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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Actions regarding California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) Inter-Member Transfer Program

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests adoption of a resolution authorizing:

1. County's participation in the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) Inter-Member Transfer Program;
2. Transfer of \$23,474 to CalMHSA, as required by the Inter-Member Transfer Program Participation Agreement (Participation Agreement), for the first quarter with continuous funding thereafter, in an amount determined after first quarter assessment of actual services;
3. CalMHSA to act on behalf of County to transfer funds to receiving county, consistent with the provisions of the Participation Agreement and Welfare and Institution Code section 14717.1; and
4. Deputy Director of Health and Human Services Agency (HHS)/Acting Mental Health Director or the Mental Health Director to sign the Participation Agreement on behalf of County.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

County is already a member of the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA), a joint powers authority created to perform administrative and fiscal services on behalf of its members. The purpose of today's requested action is to authorize Napa's participation in the CalMHSA Inter-Member Transfer Program to facilitate prompt payments between counties as required by Welfare and Institutions Code section 14717.1.

CalMHSA established a banking pool for payment of presumptive transfers. Napa's initial contribution will be \$23,474, with ongoing participation level determined by Napa County Foster Youth service use in out of county placement. These funds will be transferred to CalMHSA, which will use it to provide the match to counties that receive and serve Napa County foster children.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Health & Human Services Mental Health
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Although approval to enter into the CalMHSA Inter-Member Transfer Program Participation Agreement is discretionary, it will enable HHSA to facilitate prompt payments of mandated services between counties as required by Welfare and Institutions Code section 1417.1
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	These funds are included in the approved Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget and will be included in future fiscal year appropriations accordingly.
Consequences if not approved:	This agreement is designed to support Napa County's legal responsibility to ensure provision of services for foster children placed out of county. If this agreement is not approved access to Mental Health services for foster children who are placed outside of Napa County will be impacted.
Additional Information:	

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

Counties who provide foster youth specialty mental health services (SMHS) are reimbursed through federal financial participation (FFP) and county match through Medi-Cal billing. Recent amendments to the Welfare and Institution code change the responsibility of these services from the county of jurisdiction to the county of residence in which the foster youth resides. Approval of this item will allow foster children who are placed outside of Napa County to access specialty mental health services (SMHS) in a timely manner. It will also allow Napa County to be reimbursed timely for specialty mental health services provided to foster children placed by other jurisdictions in Napa County.

Under the Welfare and Institution Code § 14717.1, responsibility for providing or arranging for specialty mental health services shall promptly transfer from the county of original jurisdiction to the county in which a foster child resides, subject to any exceptions established pursuant to that section. This is known as "presumptive transfer." Implementation of this statute requires a system for counties to make prompt payments to each other. Under this program, CalMHSA acts as a fiscal agent for participating counties to make and receive transfer payments. Approval of this action supports Medi-Cal entitlement (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment) service delivery that is mandatory to be available as needed for Foster Youth.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Ben Guerrieri