COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Departmental Correspondence

DATE: SEP 1 1 2001

HEARING DATE: SEP 2 5 2001

TO:

Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Gale Bataille, Director, Mental Health Services Gale Bataille

SUBJECT:

Rates for Mental Health Services

RECOMMENDATION

Approve a resolution adjusting the rate schedule for mental health services.

Background

Effective July 1, 1996, your Board approved the current rates for mental health services. These rates are used for billing mental health services to clients and to third-party insurance companies. The Mental Health Services Division is required to maintain rates at least equal to the rates charged to Medi-Cal for each type of service.

Discussion

State Medi-Cal rates for mental health services are not yet available for 2001-02. The proposed rates below are based on the highest (rate cost) of either the standard maximum allowable Medi-Cal rate established for each service by the State Department of Mental Health for fiscal year 2000-01 or the projected actual cost of each service. The proposed rates are effective as of July 1, 2001.

	Current Rate	
Type of Service	Approved by Board	Proposed Rate
Intensive Day Treatment	\$104.00/day	\$171.26/day
Rehabilitative Day Treatment	96.00/day	111.03/day
Adult Crisis Residential	127.00/day	257.66/day
Adult Transitional Residential	121.00/day	125.67/day
Crisis Stabilization	75.00/hour	98.11/hour
Medication	4.05/min	7.89/min
Crisis Intervention	3.50/min	3.33/min
Case Management	2.00/min	1.75/min
Mental Health Services	2.00/min	2.19/min

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Clients who cannot afford these charges pay for services according to their ability as determined by a sliding fee scale.

Fiscal Impact

The proposed client fee rate schedule will yield a projected total of approximately \$140,000 in client fees and third-party insurance reimbursement. The projected revenues in the 2001-02 Mental Health Services' budget reflect these proposed rates.

RECOMMENDED

HEALTH SERVCIES DEPARTMENT

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION AMENDING RATES FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend mental health services rates to be effective July 1, 2001, in order to meet Medi-Cal requirements; and

WHEREAS, such proposed rates are based on the State Department of Mental Health's standard maximum allowable or the projected actual cost of each service, whichever is greater;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the rates for mental health services are hereby established as follows:

Intensive Day Treatment	\$171.26 Day
Rehabilitative Day Treatment	111.03 Day
Adult Crisis Residential	257.66 Day
Adult Transitional Residential	125.67 Day
Crisis Stabilization	98.11 Hour
Medication Support	7.89 Minute
Crisis Intervention	3.33 Minute
Case Management	1.75 Minute
Mental Health Services	2.19 Minute