

Integrating Alcohol And Drug Related Services

Throughout the County, individuals with psychiatric and substance abuse-related episodes rely on hospital emergency rooms (ERs) for care that, in many instances, might be more appropriately and effectively delivered in community-based settings. This problem has worsened during the economic downturn. Integrated alcohol and drug services, along with mental health services, can help decompress emergency room overcrowding and the demand for psychiatric beds.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Instruct the Director of Public Health (DPH), working with the Director of Health Services (DHS) and Director of Mental Health (DMH), in consultation with County Counsel, to:

Report back in writing in 30 days to the Board on the extent to which contracted alcohol and drug prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery services can be better aligned with efforts by DMH and DHS to integrate their services.

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- a. This report shall address the feasibility of and a timeline for co-locating alcohol and drug service providers at existing and planned psychiatric urgent care centers and behavioral health home sites, including any contractual amendments that would be necessary in order to so.
- b. This report shall describe how DPH, working with DMH and DHS, shall identify potential sites that would strategically target the most patients with co-occurring disorders, decompress emergency room overcrowding, achieve economies of scale, place patients in medical homes and yield the best outcomes.
- c. This report shall identify potential funding sources and funding gaps and shall identify opportunities to leverage existing alcohol and drug services agreements to the maximum extent possible.
- d. This report shall identify a structure whereby DPH, DMH and DHS can continue to communicate on opportunities to integrate services.

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