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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Shelli Brobst for Randy Snowden - Director  
Health & Human Services  
**REPORT BY:** Douglas Hawker, Asst Behav Hlth Care Manager, 259-8662  
**SUBJECT:** Status report on the Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63)

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Health and Human Services and the Acting Mental Health Director to present a status report on the Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63) community planning process and the resulting Napa County Community Services and Support Plan which will be submitted to the California Department of Mental Health.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Director of Health and Human Services and the Acting Mental Health Director will present a status report on Napa County's Three-year Community Services and Support Plan developed in accordance with the Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63).

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      No

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) took effect January 1, 2005, with the passage of Proposition 63. This state

law imposes an additional 1% tax on the portion of any California taxpayer's annual taxable income in excess of one million dollars. Each year, funding from this Act will be made available to counties to give priority attention to serious mental illness among children, adults, and seniors, based on an allocation methodology developed by the California Department of Mental Health (DMH). The MHSA includes six components eligible for funding: (1) community planning; (2) community services and supports; (3) education and training; (4) prevention and early intervention; (5) facilities and information technology; and (6) innovative programs. The community planning component was funded with an initial planning grant of \$95,780.

Napa County's Three-year Community Services and Supports Plan (CSSP), which is required for funding the community services and supports component of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), has been finalized for submittal to the State Department of Mental Health. The CSSP meets the requirements of the MHSA and adds approximately 1.1 million dollars per year to fund community services and supports. The Health and Human Services Agency will provide an overview of the Community Services and Supports Plan and a status report on Mental Health Services Act planning.

The CSSP process included the following steps:

- | The Health and Human Services Agency initiated an extensive, nine-month community planning process to gather input from mental health consumers, family members, and other stakeholders on the types of mental health services and supports that would best meet their needs. Through community education and discussion forums held throughout the County, individual surveys, consumer, staff, professional and community level focus groups, and other planning activities that engaged over seven hundred individuals, we learned what the community would like to see in regard to our mental health service system.
- | Based on the community input received, HHS developed a draft Community Services and Supports Plan (CSSP).
- | The draft CSSP was posted for public comment from December 12, 2005 to January 12, 2006. The Mental Health Advisory Board convened a public hearing on January 12, 2006 for final public input on the plan. Public comments received during the public review and public hearing process were incorporated in the final plan, and the Mental Health Advisory Board offered its support of the Community Services and Supports Plan.
- | HHS is submitting the finalized CSSP to the DMH, which has up to ninety days to approve the plan and allocate the funding that will allow us to implement these services.
- | Along with submittal of the CSSP, HHS will submit a request to DMH for one-time funding of start-up costs and activities related to the CSSP.

In addition to the annual 1.1 million dollars for the CSSP, Napa County anticipates receiving additional annual State funding for the remaining four MHSA components: (1) education and training; (2) prevention and early intervention; (3) facilities and information technology; and (4) innovative programs. The process for allocating funding for these four components is still being finalized at the State level.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita