



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 2/25/2020

File #: 20-184

To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Mental Health

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Mental Health Organizational Provider Services Agreement with Two Feathers Native American Family Services Regarding the Provision of Children's Specialty Mental Health Treatment, Therapeutic Behavioral and Intensive Home-Based Services to Eligible Medi-Cal Beneficiaries Residing in Humboldt County

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached mental health organizational provider services agreement with Two Feathers Native American Family Services regarding the provision of children's specialty mental health treatment, therapeutic behavioral and intensive home-based services to eligible Medi-Cal Beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County for the period of March 1, 2020 through Dec. 31, 2021;
2. Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services - Mental Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached mental health organizational provider services agreement with Two Feathers Native American Family Services after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return one fully executed original copy of the attached mental health organizational provider services agreement with Two Feathers Native American Family Services to the Department of Health and Human Services - Contract Unit for further processing.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Mental Health Fund

DISCUSSION:

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors has authorized the Department of Health and Human Services - Mental Health (DHHS - Mental Health) to operate the County of Humboldt's Mental Health Plan. The provision of specialty mental health treatment services to all Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County that meet necessary criteria is, and will remain, the responsibility of DHHS - Mental Health. Therefore, since April 1998, DHHS - Mental Health has contracted with qualified

specialty mental health providers who have historically served Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County. DHHS - Mental Health has established a provider network with in-county as well as out-of-county providers for referrals of Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County to ensure that such beneficiaries have a choice of appropriate providers.

Two Feathers Native American Family Services is a consortium of several Tribes that was established to provide direct social services and promote the stability and security of Native American families, and to protect the best interests of tribal children. The attached mental health organizational provider services agreement will allow eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County to receive children's specialty mental health treatment, therapeutic behavioral and intensive home-based services from Two Feathers Native American Family Services for the period of March 1, 2020 through Dec. 31, 2021.

Accordingly, DHHS - Mental Health recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached mental health organizational provider services agreement with Two Feathers Native American Family Services regarding the provision of children's specialty mental health treatment, therapeutic behavioral and intensive home-based services to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County. It is also recommended that the Board authorize the DHHS - Mental Health Director, a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached mental health organizational provider services agreement with Two Feathers Native American Family Services, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office, in order to avoid any unnecessary delays in the provision of needed children's specialty mental health treatment, therapeutic behavioral and/or intensive home-based services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The attached mental health organizational provider services agreement with Two Feathers Native American Family Services has a maximum amount payable of \$600,000.00 for the period of March 1, 2020 through Dec. 31, 2021. In no event shall the maximum amount paid under the mental health organizational provider services agreement with Two Feathers Native American Family Services exceed \$150,000.00 for fiscal year 2019-20, \$300,000.00 for fiscal year 2020-21 and \$150,000.00 for fiscal year 2021-22. However, in the event local, state or federal funding is reduced or eliminated, the County of Humboldt may reduce the above-referenced maximum amount payable or terminate the attached mental health organizational provider services agreement with Two Feathers Native American Family Services in its entirety.

Expenditure appropriations related to the attached mental health organizational provider services agreement with Two Feathers Native American Family Services have been included in the approved fiscal year 2019-20 budget for DHHS - Mental Health Administration budget unit 1170-424. Funding for the attached mental health organizational provider services agreement with Two Feathers Native American Family Services is available through federal Medi-Cal financial participation and Health and Welfare Realignment interfund revenue. As a result, approval of the attached mental health organizational provider services agreement with Two Feathers Native American Family Services will not impact the Humboldt County General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

The recommended actions support the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Framework by providing opportunities for improved safety and health, protecting vulnerable populations and providing appropriate levels of services.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose not to approve the attached mental health organizational provider services agreement with Two Feathers Native American Family Services regarding the provision of children's specialty mental health treatment, therapeutic behavioral and intensive home-based services to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County. However, this alternative is not recommended, since it would require DHHS - Mental Health to directly provide the specialty mental health treatment, therapeutic behavioral and intensive home-based services to be provided by Two Feathers Native American Family Services, which is not feasible at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Mental Health Organizational Provider Services Agreement with Two Feathers Native American Family Services Regarding the provision of Children's Specialty Mental Health Treatment, Therapeutic Behavioral and Intensive Home-Based Services for Fiscal Years 2019-2020 through 2021-2022

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

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