



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 19-1056, **Version:** 1

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Health and Human Services Agency

**Meeting Date:** November 19, 2019

**Department Contact:** Tammy Moss Chandler

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**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** N/A

**Agenda Title:**

Approval of Retroactive Agreement with Mendocino County AIDS/Viral Hepatitis Network in the Amount of \$450,000 to Provide Services in Compliance with the California Department of Public Health's Syringe Exchange Certification Program throughout Mendocino County, Effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve Retroactive Agreement with Mendocino County AIDS/Viral Hepatitis Network in the amount of \$450,000 to provide services in compliance with the California Department of Public Health's Syringe Exchange Certification Program throughout Mendocino County, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022; authorize the Health and Human Services Agency Director or designee to sign any future amendments to the Agreement that do not increase the maximum amount; and authorize Chair to sign same.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

July 10, 2012, BOS Agreement No. 12-071, Item No. 4(o).

**Summary of Request:**

Mendocino County AIDS/Viral Hepatitis Network (MCAVHN) has been serving the local community since 1987. Pursuant to the proposed contract, MCAVHN will provide services in compliance with best practices of the California Department of Public Health's Syringe Exchange Certification Program. The purpose of the contract is to reduce the spread of infectious diseases that threaten public health, improve the safe disposal of syringes while reducing the inappropriate disposal of syringes and medications, and engage individuals who are injection drug users and connect them with recovery and treatment services.

Expanded services include: organizing regularly scheduled needle exchanges and collecting used needles from people who inject drugs; providing Hepatitis C and HIV education, counseling, and testing; providing Naloxone and Narcan trainings countywide; collaborating with nonprofit partners to coordinate efforts; scheduling on-site visits with all County tribal entities that are open to receiving trainings and services; and providing regularly scheduled outreach and engagement services throughout the County.

Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) released a Request for Proposal (RFP) on February 25, 2019, for provision of these services. MCAVHN was the only agency to submit a response.

HHSA planned this Agreement for approval by the Board of Supervisors on June 18, 2019. However, due to staffing changes at HHSA, the contract was never submitted for Board approval. Upon further review, HHSA revised the contract to align it more closely with best practices established by the California Department of Public Health, to ensure better coordination of efforts with local community agencies and linkage with other available services, including those available at the day resource center in Ukiah for individuals experiencing homelessness, and to outline expectations related to application for and receipt of additional funding. This process necessitated a retroactive start date.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Return to staff for alternative handling.

**Supervisory District:** All

**vote requirement:** Majority

**Supplemental Information Available Online At:** N/A

**Fiscal Details:**

**source of funding:** Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) funds      **budgeted in current f/y:** Yes

**current f/y cost:** \$150,000

**annual recurring cost:** \$150,000

**if no, please describe:**

**revenue agreement:** No

**budget clarification:**

**Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel:** Yes

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**CEO Liaison:** Darcie Antle, Deputy CEO

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**

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**Executed By:** Lindsey Dunham, Deputy Clerk I

**Date:** November 21, 2019

**Final Status:** **Approved**

**Executed Item Number:** **Agreement** Number: 19-259

**Note to Department** Number of Original Agreements  
Returned to Dept: 3 Original Agreement Delivered to Auditor?  
Yes

