

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



**FROM:** Supervisors Marion Ashley and John J. Benoit

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
June 30, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Reform Mental Health Services—H.R. 2646, H.R. 1854, S.B. 993 and H.R. 731

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Support Bills H.R. 2646, H.R. 1854, S.B. 993 and H.R. 731.

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

**H.R. 2646:** Rep. Murphy, Tim [R- Pennsylvania-18]

The federal Government spends \$130 billion annually on mental health. Yet, over the last 20 years the rates of violence, suicide, homelessness, victimization, and incarceration among the mentally ill have increased.

The House Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations revealed that those who need help the most have been getting it the least. An astounding forty percent of Americans with a serious mental illness (SMI) are not receiving treatment.

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*John J. Benoit*  
John J. Benoit, Vice Chairman  
Fourth District Supervisor

*Marion Ashley*  
Marion Ashley, Chairman  
Fifth District Supervisor

Departmental Concurrence

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$	\$	\$	\$	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$	\$	\$	\$	
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b>				<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	
				For Fiscal Year:	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

**County Executive Office Signature**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- A-30
- Positions Added
- 4/5 Vote
- Change Order

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:**

**District:** All

**Agenda Number:**

**3-24**

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary (continued)**

**H.R. 2646:**

Reforms the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration. The bill targets reforms in the following areas:

- Drives Evidence-Based Care and Innovation
- Further Refines Mental Health & Substance Abuse
- Improves Transition from One Level of Care to Another
- Fixes Shortage of Crisis Mental Health Beds
- Reaching Underserved and Rural Populations
- Focus on Mental Health Workforce
- Advances Early Intervention and Prevention Programs
- Alternatives to Institutionalization
- Focus on Suicide Prevention
- Advances Integration between Primary & Behavioral Care

**H.R. 1854 and S.B. 993:** Rep. Collins, Doug [R-Georgia-9], Sen. Franken, Al [D- Minnesota]

The Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health Act (CJMHA), H.R. 1854 and S.B. 993 reforms Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act (MIOTCR) and authorize the Attorney General to make grants to an eligible entity for sequential intercept mapping and implementation.

- Continues support for mental health courts and crisis intervention teams, both of which save lives and money;
- Includes new grant accountability measures and emphasizes the use of evidence-based practices that have been proven effective through empirical evidence;
- Authorizes investments in veterans treatment courts, which serve arrested veterans who suffer from Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), substance addiction, and other mental health conditions;
- Supports state and local efforts to identify people with mental health conditions at each point in the criminal justice system in order to appropriately direct them to mental health services;
- Supports the development of curricula for police academies and orientations;
- Supports the development of programs to train federal law enforcement officers in how to respond appropriately to incidents involving a person with mental health condition;
- Increases focus on corrections-based programs, like transitional services that reduce recidivism rates and screening practices that identify inmates with mental health conditions; and
- Gives local officers greater control over program participation eligibility.

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FORM 11: H.R. 2646, H.R. 1854, S.B. 993 and H.R. 731 - Reform Mental Health Services**

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**H.R. 731:** Rep. Nugent, Richard B. [R-Florida-11]

Amends the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004 to: (1) expand the assistance provided under such Act, and (2) reauthorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016-fiscal year 2020.

Authorizes the Attorney to award grants to establish or expand:

- Veterans treatment court programs
- Peer to peer services or programs to assist such veterans in obtaining treatment, recovery, stabilization, or rehabilitation;
- Training programs to teach criminal justice, law enforcement, corrections, mental health, and substance abuse personnel how to identify and respond to incidents involving such veterans.

Revises the definition of "preliminary qualified offender" to include, in the case of a veterans treatment court program, an adult or juvenile accused of an offense who has been diagnosed with, or manifests obvious signs of, mental illness or a substance abuse disorder or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse disorder.

Authorizes the Attorney General to award grants to enhance the capabilities of a correctional facility to:

- Identify and screen for mentally ill inmates; develop, implement, and enhance post-release transition plans that coordinate services and public benefits, the availability of mental health care and substance abuse treatment services, alternatives to solitary confinement and segregated housing, and mental health screening and treatment for inmates placed in solitary confinement or segregated housing.

Authorizes the Attorney General to make grants to provide support for programs that teach law enforcement personnel how to identify and respond to incidents involving persons with such disorders.

Directs the Attorney General to give priority in awarding grants for adult or juvenile collaboration programs to applications that:

- Propose interventions that have been shown by empirical evidence to reduce recidivism; and
- Use validated assessment tools to target preliminarily qualified offenders with a moderate or high risk of recidivism and a need for treatment and services.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

**SUPPLEMENTAL:**

**Additional Fiscal Information**

**Contract History and Price Reasonableness**