

DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

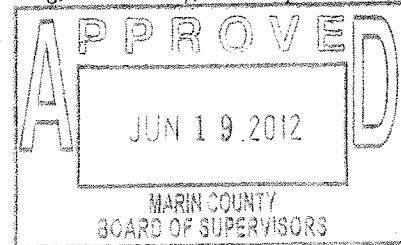
Promoting and protecting health, well-being, self-sufficiency, and safety of all in Marin County.

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES DIVISION: AMENDMENT TO THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (MHSA) INNOVATION PLAN

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Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATIONS: Authorize the President to approve an Amendment to the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Innovation Plan to use the MHSA Innovation funds for construction, instead of MHSA Community Services and Support (CSS) funds.

SUMMARY: On August 2, 2011, the Board of Supervisors accepted the MHSA Innovation funding from the California Department of Mental Health for the Client Choice Hospital Prevention Program. This will create an alternative to locked, involuntary treatment for Marin County residents experiencing psychiatric emergencies. It will be an important addition to the system of mental health care for adults and older adults. Last year over 90% of the admissions to acute psychiatric hospitals from the county's Psychiatric Emergency Services were involuntary. That means that most clients did not want the treatment they received. By creating a community based alternative to the locked hospital, clients will find assistance in resolving crisis situations on a voluntary basis and will be assisted to return to their pre-crisis level of functioning. Prior to a crisis, CMHS clients will be encouraged to create their own Crisis Plan, similar to an advanced directive for health care. The program plan has been approved by the State Department of Mental Health.

The MHSA funding for the existing program plan includes: \$800,000 for the remodel of an existing 6-bed facility using unspent MHSA CSS funds; and \$1,481,800 for program operation costs using MHSA Innovation funds. Of the \$1,481,800 of Innovation funds, a total of \$804,000 is at risk of reversion back to the State if not obligated or encumbered by June 30, 2012.

Community Mental Health Services has selected Buckelew Programs to be the provider of services through a request for proposal process. The facility remodel was expected to begin sometime in the middle of the current fiscal year. However, due to various planning, administrative and logistical challenges, the project implementation has been delayed by a few months.

The proposed funding changes were documented and posted for thirty (30) days on the Marin County Mental Health Services webpage for public comment and feedback beginning on May 11, 2012. A legal notice ran in the Marin IJ seeking public comments and feedback as well. No comments or feedback were received by the deadline, June 10, 2012.

Due to the delay in implementation, Marin Community Mental Health Services is proposing to adjust the MHSA component funding for the Client Choice Hospital Prevention Program to use \$804,000 of MHSA Innovation funds for the remodel of the facility instead of using MHSA Community Services and Supports (CSS) funds as originally proposed. This funding shift will prevent Innovation funds from reverting back to the State.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS: The Client Choice Hospital Prevention Program will assist mental health clients in developing their own crisis plans, similar to an advanced directive for healthcare. This gives them voice and choice in how they can best be helped in times of crisis. In developing their plans, many clients will choose to use the innovative crisis residential program that provides a voluntary, less expensive, less institutional alternative to acute psychiatric hospital admissions.

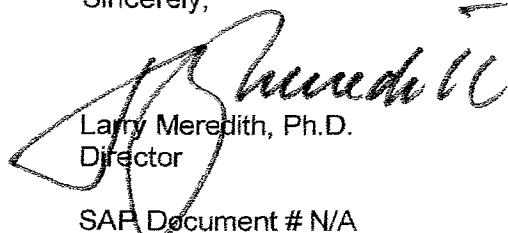
FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT:

The funds for this Agreement are included in the community mental health budget in fund center 100047000. The shift in funding between MHSA CSS and Innovation funds have no effect on the existing net budget. The cost is fully funded with MHSA funds. There is no net county cost associated with this request.

REVIEWED BY:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | County Counsel | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | N/A |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Human Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | N/A |

Sincerely,



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Below is the schedule for the proposed budget adjustment.

	Description	MHSA Innovation Funds	MHSA Community Services and Supports (CSS) Funds	Total
State-Approved MHSA Plan				
Client Choice - Hospital Prevention Program (CSS)	Building Remodel and Rehabilitation		\$800,000	\$800,000
Client Choice - Hospital Prevention Program (Innovation)	Program Operations	\$1,481,800		\$1,481,800
Total		\$1,481,800	\$800,000	\$2,281,800

Proposed MHSA Plan Amendment				
Client Choice - Hospital Prevention Program (Innovation)	Building Remodel and Rehabilitation	\$804,000		\$804,000
Client Choice - Hospital Prevention Program (CSS)	Program Operations	\$677,800	\$800,000	\$1,477,800
Total		\$1,481,800	\$800,000	\$2,281,800

30-Day Public Notification

This document was posted on the HHS Website for 30 days for public comments. No comments were received.

**MARIN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) PLAN AMENDMENT
CLIENT CHOICE - HOSPITAL PREVENTION PROGRAM
MAY 2012**

Background:

After an involved community planning process, it was decided that Marin's Innovation Project would be the Client Choice and Hospital Prevention Program. This will create an alternative to locked, involuntary treatment for Marin County residents experiencing psychiatric emergencies. It will be an important addition to the system of mental health care for adults and older adults. Last year over 90% of the admissions to acute psychiatric hospitals from the county's Psychiatric Emergency Services were involuntary. That means that most clients did not want the treatment they received. By creating a community based alternative to the locked hospital clients will find assistance in resolving crisis situations on a voluntary basis and will be assisted to return to their pre-crisis level of functioning. Prior to a crisis CMHS clients will be encouraged to create their own Crisis Plan, similar to an advanced directive for health care. The program plan has been approved by the State Department of Mental Health.

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