



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Health and Human Services Agency

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Retroactive Agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. in the Amount of \$152,000 to Provide an Inland Shelter and Day Center to Qualified Individuals in Mendocino County, Effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve retroactive Agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. in the amount of \$152,000 to provide an inland shelter and day center to qualified individuals in Mendocino County, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; authorize the Health and Human Services Agency Director or designee to sign any future amendments that do not increase the annual maximum amount; and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

June 24, 2015, Item 4(h) BOS 15-096; August 16, 2016, Item 4(k) BOS 16-070; July 18, 2017, Item 4(m) BOS 17-067; Amendment June 19, 2018, Item 4(x) BOS 17-067-A1; September 11, 2018, Item 4(n), BOS 18-130; Amendment May 7, 2019, Item 4(p) BOS 18-130-A1. On August 27, 2019, the Board discussed revising this contract to more closely conform to Dr. Robert Marbut's recommendations and the Department withdrew the contract in order to incorporate the requested changes.

Summary of Request:

Mendocino County currently contracts with Redwood Community Services, Inc. (RCS) to provide shelter services and related resources to inland clients, to address the needs of the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) General Assistance (GA) clients, and families and individuals in Mendocino County who are experiencing homelessness and need to be sheltered. RCS provides beds, meals, shower and laundry facilities, phone access, mail delivery, other amenities, outreach, Individualized Housing Plans, and case management to qualified individuals. Additionally, this RCS location acts as a central hub for other service providers to provide direct services and schedule clients for appropriate referrals to other services.

RCS will continue providing services through the proposed contract for Fiscal Year 2019-20, which includes new language as recommended by Homelessness Consultant, Robert G. Marbut, Ph.D. Dr. Marbut recommended adding clear definitions of "Direct Connectivity to Mendocino County" in order to align the contract with the recommendations made in his report to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on March 13, 2018 and April 24, 2018 titled "Homelessness Needs Assessment and Action Steps for Mendocino County." The new

language recommended by Dr. Marbut ensures that the majority of services are provided to families with children, and “homegrown and local individuals.” These definitions are in alignment with guidelines created and approved by the Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care (MCHSCoC) on May 20, 2019.

This contract was originally drafted to go before the BOS on June 18, 2019. The changes recommended by Dr. Marbut, and incorporation of the MCHSCoC language, caused the contract to be revised, reconsidered, and agreed upon by all parties, then re-routed through the approval process, necessitating a retroactive start date.

This contract was presented to the Board on August 27, 2019, at which time the Board discussed including additional contract language to more closely conform to Dr. Robert Marbut’s recommendations for strategic action steps to address homelessness. HHSA staff and the Homeless Action Ad Hoc Committee of Supervisors McCowen and Gjerde have developed a revised Definition of Services (Exhibit A) that more clearly incorporates Dr. Marbut’s recommendations into the contract, provides increased consistency with a contract for homelessness services with Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center, and incorporates by reference City of Ukiah use permit conditions which are also included as an attachment to the contract.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternative handling.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: <https://redwoodcommunityservices.org/>

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: General Fund

current f/y cost: \$152,000

annual recurring cost: \$152,000

budgeted in current f/y: Yes

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: No

budget clarification:

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Yes

CEO Liaison: Darcie Antle, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Lindsey Dunham, Deputy Clerk I

Date: October 7, 2019

Final Status: **Withdrawn**

