

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

June 22, 2021

FROM

VERONICA KELLEY, Director, Department of Behavioral Health

SUBJECT

Renewal Application for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant SFY 2021-22

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Approve and authorize the submission of the grant renewal application to the California Department of Health Care Services, Mental Health Services Division, in the amount of \$5,233,073, for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Community Mental Health Services Block Grant for the provision of behavioral health services to adults living with a chronic behavioral health condition and to children diagnosed with a serious emotional disturbance, for the agreement period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
2. Designate the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health, as the County Mental Health Director, to sign and submit the grant application documents, as required by the California Department of Health Care Services, on behalf of the County, subject to review by County Counsel.
3. Direct the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health, as the County Mental Health Director, to transmit all grant renewal documents in relation to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Community Mental Health Services Block Grant to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within 30 days of execution.

(Presenter: Veronica Kelley, Director, 388-0801)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner.

Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This item does not impact Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The proposed allocation amount of \$5,233,073 is administered by the California Department of Health Care Services (State) and funded through the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG). The SAMHSA MHBG application does not require a match.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

DBH will use this funding to continue to provide behavioral health services to adults living with a chronic behavioral health condition and to children diagnosed with a serious emotional

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disturbance (SED). The renewal application must be submitted to the State no later than June 25, 2021.

DBH has been a direct recipient of MHBG funds since 1982. The \$5,233,073 proposed allocation from the State will allow DBH to continue providing behavioral health services to SED children and adults experiencing a severe behavioral health condition and/or co-occurring disorder by utilizing the annual funding as follows:

- \$495,777 for the Children's System of Care program (Juvenile Justice Community Reintegration) with the goal to serve an estimated 125 SED children at an average cost of \$3,966 per child. DBH partners with Probation to assist detained minors and those re-entering the community by providing quality assessment and treatment interventions tailored to meet their behavioral health needs. Services include case management, home and school visits, counseling, and linkage to other needed academic and job related services.
- \$3,675,065 for the Adult System of Care – Residential Programs (Adult Continuing Care Program Long Term Care); Enhanced Board and Care; Adult Criminal Justice; Housing Solutions Program; Lakeside Special Care; Triage, Engagement and Support Teams; Placement After Stabilization and Premier Program with the goal to serve an estimated 1,146 adult consumers at an average cost of \$3,207 per adult consumer. DBH partners with other community agencies in San Bernardino County to assist adult consumers at-risk of long-term institutionalization or acute psychiatric hospitalization, adult consumers that have been discharged from locked facilities, or adult consumers involved in the criminal justice system. DBH provides appropriate placement and/or intensive behavioral health services, including case management and individual treatment services, with a focus on successful reintegration into the community, while assisting them in achieving their optimal level of self-sufficiency and independence in both residential placement and outpatient treatment settings.
- \$1,062,231 for the Adult System of Care Programs targeting at-risk adult consumers with co-occurring disorders, which may include involvement in the criminal justice system (Cedar House Co-Occurring Residential Care; Transitional Alliance Program; and Co-Occurring Residential for Consumers Involved in the Criminal Justice System) with the goal to serve an estimated 284 adults at an average cost of \$3,740 per adult consumer. These programs serve adult consumers with both behavioral health and/or co-occurring disorder treatment needs through consumer and family driven services addressing the disparity and gaps in behavioral health services with the goal of decreasing hospitalizations and incarcerations.

On May 17, 2021, the State released SAMHSA MHBG Letter No. 21-01 notifying DBH of the release of the State Fiscal Year 2021-22 Planning Estimate and Renewal Application Instructions for the non-competitive MHBG. DBH will return to the Board of Supervisors to accept the grant award following the receipt of the approval letter.

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PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by Behavioral Health Contracts (Natalie Kessee, Contracts Manager, 388-0869) on May 27, 2021; County Counsel (Dawn Martin, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on May 27, 2021; Finance (Christopher Lange, Administrative Analyst, 386-8393) on June 4, 2021; and County Finance and Administration (Tanya Bratton, Deputy Executive Officer, 388-0332) on June 4, 2021.

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Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors
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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Joe Baca, Jr. Seconded: Dawn Rowe
Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Janice Rutherford, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: June 22, 2021



cc: DBH - Kelley w/grant app for sign
File - Behavioral Health w/attach
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