program models. There will be three new outpatient recovery centers providing all the services needed for people with severe and long-term mental illness who have not received adequate care. There will also be three new centers for peer support providing training and community based services to help people sustain their recovery from acute illness. Both types of centers will be located in Riverside, Mid-County, and Coachella Valley. The Department is also collaborating with the City of Riverside to establish a center for homeless people who are mentally ill. It will be located with their Safehaven program at 2840 Hulen Place, Riverside when the lease is completed.

Approximately \$2.5 million is proposed for various housing proposals in collaboration with EDA, City of Riverside, HUD, and non-profit developers. Some will be living quarters for homeless people. Some will be additional board and care beds and over \$1 million will go toward apartments for permanent housing. All of these funds will be used within Riverside County. The Department will be using some of these funds to match other housing funds in order to qualify for the Governor's Housing initiative. Other partners working on this initiative are Coachella Valley Housing, Riverside Housing Development Association and Southern California Housing.

MANDATED VS. NON-MANDATED SERVICES

At the March 20, 2006, meeting, the Board asked the Director of Mental Health to provide additional information concerning mandated vs. non-mandated services. The mandate is two-fold: to serve people who have a severe and persistent mental illness, and to serve people who are in a life-threatening crisis.

The law does not prescribe how county programs will serve these people, however, it does require that emergency services and hospitalization be provided for people who need these services. The law also requires that the county provide conservatorship for people who cannot responsibly make their own decisions. All other services provided in County programs are designed to minimize or prevent the need for these most intrusive and expensive services.

Most people receiving care do not need hospitalization and conservatorship. But, if no other services existed, most would eventually need emergency services and the most intensive services. Most of the Mental Health Department's resources and efforts go toward alleviation of emotional suffering and prevention of hospitalization.

There are additional mandates that come about because of contract(s) with the State:

- Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal
- Medi-Cal Managed Care
- State Allocations for Homeless
- Mandated Services for students in special education
- Mental Health Services Act

Approximately 95% of the Mental Health expenditures go toward services for mandated and contracted populations.

Today in Riverside County:

- The number of people in acute hospitals: 71
- The number of people in long term, locked, nursing beds: 188
- The number of people on conservatorship: 555
- Number of people admitted on a 5150: 17
- Number of people receiving medication services: 5,225

The department will continue to provide updates to the Board via the quarterly budget reports.