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TO: Board of Supervisors

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Health & Human Services Operations

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SUBJECT: Grant Agreement with California Health Facilities Financing Authority (Crisis Stabilization Unit Grant)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chairman to accept a grant and sign a grant agreement with the California Health Facilities Financing Authority for a maximum of \$1,998,183.38, for the term December 3, 2015 through June 30, 2017 for construction of a Crisis Stabilization Unit.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Napa County's first four-bed Crisis Stabilization Unit ("CSU") will provide emergency psychiatric services to approximately 2,190 individuals per year who are experiencing a mental health crisis. Grant monies may be used only for site construction/renovation and limited start up costs. Potential sites include Queen of the Valley Medical Center and Napa County HHSA South Campus.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	California Health Facilities Finance Authority (CHFFA)
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	While approval of this action is discretionary the acceptance of this grant will allow HHSA MH Division to develop Napa County's first Crisis Stabilization

	Unit (CSU), which will provide emergency psychiatric services.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	This agreement is through June 30, 2017, and will be included in future fiscal year appropriations.
Consequences if not approved:	If this agreement is not approved the Agency will lose out on available funding for emergency psychiatric services.
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

The Mental Health Division of Napa County Health and Human Services will develop a four-bed Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) to serve individuals experiencing a mental health crisis, with funding from the California Health Facilities Finance Authority (CHFFA). Grant funds may be used for the construction/renovation of the CSU site, purchase of furnishings and equipment, and information technology costs. Potential CSU sites under consideration include the Queen of the Valley Medical Center and the Napa County HHSA South Campus.

The CSU will be the first one in Napa County and will fill in existing gaps in the County's Continuum of Care by providing access to emergency psychiatric services that are complementary to current resources. Staff estimates that the new CSU will serve approximately 2,190 clients on an annual basis. The target population for the new CSU will be all individuals who are in psychiatric crisis, including clients and family members of clients who seek services through self-referrals, as well as client referrals from first responders such as police, sheriffs, paramedics, ambulance and hospital emergency departments. The CSU will serve individuals experiencing a first psychiatric crisis, as well as those who have a history of the need for such services. In addition to serving individuals who are suicidal, self-harming or are a potential threat to others as a result of a mental health condition, the CSU will serve clients whose mental health conditions result in involvement with law enforcement and/or emergency medical service providers.

The goals of the new CSU are to:

1. Provide the first emergency psychiatric crisis service in Napa County;
2. Expand access to early intervention and treatment services to improve the consumer experience, and help clients achieve recovery and wellness;
3. Divert mental health consumers from hospitalization and other institutional care to more appropriate, less restrictive levels of care;
4. Reduce the negative impacts of extended hospital emergency room stays on mental health consumers and local hospital emergency departments; and
5. Enable first responders to quickly transition consumers to crisis mental health services.

Funding for the CSU was awarded to the Mental Health Division by CHFFA's Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program in the amount of \$1,998,183.38.

Operational costs of the CSU will be offset by savings from agency wide reorganization of emergency mental health services.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Collins