



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 4/2/2019

File #: 19-380

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Mike Wilson

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Letter in support of the Institutes for Mental Disease (IMD) Exclusion Waiver (Supervisor Mike Wilson)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Chair to sign the letter.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

DISCUSSION:

Humboldt County continues to struggle with a shortage of psychiatric beds. An IMD exclusion waiver could increase the number and availability of psychiatric beds, not only in the county but throughout the state. A significant portion of county realignment dollars are utilized to pay for inpatient psychiatric and mental health rehabilitation stays, but not federally reimbursable. Waiving the IMD exclusion would allow counties to draw down federal funds for short-term stays, freeing up local funds for other critical community mental health and wellness services.

The Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board and the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services is recommending the Board support the IMD exclusion waiver.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter from Behavioral Health Board
2. Letter in Support of Institutes for Mental Disease (IMD) Exclusion Waiver

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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