

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

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FROM: Department of Mental Health

SUBMITTAL DATE:

July 10, 2012

SUBJECT: Initiation of Amendment to Riverside County Ordinances Nos. 722 and 724
All Districts

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt an order initiating an amendment to Riverside County Ordinances Nos. 722 and 724, which govern the assessment of fees for the Department of Mental Health; and
2. Direct the Riverside County Department of Mental Health to prepare and process the amendment to Riverside County Ordinances Nos. 722 and 724.

BACKGROUND: In 1992, the Riverside County Department of Mental Health (RCDMH) established mental health and substance abuse service rates, and has amended its service rate schedule in accordance with the Riverside County Board of Supervisors' Policy B-4. The RCDMH amended their current service rates through a Board of Supervisors action on August 16, 2011, Agenda Item 3.63. The current, proposed ordinance amendment would modify the previously established and Board approved rates to recover costs associated with providing mental health and substance abuse services. **(Continued on page 2)**

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Jerry Wengerd

Jerry Wengerd, Director of Mental Health

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	N/A	In Current Year Budget:
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year: 2012/2013

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
Debra Cournoyer
BY: Debra Cournoyer
Debra Cournoyer

County Executive Office Signature

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: *Elena M. Boeva* 7-16-12
DATE: _____
ELENA M. BOEVA
Departmental Concurrence

Policy
 Policy
 Consent
 Consent

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

SUBJECT: Initiation of Amendment to Riverside County Ordinances Nos. 722 and 724.

BACKGROUND: (continued)

FINANCIAL DATA:

The approval of this ordinance amendment will result in no additional cost to the County.

Furthermore, any rates set by RCDMH will not prohibit any citizen of Riverside County from receiving services because the department is mandated to utilize a sliding scale to determine a patient's ability to pay. The sliding scales established by the State and County ensure that the assessment of a fee to a patient corresponds with their ability to pay, and eliminates unnecessary collection efforts for patients who are unable to pay any established Board approved rates for services received. The sliding scales take into consideration family income and number of dependents in determining a client's ability to pay.