June 4, 2019

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

SUBJECT:  Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS), requests adoption of two resolutions to: 1) revise the FY 2018-19 Schedule of Charges for County-operated mental health system of care services and 2) establish the FY 2019-20 Schedule of Charges for County-operated mental health system of care services and for County-operated substance use treatment services.

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the President to adopt two resolutions to:
1) Revise the FY 2018-19 Schedule of Charges for County-operated mental health system of care services.
2) Establish the FY 2019-20 Schedule of Charges for County-operated mental health system of care services and for County-operated substance use treatment services.

SUMMARY: The Department’s Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) conducted a fee analysis that indicates the current charges for mental health system of care services are below the projected cost of services for both the current fiscal year and for FY 2019-20. A similar analysis indicated the current charges for its county operated substance use treatment services are also below the projected cost of services for FY 2019-20. The analyses were based on the latest mental health cost report, increased by approximately 3% each fiscal year based on the average percentage of annual historical cost increases.

The current BHRS Schedules of Charges were approved by your Board on June 5, 2018. The proposed rate revisions ensure that BHRS maximizes its Medi-Cal and other health coverage revenues.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT: Please note that very few clients will pay the rates reflected in the revised charge schedule. The State requires that clients who are not full scope Medi-Cal or who are not insured by other health benefits 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.

FISCAL IMPACT: There will be no increase in General Fund Net County cost as a result of your Board’s approval. The proposed rate revisions more accurately reflect the cost of services and ensures that BHRS can maximize its Medi-Cal reimbursement from the State through its annual cost report process. As the cost
settlement process operates several fiscal years in arrears, there will not be a FY 2018-19 revenue increase associated with the proposed rate change. BHRS will work with the CAO to make the appropriate adjustments should additional revenue be received in a future fiscal year.

REVIEWED BY:

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

Respectfully submitted,

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