July 30, 2013

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Division of Mental Health and Substance Use Services request to consider adoption of a Resolution to revise the Schedule of Charge Rates for community mental health system of care services for FY 2013-2014.

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize President to adopt a Resolution revising the rate/charge schedule for the community mental health system of care treatment services for FY 2013-2014 provided by the Division of Mental Health and Substance Use Services (MHSUS).

SUMMARY: A fee study was conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services MHSUS, which indicates that the current charge rates for mental health services system of care are below the projected cost of services. The current rate schedule for the Division of Mental Health and Substance Use Services was approved on January 29, 2013. The proposed rate revision ensures that the Department maximizes its Medi-Cal revenues.

The State requires that clients who are not on Medi-Cal or another insurance program be charged on a State-established sliding fee schedule, based on income, family size, and other factors which determine a client's ability to pay. We base our rates on the latest mental health cost report, adjusted by 3.5% increase each fiscal year.

FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT: This increase will allow us to maximize potential revenue from third party payers. There is no increase in net county cost associated with this request.

REVIEWED BY:

☑️ County Administrator ☐ N/A
☑️ Department of Finance ☐ N/A
☑️ County Counsel ☐ N/A
☐ Human Resources ☑️ N/A

Sincerely,

Larry Meredith, Ph.D.
Director