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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: JoAnn Melgar for HOWARD HIMES - Director
Health & Human Services Administration

REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Contracts Manager - 253-4720

SUBJECT: Public Hearing Considering Adoption of a Resolution establishing a revised Mental Health Services Fee Schedule

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests the Board conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of a resolution establishing a revised Mental Health Services fee schedule.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The revised fee schedule provides a required element in the County's Health and Human Services Agency's (HHSA) mental health program structure—specifically, a schedule of published client fees for each mental health service that HHSA provides. If the resolution is adopted, all of the County's mental health fees will be set at the maximum rates the County can bill to federal pay sources and will be in effect until revised by the Board.

PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Open Public Hearing.
2. Staff reports.
3. Public comment.
4. Close Public Hearing.
5. Motion, second, discussion and vote on the item.

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?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	As of July 1, 2012, in accordance with AB 1297, the County can claim a rate based on actual costs of services. The rates for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 were calculated using the most current Mental Health Cost Report from Fiscal Year 2013-2014. The department will continue to use this methodology for calculating future fiscal year rates.
Consequences if not approved:	If the resolution is not adopted, the County will not have a Board-established Mental Health fee schedule for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
Additional Information:	

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Adoption of the resolution is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15273(a)(1) and (2) in that the proposed fees are for the purpose, and do not exceed the reasonable cost to the County, of operating expenses and/or the purchasing of supplies, equipment and materials to provide the services noted.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Board adoption is requested of a resolution establishing a revised schedule of published client fees for mental health services provided by the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and thereafter until further revisions are approved.

To bill federal pay sources for reimbursement, federal and state regulations require the County to set a client fee schedule for the mental health services it provides and to charge clients for the services on the basis of each client's ability to pay. The revised fee schedule provides the basis for determining how much each client must pay. While the actual revenue that the County receives from client fees is low (since it is based on clients' ability to pay), the County is nevertheless required to set and charge client fees. The clients' ability to pay is based on their eligibility and a prescribed State Uniform Method of Determining the Ability to Pay ("UMDAP") sliding scale.

In accordance with AB 1297, the County may claim a rate based on the actual costs of services. The rates for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 were calculated using the Mental Health Cost Report for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and, if the resolution is adopted, the revised schedule for all of the County's mental health fees will be set at the Fiscal Year 2013-14 actual cost of service.

This item is specifically exempt from the voting requirements of Article XIIC of the California Constitution because, when charges to a client are less than the County's rate, the difference between the amount charged and the County's rate is not subsidized by higher payments from others; the balance is funded by Mental Health Realignment or County General Funds.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Resolution adopting Mental Health Fees - Clean Copy
- B . Mental Health Fees, Exhibit A - Tracked changes

CEO Recommendation: Approve
Reviewed By: Karen Collins