Summary/Action Minutes

I. Mental Health Services Act (MHSA): AB 114 Plan and Innovation (INN) Plan

Carol F. Burton, MSW, Interim Director, Behavioral Health Care Services, Tracy Hazelton, MPH, Mental Health Services Act Division Director, Behavioral Health Care Services and Kate Jones, RN, MS, Adult and Older Adult System of Care Director, Behavioral Health Care Services presented a PowerPoint presentation on the AB 114 Plan and the Innovation Plan related to the Mental Health Services Act.

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) provides funding for mental health services by imposing a 1% tax on personal income over one million dollars. MHSA legislation requires local Counties to return funds to the State that have not been spent within the required 3-year time frame as stated in the Act. To date, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has not developed a process to recover these funds; this has led to Counties holding a total of over $230 million subject to reversion.

AB 114 Reversion Plan

On December 28, 2017, Behavioral Health Care Services (BHCS) received Information Notice (IN) 17-059 from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Mental Health & Substance Use Disorders Services (MHSUDS). The purpose of Information Notice 17-059 was to inform counties of the following:
The process the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will use to determine the amount of unspent Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds subject to reversion as of July 1, 2017;
The appeal process available to a county regarding that determination; and the requirement that by July 1, 2018, each county must prepare and publicly post a plan for MHSA funding subject to reversion from Fiscal Years 2005-06 through 2014-15.

Background and Local Impact for IN 17-059

Assembly Bill (AB) 114 (Chapter 38, Statutes of 2017) became effective July 10, 2017. The bill amended certain Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections related to the reversion of MHSA funds. AB 114 implemented provisions concerning funds subject to reversion as of July 1, 2017. Funds subject to reversion as of July 1, 2017, were deemed to have been reverted and reallocated to the county of origin for the purposes for which they were originally allocated (WIC Section 5892.1 (a)). Funds that could be subject to reversion as of July 1, 2017, were distributed to counties from Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-06 through FY 2014-15.
Spending Plan for Funding subject to AB 114

Workforce Education and Training (WET): These funds under WET will be applied to FY 17/18 as listed in Alameda’s MHSA FY 18-20 Three Year Plan, funding amount $1,571,685 from FY 06/07.

Capital Facilities & Technology (CFTN): These funds under CFTN will be applied to FY 17/18-FY 19/20 as listed in Alameda’s MHSA FY 18-20 Three Year Plan, funding amount $5,013,356 from FY 08/09.

Innovation (INN): These funds under INN will be applied to FY 18/19-FY 19/20 as listed in Alameda’s MHSA INN Plan, funding amount $7,530,171 from FY 07/08.

Purpose:
☑️ Report progress
☑️ Advocacy or Education
☐ Request Health Committee Recommendation or Position
☐ Other:

Recommendation from Health Committee: The Health Committee requested the Behavioral Health Care Services Agency to provide the following:

How much funding was received in FY 05/06 on through the present, interest accrued and how funds were spent?

How much was allocated and expended at the provider level over the last ten years;

What was the process for the Innovation Program; what was the process for choosing providers?

Data on the impact services has made over the last ten years

BHCS should do outreach to certain providers in Alameda County for services

Speaker

Nick Draper, representing the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association, stated that he appreciates the county’s efforts to make use of AB 114 funds, have some concerns about proposals and how funding is allocated. There is a need for more capacity for dealing with crises and mental health emergencies. Others have been successful in using funds to expand capacity.

II. Measure A1 – Affordable Housing Bond Down Payment Assistance Loan Program (DALP) Final Proposed Implementation Policies

Linda Gardner, Director, Housing and Community Development, Community Development Agency and Michelle Starratt, Assistant Director, Housing and Community Development, Community Development Agency presented a PowerPoint presentation and memorandum on the Down Payment Assistance Loan Program (DALP) Final Proposed Implementation Policies. Ms. Starratt reported the proposed changes to the program since the last meeting, including:

- Changes to Down Payment Assistance Loan Program (DALP)
- Expanded the definition of educator to allow for people who work in facilities that serve children
- Program to include tenant occupied homes where the tenant was purchasing the home
- Added language on transit proximity that narrows the qualification to those that will actually use it

Staff requested the Health Committee’s support to move the item to the full Board of Supervisors for approval.
Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request Health Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

Recommendation from the Health Committee: Support. Move to the full Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

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