



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Behavioral Health

Meeting Date: August 31, 2021

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 15 mins

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Presentation to the Board of Supervisors from Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to Allocate and Approve Funding in an amount up to Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000) for Mental Health Transportation and Alternate Site COVID-19 Pandemic Support Services

(Sponsor: Behavioral Health)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Accept presentation, allocate and approve funding for Behavioral Health and Recovery Services in an amount up to Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000) for Mental Health Transportation and Alternate Site COVID-19 Pandemic Support Services.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

None

Summary of Request:

Due to COVID-19 pandemic surge, the impacts on our emergency rooms are substantial. In an effort to reduce impacts on our local emergency rooms, the County received a request to provide County support for transporting clients to a psychiatric hospital and housing clients awaiting for a bed in a psychiatric hospital. On August 16, 2021, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, working with our subcontractor Redwood Community Crisis Services, started transporting individual's when Medstar is unable to transport. On August 23, 2021, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services opened an alternate site to house individuals who are waiting for a bed at a psychiatric hospital.

Insurance companies do not reimburse these additional services. In an effort to support our community and local hospitals, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services has responded and implemented services to support our hospitals during the COVID-19 pandemic response. Funding in the amount of up to Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000) is requested to support these services through December 2021. The funding request is an estimate and actual cost could be less or more.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternative handling

How Does This Item Support the General Plan? The services provided through this agreement will support the general plans principle 2-3f; to collaborate with local communities, agencies and organizations to promote all aspects of wellness in the county's populations.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: TBD

budgeted in current f/y: No

current f/y cost: \$550,000 estimate, one time funding

if no, please describe:

annual recurring cost: N/A

revenue agreement: No

budget clarification: Funds are not available in Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) as these s were not budgeted, as this is COVID related; BHRS requesting funds to provide the services. It is anticipated th will be one time funding, if services continue beyond 3 months the department will need to return to the Board additional funding.

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: N/A

CEO Liaison: Darcie Antle, Assistant CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Final Status:**Approved**

Date: September 1, 2021

