

CaMHTA Joint Powers Agreement

BOS Budget & Finance Committee

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Overview of CalMHSA



The California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) is a Joint Powers of Authority (JPA) formed in 2009 by counties throughout the state to work on **collaborative, multi-county projects that improve behavioral health care** for all Californians.

By pooling resources, forging partnerships, and leveraging technical expertise on behalf of counties, **CalMHSA develops strategies and programs** with an eye toward **transforming community mental health; creates cross-county innovations;** and is **dedicated to addressing equity** to better meet the needs of the most vulnerable populations.

As a JPA, CalMHSA is not a state agency but is held to many of the same standards as other public entities.

SFDPH and CalMHSA Partnerships under JPA



Examples:

- Inter-member Transfer/Presumptive Transfer Program
 - Cross-county foster youth support program
- Behavioral Health Workforces Program
 - Peer certification program
- Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program
 - Consultation for counties participating in state's Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program
- Tech Suite Mental Health Services Act Program (see File No. 190487)
 - Warm-line chats using new technology

Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA)



- **Proposed updates to the JPA:**
 - **No further approval by the Board of Supervisors is required for SFDPH's execution of any new participation agreement, unless direct by City Attorney's Office, or as otherwise required by SF Charter Section 9.118**
- **Previously approved updates to the JPA:**
 - The JPA term will remain in full force and effect until terminated by SFDPH
 - The JPA calls for binding or non-binding arbitration as a part of dispute resolution
 - CalMHSA Board Members, Officers, committee members, and advisors shall not be liable for any mistake of judgment or action made
- **Background of the JPA:**
 - SFDPH has had this agreement in place since 2013

Improved Processes



Outcomes of the proposed JPA for SFDPH:

- Streamlined contracting processes for smaller-scale projects
- Access to pooled Mental Health Services Act resources and technical expertise
- Cross-county innovations
- Equity focus

DPH respectfully requests approval of this item.

Thank you!