



County of Monterey

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Board Report

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Receive a presentation on the Behavioral Health Bureau's implementation of Mobile Response Team (MRT) services for children and youth.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Monterey County Health Department, Behavioral Health Bureau has worked over the past five (5) years to determine an effective approach to providing community-based crisis intervention and stabilization services to all children and youth in Monterey County. In recent years, we received a California Health Facilities Financing Authorities (CHFFA) grant to assist with the initial start-up costs of such a program. Behavioral Health in partnership with our contracted services provider Seneca Family of Agencies (Seneca), has developed the Mobile Response Team (MRT) for Children and Youth. In addition to the initial CHFFA funds, we are utilizing Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) dollars to draw down Medi-Cal federal financial participation. The Monterey County MRT model has gained statewide attention as legislation (SB 80 and AB 79) is now requiring California Counties to develop such programs.

This new program provides crisis stabilization services to children or youth and their families/caregivers in any community-based setting to create the time sensitive critical access to mental health services. To meet the upcoming mandates of SB 80 and AB 79, coordination with the Department of Social Services, Child Welfare and Juvenile Probation is underway.

This work supports the Monterey County Health Department 2018-2022 strategic plan initiatives: 2) Enhance community health and safety by emphasizing prevention, and 3) Ensure access to culturally and linguistically appropriate, customer-friendly, quality health services. It also supports one of the ten essential public health services, specifically: 7) Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Behavioral Health Bureau worked in collaboration with the Department of Social Services- Child Welfare; and the Probation Department-Juvenile Division.

FINANCING:

Receiving this report will have no impact on the Health Department Behavioral Health Bureau's FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget nor to the General Fund.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

☐ Economic Development:

- Through collaboration, strengthen economic development to ensure a diversified and healthy economy.

☐ Administration:

- Promote an organization that practices efficient and effective resource management and is recognized for responsiveness, strong customer orientation, accountability and transparency.

☒ Health & Human Services:

- Improve health and quality of life through County supported policies, programs, and services; promoting access to equitable opportunities for healthy choices and healthy environments in collaboration with communities.

☐ Infrastructure:

- Plan and develop a sustainable, physical infrastructure that improves the quality of life for County residents and supports economic development results.

☐ Public Safety:

- Create a safe environment for people to achieve their potential, leading businesses and communities to thrive and grow by reducing violent crimes as well as crimes in general.

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Attachment:

Presentation is on file with the Clerk of the Board