



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Behavioral Health

**Meeting Date:** May 9, 2023

**Department Contact:** Jenine Miller, Psy.D.

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**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

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

**Agenda Title:**

Approval of Agreement with Telecare Corporation in the Amount of \$116,000, to Provide Residential Care to Mendocino County Lanterman-Petris-Short Clients, Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve Agreement with Telecare Corporation in the amount of \$116,000, to provide residential care to Mendocino County Lanterman-Petris-Short clients, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; authorize the Behavioral Health 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 on June 21, 2022, Item No. 3(q), BOS Agreement 22-149.

**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 residential care facilities able to provide services to Mendocino County clients. Telecare, located in Alameda, CA is a Skill 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. Through the proposed Agreement,

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 BHRS. Telecare will provide these 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.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Return to staff for alternative handling.

**Does This Item Support the General Plan?** Yes

**Strategic Plan Priority Designation:** A Safe and Healthy County

**Supervisory District:** All

**vote requirement:** Majority

**Supplemental Information Available Online At:** N/A

**Fiscal Details:**

**source of funding:** 4050

**current f/y cost:** \$116,000

**annual recurring cost:** \$116,000

**budget clarification:** N/A

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

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

**revenue agreement:** No

**Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel:** Yes

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**CEO Liaison:** Cherie Johnson, Deputy CEO

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**

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**Executed By:** Atlas Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk

**Date:** May 9, 2023

**Final Status:** Approved

**Executed Item Type:** Agreement **Number:** 23-068

