



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

File #: 21-0686, **Version:** 1

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Health and Human Services Agency

Meeting Date: June 22, 2021

Department Contact: Jenine Miller

Phone: 472-2341

Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Second Amendment to Agreement No. BOS-20-045 with Psynergy Programs, Inc. in the Amount of \$90,000 for a New Total of \$510,000, 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 second Amendment to Agreement No. BOS-20-045 with Psynergy Programs, Inc. in the amount of \$90,000 for a new total of \$510,000, 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 March 9, 2021, Item 4(m), BOS Amendment No. 20-045-A1.

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.

Psynergy Programs, Inc. is one of the few residential care facilities able to provide services to Mendocino

County LPS clients. Psynergy Programs, Inc. is a residential care facility in Morgan Hill, CA providing 24-hour residential care in a clean, comfortable, and home-like environment. Contractor 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 initial contract was executed based on the number of clients placed at the facility at that time. The proposed second 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: \$510,000

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: \$510,000

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 Psynergy Programs Inc. comes from 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:

FOR COB USE ONLY

Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: June 25, 2021

Final Status: **Approved**

Executed Item Type: Agreement **Number:** 20-045-A2

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

