

January 31, 2006

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94901

SUBJECT: Health & Human Services Department, Community Mental Health Services Division: Request for Approval of Mental Health Services Act Community Services and Supports Plan and approve corresponding Resolution.

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve attached resolution stating the Board's approval of Marin County's Community Services and Supports Plan for the Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63).

SUMMARY:

As a result of Proposition 63 passed in November 2004, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) went into effect January 1, 2005. The MHSA provides a unique opportunity to improve and transform the community mental health system in California. Through a 1% State income tax assessed on individuals with net incomes above \$1 million, the state is expected to raise \$600 million or more each year to "expand mental health services" in California. Funds may not be used to supplant existing State or county funds. Taxes raised by the Act will be deposited in a new Mental Health Services Fund on a monthly basis.

Since November 2004 Marin County Community Mental Health Services has been conducting a strategic planning process that solicits broad community and stakeholder input. After weighing the input from nearly 1,000 Marin residents the attached draft plan for Community Services and Supports has been completed and was presented for final review at community meetings on January 19 and January 21, and to the Mental Health Advisory Board on January 23. Any comments or changes resulting from these meetings will be presented at your January 31 meeting.

This Plan represents Community Service and Supports component of the Mental Health Services Act. Yet to come are the components of Prevention and Early Intervention, Innovative Services, Capital and Technology, and Education and Training.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS: The Board's approval of the Mental Health Services Act three-year plan will allow Community Mental Health Services to further the development of services for the whole community as specified in the Community Services and Supports Plan.

FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT: \$1,710,000 is available to Community Mental Health Services to fund the implementation of the Mental Health Services Act once the plan is approved by the State Department of Mental Health. Up to \$1,282,500 is also available to Community Mental Health Services for one-time start up funding to begin plan implementation.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Health and Human Services