

June 9, 2008

To: Board of Supervisors

From: John M. Mancano, Chair
Mental Health Board Budget Committee

Subject: Mental Health Board Budget Committee Report

The Mental Health Board (MHB) Budget Committee started meeting on February 28, 2008 to address the Mental Health Division budget reductions for fiscal year 2008/09. The purpose of convening the Budget Committee was to provide community involvement and participation in reviewing the division's budget and making recommendations for potential reductions/increases to service. All Budget Committee meetings were posted and there were public comments at each meeting.

There were a total of five (5) committee meetings that culminated with the Mental Health Director presenting the Division's budget reductions on June 4, 2008. In addition, there were two other workgroups of the Budget Committee that provided guidance. One, the Goals Work Group developed the guidelines for potential budget reductions and second, the Reduction Work Group developed the recommended list of provider reduction. Both of these items were subsequently adopted by the MHB Budget Committee.

The composition of the Budget Committee consisted of :

- MH Board representatives (4)
- Consumer/Family representatives (4)
- MH Division representatives (4)
- Provider representatives (4) – nonvoting members.

Both workgroups had representation from the MHB, Division Staff, Consumer/Family Advocates, and Providers.

During the Budget Committee meetings, the following were presented and/or discussed:

- Budget updates from the MH Director.
- Responsibilities of the MHB, Budget Committee and the MH Division in the development of the MH Budget.
- Overview of the MH Division Base Budget for FY 08/09.
- Overview of Mental Health Mandates, Requirements and Obligations under Welfare and Institutions Code, Mental Health Plan, Mental Health Services Act, and other key Federal Regulations.
- Draft guidelines for budget reductions/increases to service, dated April 14, 2008, which was adopted by the Budget Committee on April 25, 2008. (Attachment 1, Budget Committee Guidelines for the Board's perusal)
- Reduction Workgroup revised report, dated May 21, 2008, on assumptions, statements from the workgroup, and recommended reductions. (Attachment 2 for the Board's perusal) The workgroup had reviewed the list of

mandated/discretionary programs developed by MH Division as a guide for reduction recommendations. There were public comments and the Budget Committee adopted the workgroup's report and recommendations for the MH Division's consideration for reductions to the FY 2008/09 budget on May 28, 2008.

- On June 4, 2008, the Mental Health Director presented the division's reductions and the Budget Committee approved to acknowledge receipt of the Director's report.