



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-8

For the meeting of: December 6, 2016

Date: October 27, 2016

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Connie Beck, Director  
Department of Health and Human Services-Mental Health

Subject: Approval of California Department of Health Care Services Mental Health Performance Contract for the term July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approves the Mental Health Performance Contract between Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and Humboldt County Health and Human Services (DHHS) for the term July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017;
2. Authorizes the Interim Director of DHHS-Mental Health to sign the Performance Contract and subsequent amendments or documents related to the Performance Contract on behalf of Humboldt County; and
3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send the DHHS-Mental Health Administration two (2) certified copies of this Board Order for submission to DHCS for final execution.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Mental Health Fund

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CAO Approval

REVIEW:

Auditor WJM County Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Manager RW Other \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ITEM:

- Consent
- Departmental
- Public Hearing
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

Upon motion of Supervisor Fennell Seconded by Supervisor Bass

Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Lovelace, Bohn, Bass

Nays \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. C-8

Meeting of: July 14, 2015

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: Dec. 6, 2016

By: [Signature]

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

## DISCUSSION:

The DHCS Mental Health Performance Contract functions as an agreement between the State of California and Humboldt County DHHS for Mental Health funding.

DHCS administers the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) and Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG) programs and oversees county provision of community mental health services provided with realignment funds.

The Performance Contract is for zero net dollars. It sets forth conditions, program principles and general requirements that DHHS Mental Health must meet in order to receive critical state and federal funding for the delivery of the above referenced mental health services and programs.

The Performance Contract includes instructions for counties to request a waiver from the state policy regarding the provision of separate psychiatric treatment for minors. DHHS Mental Health requested the waiver for juvenile hospitalization at the DHHS Mental Health inpatient psychiatric health facility (Sempervirens) and Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) in FY13-14. The DHCS Compliance Section approved Humboldt County's request for a juvenile hospitalization waiver on June 3, 2014. This approval is valid until rescinded by the DHCS.

On June 9, 2016, the DHCS sent DHHS Mental Health the DHCS Performance Contract (Attachment 1) for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 for completion and signature.

DHCS requested to return the signed contract documents by June 30, 2016. However, DHCS acknowledged that it sent the contract documents later than anticipated and that this deadline may not provide adequate time to facilitate the required review by the Behavioral Health Board and obtain the Board of Supervisors' approval. Therefore DHCS asked counties who could not meet the June 30, 2016 deadline to return the required documents as soon as possible thereafter.

The Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board reviewed this contract at their meeting on September 15, 2016 (Welfare and Institutions Code - Section 5604.2; Attachment 2).

DHHS-Mental Health recommends that the Board approves the Mental Health Performance Contract between DHCS and Humboldt County DHHS for the term July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017; authorizes the Interim Director of DHHS-Mental Health to sign the Performance Contract and subsequent amendments or documents related to the Performance Contract on behalf of Humboldt County; and directs the Clerk of the Board to send the DHHS-Mental Health Administration two certified copies of this Board Order for submission to DHCS for final execution.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Although this Performance Contract indicates zero maximum dollar value, funding for Mental Health programs is dependent upon the execution and return of the Performance Contract to DHCS. The County must meet certain conditions and requirements to receive State and Federal funding administered by the DHCS. These conditions and requirements are set forth in Welfare and Institutions Code sections 5650(a), 5847, and Title 9, California Code of Regulations, section 3310.

Mental Health program funding related to this Performance Contract has been included in the approved Mental Health Administration budget unit 1170-424 for FY 2016-17. There is no anticipated impact on the County General Fund.

Approval of the Mental Health Performance Contract supports the Board's Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations and providing community-appropriate levels of service.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose to not approve this Performance Contract. This is not recommended because DHHS- Mental Health would lose critical funding for a broad array of public mental health services benefitting high-need individuals who have a mental health diagnosis or a mental health diagnosis with a co-occurring substance abuse disorder.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1: California DHCS Mental Health Performance Contract with Humboldt County DHHS- Mental Health for the term July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017
- Attachment 2: Letter from Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board Chairman to DHCS