



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 21-0282, **Version:** 1

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Health and Human Services Agency

**Meeting Date:** March 9, 2021

**Department Contact:** Jenine Miller, Psy.D.

**Phone:** 472-2341

**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

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

**Agenda Title:**

Approval of Amendment to BOS Agreement No. 20-069 with Telecare Corporation in the Amount of \$64,000, for a New Total of \$164,000, 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 BOS Agreement No. 20-069 with Telecare Corporation in the amount of \$64,000, for new total of \$164,000, 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 Agreement. Most recent action on June 10, 2020, Item No. 4(y), BOS Agreement No. 20-069.

**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 provision of healthcare needs. Telecare will provide medical, nursing and rehabilitative services to individuals with neurological and mental deficits resulting from trauma, disease processes or metabolic or toxic degenerative disorders for clients of Mendocino County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services. 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.

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:** \$164,000

**annual recurring cost:** \$164,000

**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 distribution of those unused placements funds, which are immediately available for use. t

**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.

**revenue agreement:** No

**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:** March 11, 2021

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

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**Final Status:** Approved

**Executed Item Type:** Agreement **Number:** 20-069-A1

