



San Francisco Department of Public Health

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May 3, 2019

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

Please find attached one original and two single-sided, black and white copies of a proposed resolution for Board of Supervisors approval authorizing the Director of Health to enter into a Participation Agreement between the Department of Public Health, Behavioral Health Services (DPH BHS) and the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) for the Tech Suite Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Innovation Program for the development of technology-based mental health solutions intended to increase access to mental health support to underserved communities; not to exceed \$1,197,821, for the term of June 1, 2019, through June 30, 2022.

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) was passed in 2004 through a ballot initiative (Proposition 63) and provides funding to support new and expanded county mental health programs. By regulation, a portion of this funding must be spent on Innovation programming. To fulfill this requirement, DPH-BHS developed the Technology Assisted Mental Health Solutions Innovations Project, which was developed with stakeholder input, posted for 30-day public comment, and heard at a public hearing of the San Francisco Mental Health Board, as required by the State to access MHSA funding.

CalMHSA has established an MHSA prevention and early intervention Innovation Program ("Tech Suite Innovation Program") intended for the development of technology-based mental health solutions to increase access to mental health support to underserved communities. The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MSHOAC), which reviews and approves county Innovations Programs, approved DPH-BHS's Innovation Program and participation in the Tech Suite Innovation Program on September 27, 2018.

CalMHSA will provide overall administrative oversight and contract procurement for the Tech Suite Innovation Program. The proposed resolution would approve DPH BHS's participation in the program and the transfer of funds to CalMHSA for project administration.

The following is a list of accompanying documents:

- MHSOAC Commission approval letter for the Technology Suite Collaboration Plan (the title of the multi-county plan including San Francisco's proposal).
- Innovations Learning Project Proposal: Technology Assisted Mental Health Solutions
- Participation Agreement for the Mental Health Services Act Innovation Program

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Should you have any questions, please contact Juan Ibarra, Acting Director of Mental Health Service Act programs. Mr. Ibarra can be reached at (415)255-3693 or by email at juan.ibarra@sfdph.org.

Sincerely,



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