



San Bernardino County

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

October 6, 2020

FROM

MARLENE HAGEN, Director, Children and Family Services

VERONICA KELLEY, Director, Department of Behavioral Health

SUBJECT

Memorandum of Understanding with Inland Counties Regional Center

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Approve non-financial Memorandum of Understanding between Children and Family Services, Department of Behavioral Health and Inland Counties Regional Center, to collaborate on services for children, non-minor dependents, and families with developmental disabilities for the period of October 7, 2020 through April 30, 2025.

(Presenter: Marlene Hagen, Director, 388-0242)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The recommended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is non-financial; therefore, it does not impact Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Under the terms of the recommended MOU, Children and Family Services (CFS) and the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) will collaborate with the Inland Counties Regional Center (IRC) to meet the service needs of children, non-minor dependents, and families. The collaboration will help identify and close gaps to avoid duplication in the service plans of the clients served by these agencies.

CFS protects endangered children, preserves and strengthens their families, and develops alternative family settings. Services, as mandated by law and regulations, are provided in the least intrusive manner with a family-centered focus. This mission is accomplished by working with the family, a wide variety of public and private agencies, and members of the community.

DBH is responsible for providing mental health and substance use disorder services to County residents who are experiencing major mental illness, substance abuse, and other addictions. One part of the service delivery system consists of providing services to San Bernardino County residents with a developmental disability also suffering from a mental illness.

IRC is a non-profit agency that has provided support to individuals with developmental disabilities since 1972. IRC is a part of a statewide network of regional centers established by the state of California to provide services under the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Lanterman Act). The Lanterman Act, passed in 1977, extended the state's existing regional center network of services for the developmentally disabled, while mandating provision of services and supports that meet both the needs and choices of each individual. Under its contract with the California Department of Developmental Services, IRC provides case finding, assessment, counseling, and case management services, as specified in the Lanterman Act, to San Bernardino and Riverside County residents with a developmental disability.

The recommended MOU defines roles and responsibilities of CFS, DBH, and IRC in providing support to children, non-minor dependents, and families who are identified as eligible for services from any of the three agencies in order to help to ensure continuity of care, and avoid duplication of efforts while closing gaps in service plans.

PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by Human Services Contracts (Jennifer Mulhall-Daudel, Contracts Manager, 388-0241) on September 22, 2020; County Counsel (Michael Markel, Principal Assistant County Counsel, 387-5455) on September 11, 2020; Finance (John Hallen, Administrative Analyst, 388-0208 and Christopher Lange, Administrative Analyst, 386-8393) on September 21, 2020; and County Finance and Administration (Tanya Bratton, Deputy Executive Officer, 388-0332) on September 21, 2020.