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TO: MEMBERS, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION

**SUBJECT: FOR YOUR REVIEW:
MANDATED COUNTY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

Enclosed for your review, is the Mandated County Performance Contract with the Department of Health Care Services. This item will be added to the September 4, 2014, BHC agenda as a New Business Action Item for your review.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Behavioral Health's (DBH) County Mental Health Plan (MHP) is required to enter into a mandated County Performance Contract with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) in order to receive Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH), Community Mental Health Services Grant (MHGB) and realignment funding. The County Performance Contract outlines the performance standards for the delivery of local mental health services to County residents, as required by Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code sections 5650(a), 5847, and Title 9, California Code of Regulations, section 3310, which sets forth the conditions and requirements that the County must meet in order to receive this funding. Upon Board of Supervisors (Board) approval, DBH will submit the approved County Performance Contract to DHCS.

DBH is responsible for providing mental health, substance use disorder treatment services to County residents who are experiencing severe and persistent mental illness and from substance use disorder. DBH accomplishes this through a continuum of care of County operated clinics, fee-for-service, and contracted service providers.

DHCS administers MHSA, PATH, and MHBG programs and oversees the County provision of community mental health services provided by realignment funds. The County must meet certain conditions and requirements to receive funding for these programs and community mental health services.

Pursuant to W&I Code 5604.2, DHCS requires each County Governing Body or Board approval and signature on the County Performance Contract. In addition, the San Bernardino County Behavioral Health Commission (BHC) is required to review the County Performance Contract prior to the Board's approval. The BHC is appointed by the Board and provides the Board with recommendations on local mental health programs that will strengthen and improve services to County residents.

On January 14, 2014 (Item No. 17), the Board approved the existing mandated County Performance Contract with the California Department Mental Health for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

On July 28, 2014, DBH received the County Performance Contract from DHCS for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. This item is being presented at this time due to the time necessary for review by the members of the BHC. Approval of this item after the July 1, 2014 start date will not have any impact on DBH's MHSA, PATH, and MHBG funded mental health program services or activities.

RECOMMENDATION

Review non-financial mandated County Performance Contract (State Agreement No. 14-90342) with the DHCS outlining conditions and requirements for funding, for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, prior to the September 4, 2014, BHC meeting.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please contact my office. Thank you.

CT:dp

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