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



FROM: Department of Mental Health

June 25, 2013

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 Department of Mental Health to prepare and process the amendment to Riverside County Ordinances Nos. 722 and 724.

BACKGROUND: In 1992, the Department of Mental Health (DMH) 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. (Continued on page 2)

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost: Current F.Y. Net County Cost: Annual Net County Cost:	N/A \$ 0 \$ 0	Budget Adjustr	In Current Year Budget: Budget Adjustment: For Fiscal Year: 2013/2014	
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APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Tavaglione, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes:

Jeffries, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley

None

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Mental Health, Auditor, Co.Co.

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 8/16/11 3.63 District: All Agenda Number:

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BACKGROUND: (continued)

The DMH amended their current service rates through a Board of Supervisors action on August 16, 2011, Agenda Item 3.63.

Through this Initiation of Amendment, the DMH is seeking Board authority to allow the department to review its current service costs and prepare amended rates if necessary.

FISCAL:

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

Furthermore, any rates set by DMH 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.