October 25, 2016

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

SUBJECT: Update from the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services regarding implementation of service expansion.

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION:
1. Receive Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services update on service expansion.

SUMMARY: On February 2, 2016, your Board accepted the Department’s recommendation to expand evidence-based behavioral health services as alternatives to implementing AB 1421. Rather than adopt AB1421, which the Department determined showed insufficient evidence of added value, the Department took steps to expand system capacity and evidence-based programs that would help more people and improve the system of care. The Department returned to the Board on June 20, 2016 with an update, describing the steps being taken to expand capacity in several areas in order to better serve our community.

Today, the Department returns to provide your Board with another update.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal component associated with the acceptance of this report.

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Respectfully submitted,

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