June 18, 2013

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH KERN REGIONAL CENTER TO COORDINATE THE DELIVERY OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR KERN REGIONAL CENTER CLIENTS
(Fiscal Impact: None)

The Mental Health Department requests the approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Kern Regional Center (KRC) to coordinate the delivery of mental health services for Kern Regional Center (KRC) clients who have been diagnosed with a concurrent mental health and substance use disorder and are also developmentally disabled. The coordination of these services will be provided by KRC, at no cost to the Department.

Under the terms of this MOU, KRC will identify and refer developmentally disabled individuals to Kern County Mental Health (KCMH) who present with mental health symptoms and have a substance use disorder; coordinate the delivery of services to developmentally disabled individuals who have been diagnosed with a concurrent mental health and substance use disorder; provide case management services for developmentally disabled individuals referred to KCMH; assist in the assessment, treatment and discharge planning for developmentally disabled individuals referred to KCMH. This MOU is effective June 18, 2013 and shall remain in effect until amended or terminated by either party.

The Agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board approve the MOU with the KRC to coordinate the delivery of mental health services for Kern Regional Center (KRC) clients who have been diagnosed with a concurrent mental health and substance use disorder and are also developmentally disabled, effective June 18, 2013 at no cost to the Department and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director

Attachments

cc: County Administrative Officer
    County Counsel
    Auditor-Controller-County Clerk