



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Behavioral Health

Meeting Date: June 21, 2022

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Agreement with Psynergy Programs, Inc. in the Amount of \$400,000, to Provide Residential Care to Mendocino County Lanterman-Petris-Short Clients, Effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve Agreement with Psynergy Programs, Inc. in the amount of \$400,000, to provide residential care to Mendocino County Lanterman-Petris-Short clients, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; authorize the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services 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:

Ongoing Agreement. Most recent action May 25, 2021, Item 4(ae), Approval of Agreement No. BOS 21-101.

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, Mendocino County 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, with a primary office located in Morgan Hill, CA, providing 24-hour residential care in a clean, comfortable, and home-like environment at multiple locations. Psynergy Programs, Inc. 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.

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: \$400,000

annual recurring cost: \$400,000

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: Executive Office

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk II

Date: June 21, 2022

Final Status:Approved

Executed Item Type: Agreement **Number:** 22-152

