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Behavioral Health Services

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Trinity County Mental Health Services Act

The Annual MHSA Plan for fiscal year (FY) 2018-19 was approved at the Public Hearing held by the Trinity County Advisory Board on May 23, 2018. It will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on August 7, 2018. Trinity County will receive a monthly allocation from the Proposition 63 Trust Fund beginning in July of 2018. The amount will vary from month to month depending upon the amount of tax revenue collected for that particular month. Department of Health Care Services will be overseeing this distribution. The estimated FY 2018-19 MHSA revenue amount is a:

- **Community Supports and Services; \$1,208,134**
- **Prevention and Early Intervention; \$292,516**
- **Innovation; \$89,000**

In preparing the Agency Budget for 2018/19, it became clear that the funding reductions from Department of Health Care Services and the Department of Finance to Trinity County are impacting Trinity County. In FY 2016-17, the Department of Finance and DHCS decided to modify the formula for the 2011 Realignment allocations. The formula was changed to take the number of Medi-Cal units of service into account. Because Trinity's level of Medi-Cal services is low in proportion to other counties, Trinity County's allocation was reduced by approximately \$125,000 annually. Another loss of revenue occurred due to a legislative decision to fund In-Home Support Services (IHSS) from 1991 Realignment Growth has cost Trinity County Behavioral Health a loss of approximately \$25,000. Finally, Trinity County applied for and received a three-year SB 82 Grant for FY's 2013-14 through FY 2016-17. This grant funding expired after FY 2016-17 resulting in a loss of \$146,000 annually. Although BHS placed much effort into an application for a second SB 82 grant we were unsuccessful. The total approximate loss of State revenue from these sources is \$296,000

A Public Hearing is planned to be held at 10:30 am on **July 18th, 2018** at the Main Clinic of Trinity County Behavioral Health Services located at 1450 Main Street, Weaverville California, 96093. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the Mental Health Budget and to vote upon the requested use of a one-time drawdown of \$221,265 from the Prudent Reserve Fund for consumer use in FY 2018-19. If other resources become available, or if there are savings from anticipated costs, the MHP will only use from the Prudent Reserve what is actually needed to close the year in the black. A plan will also be discussed to repay the \$221,265 to the Prudent Reserve in future years. Pursuant to Welfare and

Institutions Code Section 5847(7) (f) states, “A county mental health program shall include an allocation of funds from a reserve established pursuant to paragraph (6) of subdivision (a) for services pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (3) of subdivision (a) in years in which the allocation of funds for services pursuant to subdivision (c) are not adequate to continue to serve the same number of individuals as the county had been serving in the previous fiscal year.” The above outlined reduction in funding just about equals a 5% reduction in overall revenue for the MHP, causing a disruption in the Mental Health’s Plan ability to provide services to the same number of persons as last year due to the fiscal shortfalls. If Trinity uses the portion of the prudent reserve requested, there will be a balance of \$287,460 remaining in the reserve.

In accordance with the California Code of Regulations, this Request is being posted for a 30-day public comment period prior to submission to the Trinity County Board of Supervisors. The posting period will be from Friday June 16, 2018 to Wednesday July 18th, 2018. Additional information may be obtained by calling the Trinity County Behavioral Health Services Agency at (530) 623-1362 or, by emailing rtrujillo@trinitycounty-ca.gov. A public hearing will be conducted by the Mental Health Board on Wednesday July 18th, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at 1450 Main Street in Weaverville. All interested persons are invited to attend and give comment.

Comments should be made with attention to Rebecca Trujillo MPH, Agency Coordinating Manager, by phone call to the Trinity County Behavioral Services Agency at (530) 623-1362 or, by emailing her at [<rtrujillo@trinitycounty-ca.gov>](mailto:rtrujillo@trinitycounty-ca.gov). Thank you and Trinity County looks forward to your input.