Summary/Action Minutes

I. Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Three Year Plan FY 18-20

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Carol F. Burton, MSW, Interim Director, Behavioral Health Care Services, Tracy Hazelton, MHSA Division Director, Behavioral Health Care Services and Cecilia Serrano, Assistant Finance Director, Behavioral Health Care Services presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Mental Health Services Act Three Year Plan Fiscal Year 2018-2020.

The Mental Health Services Act emphasizes Transformation of the mental health system and improving the quality of life for people living with mental illness. In 2004, Alameda County voters overwhelmingly approved Prop 63 and supported by 54% of California voters and 66% of Alameda County voters, funded by 1% tax on individual incomes over $1 million.

The Mental Health Services Act serves individuals with serious mental illness (SMI) and/or severe emotional disorder (SED). The MHSA also serves individuals not served/underserved by the current mental health system, including voluntary services and non-supplantation of services.

The Mental Health Services Act has five plan components: 1) Community Services & Supports, 31 ongoing programs funded at $55 million annually; 2) Prevention & Early Intervention, 29 programs funded at $26.3 million annually; 3) Workforce, Education & Training, 9 programs funded at $7.6 million over 10 years; 4) Capital Facilities & Technology, 1 site/HER project, funded at $16.2 million over 10 years and 5) Innovative Programs, multiple time limited projects, varied funding.

The Behavioral Health Care Services Agency requests the Health Committees support to move the Mental Health Services Act Three Year Plan to the full Board of Supervisors for approval.

Speaker

Joe Rose, asked what the goals are to eliminate bed shortages at John George Hospital and what is being done to address the issue of persons suffering from mental illness in the criminal justice system.

Purpose:

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

Recommendation from Health Committee: Support. Move to the full Board of Supervisors.
II. Flexible Subsidy Housing Pool

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Dr. Kathleen Clanon, Medical Director / AC Care Connect (AC3) Director, Health Care Services Agency

Federal Medicaid funds cannot be used for “room and board” or housing development costs but can be used to save local dollars on services for example, reducing avoidable hospitalizations and crisis services.

The Whole Person Care program guidelines allow participating counties to invest local savings (non-federal funds) from their programs into strategic housing investments. Local housing investments can fund the cost of acquiring and developing new housing units or subsidize rents/housing operating costs for Whole Person Care target populations.

The Health Care Services Agency seeks the Health Committees support to submit to the full Board of Supervisors the creation of a Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool. A one-time initial investment of $5 million from Whole Person Care health care services savings. The pool would be created by building on existing MHSA-funded partnership between Housing Authority of the County of Alameda (HACA) and HCSA-BHCS.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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