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Agenda Item Name:

Mental Health Issues, Trends, and Opportunities presentation and related policy discussion

Presenter:

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Description:

Staff will present information on current mental health issues, trends, and opportunities to improve response to emerging children's mental health needs, the use of peer specialists, and improving system coordination among the various users and service providers.

Recommended Action:

Hear presentation and discuss related policy opportunities.

Prior Board Motions:

On 5/14/19, the BoCC directed staff, "that at an upcoming Policy Meeting during the summer that we take that old list of mental health, homelessness, CAPP and any other Community type support that's being asked by the community, departments and anything else we can think of and have a cumulative policy discussion."

During Policy discussion at the 9/17/19 Special Meeting, staff were directed to bring back the above request for CAPP and mental health at a Special Meeting in Spring 2020.

Fiscal Consideration:

n/a

Background:

Community Support Services and Court Services staff have worked together to identify emerging trends related to mental illness using national, state, and local data. With long standing working relationships with many providers of mental health services, staff have also identified opportunities to improve the local system response to mental illness.