

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

BOARD AGENDA # \*B-1

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE April 1, 2008

CEO Concur with Recommendation YES  NO

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Approval to Accept Mental Health Services Act Community Services and Supports Housing Services Funds; Approval to Assign Housing Funds to the State Department of Mental Health; Approval of an Amendment to an Agreement with the State Department of Mental Health for Housing Services and Increase the Budget - Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize the Behavioral Health Director to accept Mental Health Services Act Community Services and Support Housing Services funds in the amount of \$4,807,900.
2. Authorize the Behavioral Health Director or her designee to assign the Mental Health Services Act Community Services and Support Housing Services funds to the State Department of Mental Health for administration pursuant to the subsequent Mental Health Services Act Community Services and Supports Plan Amendment.
3. Authorize the Behavioral Health Director or her designee to sign the Assignment Letter.

(Staff Recommendations Continued on Page 2)

FISCAL IMPACT:

This agenda item requests authorization to accept \$4,807,900 in funding from the State Department of Mental Health for housing services pursuant to the Mental Health Services Act and to assign those funds to the State Department of Mental Health for administration of the program. There is no fiscal impact associated with this request. The Mental Health Services Act fund (1507) will reflect receipt of the revenue and an expenditure related to the assignment. The attached Budget Journal reflects the appropriation and estimate revenue associated with this transaction.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-234

On motion of Supervisor Grover, Seconded by Supervisor DeMartini

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Grover, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Mayfield

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Denied

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as amended

4) \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

MOTION:

*Christine Ferraro*

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued):**

4. Authorize the Behavioral Health Director or her designee to sign the subsequent amendment to the Mental Health Services Act agreement # 07-77350-000 with the State Department of Mental Health.
5. Direct the Auditor-Controller to increase appropriations and estimated revenue in the amount of \$4,807,900, as detailed in the Budget Journal form.

**DISCUSSION:**

On May 12, 2006, Governor Schwarzenegger issued a press release documenting his plan to leverage up to \$75 million per year in funding from the Mental Health Services Act to build supportive housing for homeless Californians with mental illness and their families. The Governor's plan included collaboration between the California Department of Mental Health and the California Housing Finance Agency to finance the construction of supportive housing with consultation from the California Mental Health Directors Association. To facilitate this plan, counties have been asked to assign their Mental Health Services Act Housing Services funds to the State Department of Mental Health for investment through the California Housing Finance Agency.

During May 2007, California counties were notified of funding availability through the Housing Services component of the Mental Health Services Act Community Services and Supports program. Stanislaus County has been allocated \$4,807,900. These funds will be used to increase the availability of supportive housing for Stanislaus County residents with mental health issues, and their families. The goal is to enable individuals and families to live in the most independent, least restrictive housing possible within their community, and receive community-based services that support wellness, recovery and resiliency. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services is now requesting authorization to assign these funds to the State Department of Mental Health in support of Governor Schwarzenegger's Housing Plan. The benefits of assigning these funds to the California Department of Mental Health and the California Housing Finance Agency include the following:

- the expertise and knowledge to assist counties, as well as the State Department of Mental Health and the California Mental Health Directors Association with the development of the Mental Health Services Act Housing Program;
- the ability to work with other governmental entities to ensure that their housing programs are compatible with the Mental Health Services Act program;
- the identification of barriers and recommendations for improvement;
- asset management and regulatory compliance of development projects;

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- investment of funds on behalf of counties based upon an agreed-upon investment strategy;
- development of underwriting standards, loan documents and regulatory requirements for the Housing Program;
- assistance and expertise with developers; and
- advocacy at a state and national level for additional resources for housing programs for the individuals with mental illness who are homeless.

As part of the Mental Health Services Act Community Services and Supports program, the agreement to assign these funds was posted on the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services' Mental Health Services Act website for a 30-day public comment period. No comments were received. Upon authorization by the Board of Supervisors, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services will submit the agreement to the State Department of Mental Health. Submission of the assignment agreement to the State will trigger an amendment to the Mental Health Services Act Community Services and Supports agreement #07-77350-000 with the State to award the funds. Authorization to sign the subsequent amendment is also requested at this time.

**POLICY ISSUE:**

Approval of this agenda item supports the Board of Supervisors' priorities of a healthy community and a safe community by providing housing opportunities for individuals with severe mental illness, as well as effective partnerships by working with the State Department of Mental Health and the California Housing Finance Agency to augment local knowledge and expertise around housing.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

There is no impact on staffing associated with this agenda item.

County of Stanislaus: Auditor Controller  
Legal Budget Journal

Database  
Set of Books

FMS11IDB.CO.STANISLAUS.CA.US.PROD  
County of Stanislaus

Balance Type	Budget
Category	* List - Text Budget - Upload
Source	* List - Text
Currency	* List - Text USD
Budget Name	List - Text LEGAL BUDGET
Batch Name	Text
Journal Name	Text
Journal Description	Text
Organization	List - Text Stanislaus Budget Org

Upl	Fund	Org	Acc't	GL Proj	Loc	Misc	Other	Debit	Credit	Period	Messages
4	7	5	7	6	6	5	(format > number > general)				
Po	1507	6800110	63280	0000000	000000	000000	00000	4807900		Mar-08	MHSA Housing Services Funds
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<b>Totals:</b>								4,807,900.00	4,807,900.00		

Acceptance of MHSA CSS Housing Services funds and assignment of funds to California Department of Mental Health

Departments Outside Auditors' Office		Data Entry	Auditors Office Only
L. Lusk	<i>[Signature]</i>		<i>[Signature]</i>
Prepared by	Supervisor's Approval	Keyed by	Prepared By
3/20/08	3/20/08		3/21/08
Date	Date	Date	Date