

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

AGENDA REVIEW	February 5, 2014
BOARD MEETING	February 18, 2014
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All
DEPARTMENT	Mental Health (MH)
SUBJECT	Authorization to Fill Positions for the Central Business Office Associated with the Implementation of the Affordable Care Act and Integrated Behavioral Health Information System
PROGRAM	Under the Department's Revenue Management Unit, the new Central Business Office (CBO) will facilitate new internal business operations that will consist of claims processing and revenue forecasting associated with Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Integrated Behavioral Health Information System (IBHIS).
DEADLINES	N/A
COST & FUNDING	Total estimated cost to fill 51 ordained Full-Time Equivalent positions for three months is \$948,780, and is fully funded by 2011 Realignment revenue. The funding is included in DMH's FY 2013-14 Final Adopted Budget.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Authorize the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to fill 51 ordained Full-Time Equivalent positions, upon allocation by the Chief Executive Office, in excess of what is provided in the department's staffing ordinance, and subject to allocation by the Chief Executive Office, necessary for the development of the CBO to facilitate new internal business operations associated with the ACA and IBHIS. This action will be taken pursuant to Section 6.06.020 of the County Code.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	<p>Board approval of the recommended action will provide new ordinance positions to support the development of the DMH's CBO to facilitate the new business operations associated with the ACA and IBHIS. The Department's Revenue Management unit has been reconfigured to create a portion of the new CBO, which will consist of a claims processing and revenue forecasting section. In addition, a Provider Services Office is being developed to provide support to directly operated and contract providers as they incrementally begin using IBHIS through full implementation.</p> <p>Over the last year, DMH has been actively preparing for the Medicaid expansion and the projected growth rate anticipated with health care reform, these 51 positions will be essential for DMH to centralize and expand its internal business operations to continue to generate the revenue necessary to sustain vital operations.</p>
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