



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Health and Human Services Agency

**Meeting Date:** August 6, 2019

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**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

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

**Agenda Title:**

Approval of Retroactive Agreement with Psynergy in the Amount of \$170,000 to Provide Residential Mental Health Treatment to Clients of the Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services for the Period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve retroactive Agreement with Psynergy in the amount of \$170,000 to provide residential mental health treatment to clients of the Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; authorize the Health and Human Services Agency Director or designee to sign any future amendments that do not increase the annual maximum amount; and authorize Chair to sign same.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

June 4, 2019, Item No. 4(f), BOS Agreement No. 19-142.

**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 has multiple residential facilities throughout northern California. Psynergy offers services including,

but not limited to: residential clinical services, care and supervision, holistic health, physical fitness, vocational readiness, peer and family support, and recreational and leisure activities. Psynergy is utilized in lieu of more expensive placement facilities and/or when other facilities do not have placement beds available for clients requiring this level of care.

HHSA submitted this Agreement and seven other Agreements for approval by the Board of Supervisors on June 18, 2019. The June 18th agenda item was rejected because the Agreements could not be combined onto one agenda item. This process necessitated a retroactive start date.

**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:** \$170,000

**annual recurring cost:** \$170,000

**budgeted in current f/y:** Yes

**if no, please describe:** N/A

**revenue agreement:** No

**budget clarification:** N/A

**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:** Lindsey Dunham, Deputy Clerk I

**Date:** August 7, 2019

**Final Status:** **Approved**

**Executed Item Number:** **Agreement** **Number:** 19-205

**Note to Department** Number of Original Agreements  
Returned to Dept: 3 Original Agreement Delivered to Auditor?  
Yes

