



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
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Item Number: 1.9

MEETING DATE: 05/20/2025

DEPARTMENT: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Geraldine Arce

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SUBJECT:

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - D. EDGULL

Approve the non-monetary Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) and the County of San Benito for the implementation of a new, data-informed allocation methodology developed by CalMHSA to support a more equitable and transparent distribution of Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) designated State Hospital beds, for the period of July 1, 2025 through June,30 2027, and authorize Chair to sign.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 810

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

Per California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA), the revised MOU reflects the implementation of a new, data-informed allocation methodology developed by CalMHSA to support a more equitable and transparent distribution of LPS-designated State Hospital beds. As part of this effort, CalMHSA and the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) have agreed to a new bed management protocol informed by the bed allocation framework. This framework guides how DSH beds are allocated across counties, is used to determine the number of beds that may be assigned to each county annually and supports a transition toward county self-management of this critical resource.

The new methodology determines how 581 LPS-designated beds for FY25-26 would be allocated based

on a county's population size, behavioral health population adjustment, and historical DSH bed utilization. Based on the information gathered from the three factors, counties were grouped into five allocation pools from small rural to large. San Benito County has been grouped into the Small Rural in which SBC will need to share 5 LPS beds amongst 16 other counties.

In addition, CalMHSA successfully negotiated a 4% rate increase for FY 2025-26 and an increase in total beds available from 556 to 581. To support counties in this transition, CalMHSA will host an informational meeting on Tuesday, April 30th, from 11am to 12pm to review the new methodology, outline next steps, and answer questions. SBCBH team members plan to attend this meeting.

SBCBH Director and County Counsel signed on 3/6 CalMHSA's Participation Agreement for the State Hospital Program for an additional year. The attached MOU is a supplement of the participation agreement that CalMHSA just sent SBCBH this week.

There is no cost associated directly with this MOU. Any actual costs entailed would be with the California Department of State Hospitals (DSH) and hospitals. This MOU is to provide information on the bed allocations for counties and the rate that has been negotiated through CalMHSA.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

N/A

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

RFP AND BID HISTORY:

n/a

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

n/a

CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):

n/a

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

No

BUDGETED:

N/A

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

N/A

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

n/a

CURRENT FY COST:

n/a

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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BOARD ACTION RESULTS:

Approved non-monetary MOU per staff recommendation. (5/0 vote)

ATTACHMENTS:

[MOU - CalMHSA Allocation Methodology](#)

[Fully Executed MOU - CalMHSA Allocation Methodology](#)