

**MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT ACT
CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**



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ITEM 3F

Meeting Date:	1/23/2019
Contact:	Chair Barash
Time Allocated for Item: 20 mins	

AGENDA TITLE:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Approval of a Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors Regarding a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Biddable Design of a Combined Residential, Crisis Stabilization and Crisis Access Facility in the Ukiah Valley.

PAST BOARD ITEMS: March 17, 2015, Item 4(l); July 7, 2015, Item 4(m); March 15, 2016, Item 4(f); May 23, 2017, Item 4(b)

SUMMARY OF REQUEST / BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Consistent with the findings in the Kemper Report and Lee Kemper's comments while addressing the Committee, the highest priority is to create a combined crisis residential, crisis stabilization, and crisis access facility similar to that already proposed by Redwood Community Services.

Senate Bill (SB) 82, the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013, established a competitive grant program to disburse funds to California counties for the development of mental health crisis support programs. The Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) applied for these funds and was awarded \$500,000 to develop a Crisis Residential Treatment Program (CRT). The Board of Supervisors approved the initial application on March 17, 2015, and acceptance of the award on July 7, 2015.

On March 15, 2016, HHSA edited the application to include Redwood Community Services (RCS) as the contractor, as the proposed contractor, Ortnier Management Group, withdrew from providing services in Mendocino County. The Board authorized acceptance of funds with the change in contractor. In April 2016, the County requested an extension of the grant deadline from June 30, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The extension was granted.

In March 2017, the County received a second extension to May 31, 2018 to provide the County and RCS more time to purchase property and develop a CRT. The Board approved a \$380,000 grant-funded subcontract with RCS on May 23, 2017, to purchase land and support the development of a CRT in Mendocino County. RCS purchased the Orchard Street property on June 5, 2017 to be used as the location of the CRT. RCS received from County Mental Health Services \$380,000 to purchase the land. County Mental Health is to be reimbursed for the funds

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provided to RCS for the purchase of the property once a lease agreement is executed between RCS and Mendocino County. This is a requirement of the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act Grant prior to disbursement of funds. The lease agreement has to be approved by RCS, County, and State. To-date the state has not reimbursed any of the funding.

In April 2018, the state extended the grant period to June, 20, 2021 to allow for further development of the CRT. The CRT must be fully operational by May 31, 2021, in order to guarantee the use of the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act Grant funds.

Board Action:

Upon Motion by Member Angelo, Seconded by Member Barash, and carried unanimously, IT IS ORDERED that the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee makes the following a recommendation to Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, “ Explore utilizing Measure B funds for the development of a Crisis stabilization and Crisis residential facility - and a 24 hour psychiatric facility, further, that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to research options associated with such facility including design/bid/build and potential property or facility locations.”