



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Health and Human Services Agency

Meeting Date: May 19, 2020

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Agreement with Psynergy Programs, Inc. in the Amount of \$270,000 to Provide Residential Care to Mendocino County Lanterman-Petris-Short Clients for the Period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve Agreement with Psynergy Programs, Inc. in the amount of \$270,000 to provide residential care to Mendocino County Lanterman-Petris-Short clients for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; 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 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 (HHS), 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 one of the few residential care facilities able to provide services to Mendocino County LPS clients. Psynergy is a residential care facility in Morgan Hill, CA providing 24-hour residential care in a clean, comfortable, and home-like environment. Psynergy provides medication management, educational

opportunities, socialization and group interactions, entertainment/recreation, and transportation to residents with an overall goal for clients to achieve independence with a lower level of care requirement.

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: N/A

budget clarification:

budgeted in current f/y: Yes

if no, please describe:

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: May 20, 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: 20-045

