



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Health and Human Services Agency

Meeting Date: June 10, 2020

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Amendment to BOS Agreement No. 19-201 with Telecare Corporation in the Amount of \$4,000 for a New Agreement Total of \$97,000 to Provide Residential Care to Mendocino County Lanterman-Petris-Short Clients for the Period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve Amendment to BOS Agreement No. 19-201 with Telecare Corporation in the amount of \$4,000 for a new agreement total of \$97,000 to provide residential care to Mendocino County Lanterman-Petris-Short clients for the period of 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:

August 6, 2019, Item 4(r), BOS Agreement No. 19-201.

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.

Telecare Corporation is one of a few residential care facilities able to provide services to Mendocino County

clients. Telecare Corporation, located in Alameda, CA, is a Skilled Nursing Facility providing a broad range of services for adult clients, including psychological rehabilitation support, activities and educational opportunities to improve life skills, treatment by a psychiatrist, and solutions for healthcare needs. Telecare Corporation will provide medical, nursing and rehabilitative services to clients of BHRS with neurological and mental deficits resulting from trauma, disease processes, or metabolic or toxic degenerative disorders. Telecare Corporation provides services to individuals over the age of 18 with special treatment needs related to neurological impairments requiring a longer treatment phase to gain skills needed for community re-entry. This Amendment provides additional funding to ensure mandated residential treatment for clients placed in the facility during fiscal year 2019-20.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternate handling.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: 4050

current f/y cost: \$97,000

annual recurring cost: N/A

budget clarification: Due to the diversity of clients, some specialized placement agreements with other contractors have been underutilized. Funding for this Amendment with Telecare Corporation 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, Senior Deputy Clerk

Date: JUNE 12, 2020

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

Final Status: Approved

Executed Item Number: Agreement Number:
19-201-A1

