

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 4/8/2025

File #: 25-427	
То:	Board of Supervisors
From:	DHHS: Behavioral Health
Agenda Section:	Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Professional Services Agreement with Willow Glen Care Center Regarding the Provision of Crisis Residential Treatment Services to Individuals That are Not Enrolled in the Humboldt County Medi-Cal Program

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- Approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached professional services agreement with Willow Glen Care Center regarding the provision of crisis residential treatment services to individuals who are not enrolled in the Humboldt County Medi-Cal Program for the period Aug. 19, 2024, through June 30, 2026; and
- 2. Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached professional services agreement with Willow Glen Care Center, 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 (1) fully executed original copy of the attached professional services agreement with Willow Glen Care Center, to the Department of Health and Human Services Contract Unit for further processing.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The recommended actions support the following areas of the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Plan:

Area of Focus: Safe & Healthy Communities

Strategic Plan Category: 1001 -Support and sustain partnerships between public safety and partner agencies to enhance public safety in our communities

DISCUSSION:

As part of an ongoing effort to provide adequate levels of care for individuals struggling with acute mental health crisis, the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health ("DHHS - Behavioral Health") has been working to identify various options for the provision of mental health treatment services within Humboldt County.

In the early part of 2020 DHHS - Behavioral Health requested proposals from community providers regarding the establishment of a Sub-Acute Transitional Mental Health Residential Treatment Facility in Humboldt County. On July 1, 2021, Willow Glen Care Center was awarded the project.

Based on the proposal submitted by Willow Glen Care Center, it was determined that a ten (10) bed crisis residential treatment facility would provide a much needed and missing resource in the County of Humboldt's Behavioral Health continuum of care. Crisis Residential Treatment offers individuals stepping down from acute psychiatric placements, such as Sempervirens, or those at risk of needing acute psychiatric placement, a place to both reside and receive mental health treatment services.

The attached professional services agreement with Willow Glen Care Center will allow for the provision of crisis residential

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treatment services, including, without limitation, a range of activities and services that support efforts to restore, maintain and apply interpersonal and independent living skills and access community support systems, to individuals that are not enrolled in the Humboldt County Medi-Cal Program for the period of Aug. 19, 2024 through June 30, 2026. It should be noted that the attached professional services agreement with Willow Glen Care Center comes to the Board after the start date thereof due to inadvertent delays that occurred during the contract development process.

Accordingly, DHHS - Behavioral Health recommends that the Board approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached professional services agreement with Willow Glen Care Center regarding the provision of crisis residential treatment services to individuals who are not enrolled in the Humboldt County Medi-Cal program for the period of Aug. 19, 2024 through June 30, 2026. It is also recommended that the Board authorize the DHHS - Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached professional services agreement with Willow Glen Care Center, 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 crisis residential treatment services.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Behavioral Health fund (1170-424)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures (1170-477)	FY24-25 Adopted	FY25-26 Projected*
Budgeted Expenses	\$284,700.00	\$427,050.00
Total Expenditures	\$284,700.00	\$427,050.00
Funding Sources (1170-424)	FY24-25 Adopted	FY25-26 Projected*
State/Federal Funds	\$284,700.00	\$427,050.00
Total Funding Sources	\$284,700.00	\$427,050.00

*Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.

The attached professional services agreement with Willow Glen Care Center has a maximum amount payable of Seven Hundred Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$711,750.00) for the period of Aug. 19, 2024 through June 30, 2026. In no event shall the maximum amount paid under the attached professional services agreement with Willow Glen Care Center exceed Two Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$284,700.00) for fiscal year 2024-2025 and Four Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$427,050.00) for fiscal year 2025-2026. 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 Willow Glen Care Center in its entirety.

Expenditure appropriations related to the attached professional services agreement with Willow Glen Care Center have been included in adopted fiscal year 2024-25 budget for DHHS - Behavioral Health budget unit 1170-424. Funding for the attached professional services agreement with Willow Glen Care Center is available through Mental Health Services Act revenues received by DHHS - Behavioral Health. As a result, approval of the attached professional services agreement with Willow Glen Care Center will not impact the Humboldt County General Fund.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Approval of the attached professional services agreement with Willow Glen Care Center will not impact current staffing levels.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to approve the attached professional services agreement Willow Glen Care Center regarding the provision of crisis residential treatment services to individuals who are not enrolled in the Humboldt County Medi-Cal Program. However, this alternative is not recommended as it will not allow for the provision of needed mental health treatment services to a section of an underserved population within Humboldt County.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Professional Services Agreement with Willow Glen Care Center Regarding the Provision of Crisis Residential Treatment Services to Individuals Who are Not Enrolled in the Humboldt County Medi-Cal Program

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: 5/11/21; 10/18/22, 12/03/24 File No.: 21-516; 22-1270; 24-1557