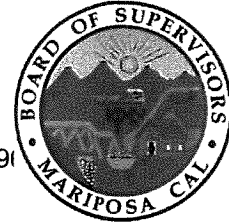




# MARIPOSA COUNTY

HHS/Behavioral Health & Recovery Services · (209) 91



## **RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-191**

MEETING: April 13, 2021  
TO: The Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Shannon Gadd, Health and Human Services Agency Director  
RE: AB 1976: Mental Health Services: Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)

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### **RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Approve Implementation of Assembly Bill (AB) 1976: Mental Health Services Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)

It has been recommended by the Behavioral Health Board (BHB) that Mariposa County participate in AB1976: Mental Health Services Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT).

The BHB unanimously recommends that the Board of Supervisors implement AB1976, which permits court-ordered Assisted Outpatient Treatment for adults with serious mental illness who meet specific criteria. This legislation, passed on September 25, 2020, requires all California counties to either support AOT, or to opt out and submit to California DHCS the Board of Supervisors' resolution with the facts and circumstances supporting their decision by April 30, 2021.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

No new funds have been allocated by the state at this time for the implementation of AOT services; however, the anticipated workload can be absorbed by existing HHSA staff without impacting the delivery of other services.

### **BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

On September 25, 2020, AB1976 was chaptered into law amending the current legislation associated with AOT, commonly known as Laura's Law, effective July 1, 2021. The AOT program permits court ordered treatment services for a person with mental illness who meets specific criteria.

This is the first action of its kind and there is no history of Board Actions.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Opting out of AB1976 Mental Health Services: Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The estimated yearly cost for a fully operational program is \$65,400. These costs would need to be absorbed into our current Mental Health and Substance Use programs because the state has not released new funding for this treatment.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**BHB letter to BOS ab1976 AOT 4.13.2021 (PDF)**

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**AB 1976 Fact Sheet received from Baljit Hundal (PDF)**

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

**SECONDER:** Tom Sweeney, District II Supervisors

**AYES:** Smallcombe, Sweeney, Long, Forsythe, Menetrey