

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

AGENDA REVIEW	09/25/13
BOARD MEETING	10/08/13
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All
DEPARTMENT	Mental Health
SUBJECT	Request approval to expend funds to host and conduct the Fourteenth Annual Mental Health Commission (Commission) Profiles of Hope Volunteer and Program Recognition Awards, to be held on October 24, 2013, at the Catalina Seafood Inc.
PROGRAM	The Commission's Annual Volunteer and Program Recognition Awards recognizes and honors outstanding members of the mental health community.
DEADLINES	None
COST & FUNDING	The FY 2013-14 DMH Adopted Budget includes sufficient appropriation to fund the estimated \$15,000 total cost of the conference. The conference will be fully funded by sales tax realignment revenue. The estimated costs include \$10,320 for catering services, \$680 for technical support/entertainment, \$2,250 for awards and other costs, \$1,000 for invitations and postage, and \$750 for keynote and other speakers. There is no net County cost impact associated with these actions.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Board approval of the recommended actions will enable the Mental Health Commission to host the Fourteenth Annual Profiles of Hope, Volunteer and Program Recognition Awards to be held on October 24, 2013, at the Catalina Seafood Inc.
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; and prior accomplishments.)	<p>Since 2003, DMH and the Commission have sponsored an annual Volunteer and Program Recognition Awards. Stigma is the single greatest challenge that mental health clients face. This event unites clients and family members, and community representatives. It is also an opportunity for mental health agencies to acknowledge volunteers, who increased value in their lives. This event also provides an important opportunity to showcase that hope, wellness and recovery are possible and to acknowledge those who have dedicated their mind, heart and soul to supporting and advocating for individuals with mental illness.</p> <p>This event is the sole opportunity for the Commission to recognize and honor outstanding members of the mental health community.</p> <p>Catering services are needed because many of the consumers and students attending the program do not have the financial resources to pay for food.</p>
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