



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Health and Human Services Agency

Meeting Date: February 23, 2021

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Amendment to Agreement No. BOS 20-070, with Vista Pacifica Center in the Amount of \$110,000, for a New Agreement Total of \$278,000, to Provide Residential Care to Mendocino County Lanterman-Petris-Short Clients, Effective When Agreement Becomes Fully Executed through June 30, 2021

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve Amendment to Agreement No. BOS 20-070 with Vista Pacifica Center in the amount of \$110,000, for a new Agreement total of \$278,000, to provide residential care to Mendocino County Lanterman-Petris-Short clients, effective when Agreement becomes fully executed through June 30, 2021; authorize the Health and Human Services Agency Assistant Director/Behavioral Health and Recovery Services 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:

Ongoing item, most recent action, June 10, 2020, Item No. 4(ab), BOS Agreement No. 20-070.

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.

Vista Pacifica Center is one of a few residential care facilities able to provide services to Mendocino County clients. Vista Pacifica Center, located in Jurupa Valley, CA, provides secure residential treatment programs and

offers a broad range of services for adults requiring a structured environment due to mental challenges. The goal of the Center is to provide the intervention and support necessary for clients to move towards stabilization, recovery, and successful function in the least restrictive environment possible. Services include: psychological rehabilitation support, provision of residential and health care needs, activities designed to develop self-help skills, life skills, and interpersonal relationships, and programs that promote the recovery of clients for independent living in the community.

The proposed amendment increases the original contract amount for additional placements that were not anticipated at the start of the Fiscal Year.

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: \$278,000

annual recurring cost: \$278,000

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

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: FEBRUARY 24, 2021

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

Final Status: Approved

Executed Item Type: Agreement Number: 20-070-A1

