



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Behavioral Health

Meeting Date: June 7, 2022

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Amendment to BOS Agreement No. 21-089, with Telecare Corporation in the Amount of \$1,500, for a New Agreement Total of \$102,500, to provide skilled nursing services to Mendocino County Lanterman-Petris-Short Clients, Effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve Amendment to BOS Agreement No. 21-089 with Telecare Corporation in the amount of \$1,500, for new Agreement total of \$102,500, to provide skilled nursing services to Mendocino County Lanterman-Petris-Short clients, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; authorize the 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:

May 25, 2021, Item No. 4(o), BOS Agreement No. 21-089.

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, 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 skilled nursing 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. Amendment to the original contract is requested to increase contract amount to continue court mandated mental health services to Mendocino County LPS conserved clients.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternative handling.

How Does This Item Support the General Plan? Page 3-62 - Goal DE-29: A healthy population which has access to health care.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: 4050

current f/y cost: \$102,500

annual recurring cost: \$102,500

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 LPS placements funds, which are immediately available for use.

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 21-22.

revenue agreement: No

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Yes

CEO Liaison: Darcie Antle, Assistant CEO

CEO Review: Choose an item.

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk II

Date: June 13, 2022

Final Status: Approved

Executed Item Type: Agreement Number: 21-089-A1

