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AGENDA ITEM: Presentation: California Military Department Use of Mental Health Services Act Funds

ENCLOSURES: • None

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM: None

Presentation:

The California National Guard, Joint Services Behavioral Health Office will provide the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) with a presentation on how the California Military Department is utilizing Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds for their innovation program.

Presenters:

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Director, California National Guard, Joint Services Behavioral Health

Lieutenant Colonel, Susan Pangelinan

Behavioral Health Agency Coordinator, California National Guard

Captain Dustin Harris

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, California National Guard, Joint Services Behavioral Health, Central Coast Region

Background:

The California National Guard (CNG) Joint Service Behavioral Health Office has transformed its staff and its outreach in the past year to better meet the changing needs of Guard members, with qualified behavioral health responders available around the clock anywhere in the state.

In Fiscal Year 2013-14, Governor Jerry Brown approved an increase in MHSA funds for the California Military Department to expand the CNG's successful innovative program from three to eight full-time positions throughout California to support 16,000-20,000 National Guard members; conduct education events to inform soldiers and their families about the ways to access mental health services; present information about County Mental Health Programs to CNG behavioral health providers and Guard members and; publish articles about suicide prevention and mental health resources in the "Grizzly" newsletter of the CNG.

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In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12 (\$539,000) and 2012-13 (\$561,000) the CNG received MHSA funds to support a total of three (3.0) positions, two (2) clinicians and one (1) administrator for innovative programs in Northern and Southern California areas to improve coordination between the CNG, local veterans' services and county mental health departments throughout the state.

The increase in FY 2013-14 from \$561,000 to \$1,351,000 will expand behavioral health services from two (2) to seven (7) regional areas throughout California.

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None