



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Health and Human Services Agency

Meeting Date: July 20, 2021

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Agreement with Action Network in the Amount of \$88,000 to Provide Mental Health Services Act Funded Programs Meeting Service Criteria for Prevention and Early Intervention, Community Services and Supports, and Outreach for Early Recognition of Mental Illness, Effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve Agreement with Action Network in the amount of \$88,000 to provide Mental Health Services Act funded programs meeting service criteria for Prevention and Early Intervention, Community Services and Supports, and Outreach for Early Recognition of Mental Illness, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; authorize the Health and Human Services Agency Assistant Director/Behavioral Health Director to sign any future amendments that do not increase the maximum amount; and authorize Chair to sign the same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

N/A

Summary of Request:

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds the Community Services and Supports (CSS) Outreach and Engagement component program, the Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Prevention services program, and a program for Outreach to Recognize the Signs of Mental Illness. CSS programs work to connect individuals with serious mental illness to the appropriate mental health support programs. PEI programs work with communities to mitigate the risk of development of mental health conditions by strengthening protective factors. Outreach and Early Recognition of Mental Illness programs work to educate the community about risk factors and supportive services, and work to increase access to mental health services for those in need through connection and provision of services.

Historically, contracts for these services in Mendocino County were included in the Specialty Mental Health Administrative Services Organization contract. However, with a change of service provider, these contracts have transitioned to the County for direct administration. In light of this change, in July 2020, Mendocino County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) released Request for Proposal (RFP) No. MH-20-003-RFP for MHSA CSS services, and RFP No. MH-20-004-RFP for MHSA PEI services. The awards resulting from the RFPs did not meet all MHSA CSS and PEI requirements for services to all age groups, and did not meet stakeholder driven priorities to continue and expand existing services where possible. As a result, BHRS researched additional vendors able to provide services in areas not addressed by vendors selected from the

RFPs.

Action Network did not participate in the RFPs, but is able to provide MHSA required and funded CSS and PEI services in the south coast region of Mendocino County, and therefore is selected as an alternate vendor to perform services required by MHSA regulation. Action Network will provide CSS and PEI services such as outreach, engagement, linkages to appropriate mental health services, screenings and assessments to determine mental health needs, referrals to therapeutic counseling and culturally specific treatment options; develop brochures or marketing tools; develop and utilize approaches that reduce stigma and discrimination; and attend and participate in MHSA Forums.

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: MHSA (MA CSS, MA PEI)

current f/y cost: \$88,000

annual recurring cost: N/A

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: July 22, 2021

Final Status: Approved

Executed Item Type: Agreement **Number:** 21-149

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

