



Board Agenda Item 34

DATE: August 9, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Susan L. Holt, Director, Department of Behavioral Health

SUBJECT: California Mental Health Services Authority Participation Agreement

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Participation Agreement with California Mental Health Services Authority to provide support in developing Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program projects, effective upon execution through June 30, 2024, total not to exceed \$200,590.

There is no additional Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. The Department of Behavioral Health is responsible for meeting select milestones required to complete the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program (BHQIP) deliverables in areas including payment reform, policy changes, and data exchange. Approval of the recommended action will ensure the Department is able to meet the milestones and remain in compliance with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). This item is countywide.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

There is no viable alternative action. If your Board does not approve the recommended action, the Department would be out of compliance with DHCS milestone requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. The maximum amount of the recommended agreement shall not exceed \$200,590 and will be fully offset with Realignment funds. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues are included in the Department's Org 5630 FY 2022-23 Recommended Budget and will be included in future budget requests.

DISCUSSION:

On September 14, 2010, the Board approved Agreement No. 10-489 with the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) authorizing the Department to join the CalMHSA Joint Powers Authority (JPA), to develop, implement, administer, and provide fiscal oversight of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA).

On June 18, 2013, the Board approved Amendment No. 10-489-1 with CalMHSA, broadening the stated purpose for the JPA to allow CalMHSA to perform additional services for behavioral health departments acting alone or in collaboration, which included but was not limited to data management, research, and development.

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Department to work with CalMHSA to develop and implement strategies required to meet DHCS milestones in the BQHIP, which will be governed by CalMHSA

Agreement and Bylaws. CalMHSA's primary responsibilities will be to develop these projects to support counties in meeting required BHQIP deliverables and implementing the CalAIM transformation. The projects are identified in the following categories: Payment Reform, Policy Changes, and Data Exchange categories.

- Project 1 (Payment Reform) - CalMHSA will work with the Department to draft updated subcontracted provider boilerplate language to incorporate new code sets and claiming requirements in order to meet the Milestone 1a(iii) requirement.
- Project 2 (Policy Changes) - CalMHSA will conduct a landscape analysis of documentation audit practices and draft an updated Utilization Management protocol to comply with best practices and updated document audit standards to meet the Milestone 2d(iv) requirement.
- Project 3 (Data Exchange) - CalMHSA will collaborate with the Department to receive and analyze Managed Care Plan data for the July 2022/July 2023 measurement period and analyze the data to establish Department baseline performance to meet the Milestone 3d(i) requirement.
- Project 4 (Optional Data Exchange Services) - CalMHSA will support the Department in developing and implementing Performance Improvement Projects (identifying, implementing, and tracking interventions to improve performance related to measures indicated under Milestone 3d(i)) to meet Milestones 3d(i), 3d(ii), 3d(iii) requirements.

Additional Professional Services (project management clinical training and policy changes implementation support) will be used to further assist in developing communication strategies for the entire network of care and training resources.

Selecting to participate in all four (4) Projects will ensure each Milestone deadline is met.

The recommended agreement varies from the standard County templates as it was drafted by CalMHSA and is utilized by CalMHSA to execute Participation Agreements with multiple counties and is consistent statewide. The Agreement with CalMHSA requires a six-month advance written notice to terminate. It is disclosed that the County's insurance language and limits are not contained within this Agreement. The Department believes that the benefits of the recommended agreement outweigh any potential risk and recommends approval of the agreement.

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - CalMHSA Participation Agreement

CAO ANALYST:

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