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Legislation Text

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Mental Health Department recommending the Board authorize the Director of Mental Health to sign and submit the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Workforce Education and Training (WET) component request for funding in the amount of \$310,500 to the State Department of Mental Health.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve.

FUNDING: State Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Funds.

BUDGET SUMMARY:		
Total Estimated Cost		\$310,500
Funding		
Budgeted	\$310,500	
New Funding	\$	
Savings	\$	
Other	\$	
Total Funding Available	\$310,500	
Change To Net County Cost		\$0

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: The total funding amount of this plan and application for funds is \$310,500. There is no Change to Net County Cost.

Background: In November 2004, California voters passed Proposition 63, now known as the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). The Act addresses five program components, with the first component being Community Services and Supports. The WET component is the second component that for which the State has established guidelines. The funds must be used by June 30, 2017.

Reason for Recommendation: The Department is recommending the submittal of a request for funding in the amount of \$310,500 that would provide for the establishment of the Workforce Education and Training Component to the County's MHSA agreement with the State. Funding would be used for the activities identified below:

Staffing \$165,500

The request includes funding a 1.0 FTE Mental Health Coordinator and a 1.0 FTE Mental Health Aide using existing, vacant Departmental positions.

California State University, Sacramento \$55,500

The Department has partnered with three other rural counties to pay for the administration required to support a weekend master's in social work program at California State University, Sacramento.

Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD)

Loan Assumption Program \$25,000

OSHPD provides a limited opportunity for the department to match other private and public student loan repayment programs for employees.

Network-of-Care \$24,000

Network-of-Care is a web-based clinical information/resource center that includes an e-learning component that provides online training to licensed clinical staff which allows them to obtain their required continuing education unites (CEUs) to maintain their license. The system also allows the Department to upload their own training and track staffs' progress. The Department also plans to use this service as a mechanism for partnering with the community to allow increased availability of mental health education and information.

Administration \$40,500

The Department is requesting administration funds equal to 15% of the WET expenditures.

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Action to be taken following BOS approval:

Once approved, the Director of Mental Health will sign and submit the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Workforce Education and Training (WET) request to the State Department of Mental Health.