



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 20-1189, **Version:** 1

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Health and Human Services Agency

**Meeting Date:** January 5, 2021

**Department Contact:** Jenine Miller

**Phone:** 472-2341

**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

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

**Agenda Title:**

Approval of Amendment to Agreement No. MH-20-016, with Casa Serenity, LLC., in the Amount of \$50,000, for a New Agreement Total of \$75,000, to Provide Residential Care to Mendocino County Lanterman-Petris-Short Clients, Effective When Amendment Becomes Fully Executed through June 30, 2021

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve Amendment to Agreement No. MH-20-016 with Casa Serenity, LLC., in the amount of \$50,000, for new Agreement total of \$75,000, to provide residential care to Mendocino County Lanterman-Petris-Short clients, effective when Amendment becomes fully executed through June 30, 2021; authorize the Health and Human Services Agency Assistant Director/Behavioral Health Director 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 5, 2018, BOS 18-072, Item No. 4(o).

**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.

Casa Serenity, LLC., is one of the few residential care facilities able to provide services to Mendocino County

LPS clients. Casa Serenity, LLC., is a residential care facility in Red Bluff, CA providing 24-hour residential care in a clean, comfortable, and home-like environment. Casa Serenity, LLC., provides medication management, educational opportunities, socialization and group interactions, entertainment/recreation, and transportation to the residents with an overall goal for clients to achieve independence with a lower level of care requirement. The proposed amendment provides additional funding to ensure mandated residential treatment for clients placed in the facility during fiscal year 2020-21.

**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:** Budget Unit 4050

**current f/y cost:** \$75,000

**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 20-21.

**annual recurring cost:** \$75,000

**revenue agreement:** No

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

**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:** Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

**Date:** JANUARY 8, 2021

**Final Status:** Approved

**Executed Item Type:** Agreement **Number:** 21-004

**Note to Department** Number of Original Agreements  
Returned to Dept: 1 Original Agreement Delivered to Auditor?  
Yes

