

## **RESOLUTION NO. .**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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### **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE REPORT UPDATING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THE PROGRESS IN ESTABLISHING MENTAL HEALTH PODS FOR SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL MEN AND WOMEN IN THE JAILS**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, on April 12, 2016, your Board approved funding for the Sheriff's Office and the Health System, Correctional Health Services (CHS) to develop two Mental Health Pods within the Sheriff's Office facilities; one for men at Maguire that opened in January 2017, and the other for women at Maple Street Correctional Facility that opened in August 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, these specialized living environments for seriously mentally ill men and women were intended to provide more concentrated care and monitoring of inmates with psychiatric impairments, preventing their decompensation, improving their outcomes and safety for all involved; and

**WHEREAS**, at this time, there are 8 women and 6 men enrolled in the BHP, with the women's program capacity at 10 women, and the men's program capacity at 14 once certain adjustments are made to the space; and

**WHEREAS**, successful entry into the BHP requires review and approval from a multidisciplinary team that is overseen by classification and custody staff and CHS

medical and mental health care providers; and

**WHEREAS**, the structure of the BHP is divided into three phases: intake, stabilization and graduation with the length of stay within each phase highly dependent on the inmates' ability to reach the goals identified in their Behavior Management Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the BHP is not a substitute for acute care because it is a voluntary program and cannot provide involuntary medication; and

**WHEREAS**, outcomes related data include information that can help assess the effect of the programming such as number of off-site PES visits, number of safety cell placements, self-injurious behavior and level of compliance with psychotropic medication plan.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the Board of Supervisors accept the Status Report on the Behavioral Health Program.

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