To: Honorable Board of Supervisors  
From: Nancy O’Hara, Director of Health & Human Services  
Department: Health & Human Services  
Subject: Approval of a Confirmation of Assignment for Medical Provider Locum Tenens Coverage between CompHealth and Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health and Authorize the Health and Human Services Director to Sign the Individual Confirmation Not to Exceed $500,000

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve an Extension of a Confirmation of Assignment for Medical Provider Locum Tenens Coverage between Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health (SYBH) and CompHealth to provide physicians on a temporary basis and authorize the Health and Human Services Director to sign the individual confirmation for Dr. Espaillat Inchautegui not to exceed an additional $250,000.

Background: In November 2017, the Board of Supervisors authorized SYBH to enter into an Agreement with CompHealth for Medical Provider Locum Tenens Coverage and authorized the Health and Human Services Director to sign individual Assignments (confirmations) not to exceed $250,000. Agencies such as CompHealth provide independent contractor physicians to provide patient care on a temporary basis. SYBH has utilized locum tenens physicians, such as Dr. Inchautegui, on occasion to provide short-term coverage when needed or for longer term coverage when positions are vacant and recruitment of employee physicians is difficult. Use of locum tenens physicians allows SYBH to have sufficient medical staff available to ensure that essential client needs are met. Locum tenens physicians are independent contractors, not employees of Sutter County. Agencies ensure that the locum tenens physicians they provide are appropriately licensed to practice medicine in the State of California and that they are not on any federal or state exclusion list that would bar them from participating in federal healthcare programs such as Medicaid (Medi-Cal) or Medicare.

SYBH continues to have demand for Locum Tenens adult psychiatric services. The most recent Locum Tenens Assignment for Dr. Inchautegui ended February 8, 2019 with claims totaling $222,108 for services through that date. An extension of Dr. Inchautegui’s assignment will exceed the approval authority granted by the Board of Supervisors on November 16, 2017. SYBH is seeking authority to extend Dr. Inchautegui’s assignment for the period May 20 through May 31, 2019, with possible extensions, and approval to sign an additional increase of $250,000 for the assignment. This will bring confirmations totaling $500,000 for Dr. Inchautegui.

Prior Board Action: The Board approved an Agreement with CompHealth on November 16, 2017.

Board Alternatives: The Board could decline to approve the extension and additional confirmation for Dr. Inchautegui resulting in SYBH having insufficient adult services psychiatrists to meet patient
medication needs until other physician arrangements could be identified. This option is not recommended.

Other Department and/or Agency Involvement: County Counsel has reviewed the confirmation Letter for Jose Espaiillat Inchautegui, M.D.

Action Following Approval: The Health and Human Services Director will sign the confirmation letter for Dr. Inchautegui for the extended period and additional amount.

Fiscal Impact: There will be no impact on the County General Fund. SYBH has utilized $222,108 through February 8, 2019 for Dr. Inchautegui’s services in Fiscal Year 2018-19. Sufficient funds are contained within the Behavioral Health Fiscal Year 2018-19 Adopted Budget.

Countywide Goals and/or Top Priorities Compliance: This item helps to address Countywide Goal D: Provide responsible and cost-effective social services (with measurable results) to an increasingly diverse and complex society.

Standing Committee Review: This item was reviewed by the Health and Welfare Committee on May 3, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/ Nancy O’Hara
Director of Health & Human Services

Attachments:
1. Inchautegui, Jose CompHealth Locum Tenens May 2019