

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

August 7, 2012

**FROM: CASONYA THOMAS, Director
Department of Behavioral Health**

SUBJECT: CONTRACT FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES WITH SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR'S OFFICE

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Approve **Contract No. 12-567** with Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, Mental Health Counselor's Office for mental health consultation and information services in an amount not to exceed \$471,402 for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014.

(Affected Districts: All)

(Presenter: CaSonya Thomas, Director, 382-3133)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Provide for the Health and Social Services Needs of County Residents.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Governmental Agencies.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This item does not impact discretionary general funding (net county cost). The contracted services are 100% funded by Mental Health Services Act funding and will not exceed \$471,402 for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014. Adequate appropriation and revenue have been included in the Department of Behavioral Health's (DBH) 2012-13 adopted budget and will be included in DBH's 2013-14 recommended budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Approval of this item will allow the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) in conjunction with the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino (Superior Court), Mental Health Counselor's Office to provide mental health consultation and information services to individuals who are involuntarily placed in psychiatric hospitals and have contact with the Courts, in an amount not to exceed \$471,402 for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014, with the option of a one-year extension. DBH anticipates the Mental Health Counselor's Office (MHC) will serve a projected 1,440 clients over the two year period at an estimated average cost of \$327 per client.

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cc: BH-Terrones w/ agree
Contractor c/o Dept w/ agree
ACR-Acct Pay Mgr w/ agree
EBIX/BPO c/o Risk
BH-Thomas
HS-De La Rosa
CAO-Flood
File - w/ agree
jr 8/15/12

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Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors

**APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
Board of Supervisors**

MOTION	<u>MOVE</u>	<u>SECOND</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>AYE</u>
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LAURA H. WELCH, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY _____

DATED: August 07, 2012

**CONTRACT FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES WITH SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, MENTAL HEALTH
COUNSELOR'S OFFICE
AUGUST 7, 2012
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Pursuant to the Welfare and Institutions Code Section 6775 et seq., the MHC was created by the County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors (Board) and has provided mental health consultation and information services since July 1, 1996. The Office of the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court is responsible for appointing the assistant mental health counselor and mental health counselor positions to the MHC. Under the terms of the contract, the MHC shall:

- Provide professional consultation and information services concerning mental health issues, laws, procedures, and resources;
- Advise mental health patients of their legal rights;
- Provide short-term crisis intervention services directed toward strengthening individual coping skills and abilities during stressful life situations and to provide alternatives to hospitalization;
- Provide assessment and referral services for individuals referred by the DBH, the public, law enforcement, or the courts; and/or
- Provide prepetition screening services as required by the court and defined in Section 5200 et seq. of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

DBH is requesting to contract with the Superior Court to provide an assistant mental health counselor and mental health counselor for the delivery of MHC services. A formal Request for Proposal was not released as the Superior Court is currently the only provider of these services as declared by the Board's establishment of the MHC. DBH will continue to contract with the Superior Court pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 6775. This item is being presented at this time due to contract negotiations and administrative delays experienced by the Superior Court.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Frank Salazar, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5442) on May 30, 2012; Human Services Administration (Michael De La Rosa, Deputy Director, 252-4858) on July 20, 2012; and the County Administrative Office (Sydney Flood, Administrative Analyst, 386-8393) on July 19, 2012.