

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

<b>AGENDA REVIEW</b>	October 5, 2016
<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	November 1, 2016
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT</b>	All
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Mental Health
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>APPROVAL TO SIGN AND EXECUTE MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AND OTHER SUITABLE HOSPITALS TO IMPLEMENT A TWO-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM EXTENDING CONDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION TO HOSPITAL STAFF TO INVOLUNTARILY DETAIN PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS (3 VOTES)</b>
<b>PROGRAM</b>	OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR
<b>DEADLINES</b>	Effective upon Board approval.
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	There is no fiscal impact or net County cost associated with the recommended actions.
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	Board approval of the recommended actions will allow DMH and DHS to execute an MOU with MLK and allow DMH to execute an MOU with other suitable hospitals, related to a two-year pilot program whereby designated hospital staff will be authorized to detain psychiatric patients pursuant to WIC § 5150. Board approval of the MOUS is necessary because the MOUS include a provision for mutual indemnification requiring the County to indemnify MLK and the other participating hospitals for acts or omissions of DMH and DHS staff related to the MOU. In turn, MLK and the other participating hospitals will indemnify the County for any acts or omissions of its staff. MLK and the Hospital Association of Southern California have requested mutual indemnification, and given the nature of the project, DMH believes it is appropriate to agree to this provision.
<b>SUMMARY/ ISSUES</b>  (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.)	WIC § 5150 authorizes peace officers and other professionals designated by the County to take an individual into custody and transport them to an LPS-designated facility for evaluation and treatment when there is probable cause to believe the person is a danger to self, a danger to others, or gravely disabled as a result of mental health disorder. Historically, DMH has extended LPS authorization only to eligible professional staff in LPS-designated facilities. Non-LPS designated facilities that lack the LPS-authorized clinical staff typically depend on the resources provided by DMH's Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams, which are staffed with professionals authorized to detain individuals under WIC § 5150. The purpose of the pilot is to determine if authorizing clinical staff in non-LPS designated facilities to detain individuals admitted to their emergency departments will improve access to appropriate levels of care for such individuals and decrease the time spent waiting in the emergency department for a WIC § 5150 evaluation.
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