



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Health and Human Services Agency

Meeting Date: April 7, 2020

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Amendment to Agreement No. 19-205, with Psynergy Programs, Inc., In the Amount of \$100,000 (for a New Total of \$270,000) to Provide Residential Care to Mendocino County Lanterman-Petris-Short Clients, Effective When Amendment Becomes Fully Executed Through June 30, 2020

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve Amendment to Agreement No. 19-205, with Psynergy Programs, Inc., in the amount of \$100,000 (for a new total of \$270,000) to provide residential care to Mendocino County Lanterman-Petris-Short clients, effective when Amendment becomes fully executed 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:

August 6, 2019, Item No. 4(v), BOS Agreement No. 19-205

Summary of Request:

The Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act is the California law governing the involuntary civil commitment of individuals who, due to mental illness, pose a danger to themselves, a danger to others, or who are gravely disabled and require inpatient psychiatric care. The intent of the LPS Act was to end inappropriate lifetime commitment of people with mental illness and firmly establish their right to due process while significantly reducing state institutional expense.

Pursuant to the requirements of the LPS Act, Mendocino County is responsible for providing residential care services to LPS clients who are court-mandated to receive a specific level of care requiring a structured environment due to mental health challenges. Currently, there are no local facilities in Mendocino County that are able to provide all levels of care as mandated by the courts. In addition, there is a shortage of residential care facilities statewide, which creates competition for these placements. As a result, the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) contracts with multiple residential care facilities in order to help manage the shortage, and to maintain current client placements ensuring the most appropriate care within the largest possible placement options.

Psynergy Programs, Inc. is a residential care facility with multiple locations in Northern California providing

24-hour residential care in a clean, comfortable, and home-like environment. Psynergy offers services including, but not limited to: medication management; educational opportunities; socialization and group interactions; and entertainment/recreation activities. HHSA utilizes Psynergy in lieu of more expensive placement facilities and/or when other facilities do not have placement beds available for clients requiring this level of care.

The original fiscal year 2019-2020 Agreement covered clients placed at Pysnergy at the time the Agreement was approved. The proposed Amendment is necessary to cover costs for additional placements.

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: 4050

current f/y cost: \$270,000

annual recurring cost: \$270,000

budget clarification: Due to the diversity of clients, some specialized placement agreements with other contractors have been underutilized. Funding for this Amendment with Psynergy Programs, Inc. comes from the distribution of those unused placements funds, which are immediately available for use.

budgeted in current f/y: No

if no, please describe: Additional funds will come from underutilized agreements with other residential treatment contractors for fiscal year 19-20.

revenue agreement: No

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: April 9, 2020

Note to Department Number of Original Agreements Returned to Dept: 0 Original Agreement Delivered to Auditor? No

Final Status:**Approved**

Executed Item: **Agreement** Number: 19-205-A1

