



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Health and Human Services Agency

Meeting Date: January 26, 2021

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Retroactive Agreement with Round Valley Indian Health Center in the Amount of \$654,833 for the Mental Health Services Act Round Valley Crisis Response Services Innovation Project, Effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve retroactive Agreement with Round Valley Indian Health Center in the amount of \$654,833 for the Mental Health Services Act Round Valley Crisis Response Services Innovation Project, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022; authorize the Health and Human Services Agency Assistant Director to sign any future amendments to the Agreement that do not exceed the maximum amount; authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

Ongoing item since 2017. Most recent action, June 23, 2020, Item 4 (i) Approval of Extension of Project with Updated Work Plan.

Summary of Request:

The Board of Supervisors approved the initial Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Innovation Component Work Plan for the Round Valley Crisis Response Project on September 19, 2017. The State Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) approved the Project Plan on October 26, 2017. The initial plan was for a three-year project with a start date of January 15, 2018, for Crisis Response Services in Round Valley.

The project has established a welcoming, homelike environment at the Center of Healing Hearts. The Center's manager and two peer specialists engage with individuals in distress, exploring modalities of responding to needs. The program offers popular traditional Native American healing practices and connection to cultural skills, and has increased community awareness, local elder attendance at group meetings, and coordination with other local agencies for awareness of crisis risk factors.

Early learning from the Round Valley Crisis Response Project has led to the identification of additional issues to be explored, creating a need to continue the project. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services providers requested an extension of the project from the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission; the extension was granted through June 30, 2022. This continuation will provide the

opportunity for further learning and sustainability planning for services that will effectively address community needs for crisis response and crisis prevention. Additional time will be used to complete the project's learning goals including further exploration of needs and potentials for crisis response and crisis prevention in the Round Valley community, and discovery of effective ways to build and maintain trust to overcome ingrained impacts of a traumatic history. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is a factor that poses additional challenges and has required adjustments, which the project has already begun to make.

The County received MHSOAC approval of the extension on May 6, 2020. The updated Project Plan with Extension Request was posted for a 30-Day Public Comment period from April 24, 2020, through May 25, 2020, and a Public Hearing was conducted at the Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting held on May 20, 2020. Public comment has been incorporated into the work plan and budget, and the revised documents are available online (see link below). The Board of Supervisors approved the Extension Request and Updated Work Plan on June 23, 2020.

After approval of the updated work plan on June 23, 2020, contract negotiations, internal review and signatures from the County and the Contractor took longer than anticipated. The Contractor continued working on the Crisis Response Project while the proposed contract was processed to ensure continuous provision of services. This necessitated a retroactive start date.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternative handling

Supervisory District: District 3

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At:

<https://www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showdocument?id=34967>

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: State MHSA Innovation

current f/y cost: \$322,5552

annual recurring cost: \$298,406

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: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: January 27, 2021

Final Status: Approved

Executed Item Type: Agreement **Number:** 21-012

Note to Department Number of Original Agreements

Returned to Dept: 0 Original Agreement Delivered to

Auditor? No



