



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Board of Supervisors, Sheriff-Coroner, Health & Human Services Agency, County Counsel, and Behavioral Health Advisory Board Chair

Meeting Date: August 1, 2017

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Adoption of Ordinance Adding Chapter 5.180 Entitled the "Mental Health Treatment Act" to the Mendocino County Code Adopting a County Transactions (Sales) and Use Tax for the Specific Purpose of Funding Improved Services, Treatment and Facilities for Persons with Mental Health Conditions (Sponsors: Sheriff's Office; Health and Human Services Agency; Behavioral Health Advisory Board Chair' Mental Health Initiative Ad Hoc Committee (Supervisors McCowen and Hamburg); and County Counsel)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Adopt Ordinance adding Chapter 5.180 entitled the "Mental Health Treatment Act" to the Mendocino County Code adopting a County transactions (sales) and use tax for the specific purpose of funding improved services, treatment and facilities for persons with mental health conditions; and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

On July 18, 2017, the Board of Supervisors (1) adopted a resolution presenting to the voters of the County a Measure adding Chapter 5.180 the Mendocino County Code imposing a County transactions (sales) and use tax for the specific purpose of funding improved programs, services and treatment for persons with mental health conditions, and ordering consolidation of said election with the consolidated general election called for November 7, 2017; and (2) introduced and waived reading of the Ordinance.

Summary of Request:

Sheriff Tom Allman, HHSA Director Tammy Moss Chandler, Behavioral Health Advisory Board, Chair Jan McGourty, and the Mental Health Initiative Ad Hoc Committee of Supervisors McCowen and Hamburg request that the Board adopt the ordinance entitled the "Mental Health Treatment Act" which will adopt a one-half (1/2) cent sales tax for five years which will reduce to one-eighth (1/8) cent thereafter. This measure, if adopted by two-thirds (2/3) of the voters, will serve to greatly enhance public health and safety for all residents of Mendocino County. It is essential that we develop local facilities so that local residents who suffer from mental illness may be treated close to their homes and families.

It has long been recognized that additional resources are needed to humanely and effectively treat local citizens who suffer from Mental Health and other Behavioral Health issues. Last year, Sheriff Allman successfully led the effort to put a measure on the ballot to fund development of facilities for improved diagnosis and treatment of local citizens who suffer from Mental Illness. Despite securing thousands of signatures to put the measure on the ballot, and being supported by over 66% of the voters, the measure fell just short of the two-thirds (2/3) majority needed for passage. The attached Mental Health Treatment Act has been revised to provide more detailed information regarding the types of facilities that may be developed and to allow for sustainable funding for the operation of the facilities and the diagnosis and treatment of people suffering from mental illness.

Based on the 2015 calendar year, it is estimated that the “Mental Health Treatment Act” transactions (sales) and use tax will raise approximately \$6.8 million annually for the first five years and \$1.7 million annually thereafter. State law provides that all of the funds raised will only be used for the purposes of providing improved services, treatment, and facilities for persons with Mental Illness and other behavioral health conditions, including addiction and neurological disorders. The “Mental Health Treatment Act” also provides for a politically independent “Mental Health Treatment Act” Citizen’s Oversight Committee which shall review the annual audit of expenditures and performance management plan for compliance with the Specific Purpose of this ordinance and also provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on the implementation of this ordinance.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Do not adopt the Ordinance and/or give additional direction to staff.

Supplemental Information Available Online at: N/A

Fiscal Impact:

Source of Funding: Revenue from the Tax

Budgeted in Current F/Y: N/A

Current F/Y Cost: \$70,000-\$100,000

Annual Recurring Cost: N/A

Supervisory District: All

Vote Requirement: 4/5's

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Yes

CEO Liaison: Alan D. Flora, Assistant CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:



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Executed By: Nicole French

Final Status: **Adopted**

Date: August 2, 2017

Executed Item Number: **Ordinance 4387**

Note to Department: