



AGENDA ITEM NO.
C19

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: June 26, 2018

Date: June 4, 2018

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Connie Beck, Director *ccbeck for CB*
Department of Health and Human Services – Mental Health

Subject: California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Mental Health Plan (MHP) Contract and DHCS MHP Contract Amendment

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the attached MHP Contract between Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) - Mental Health and California DHCS for the term July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2022.
2. Approve the attached MHP Contract Amendment between DHHS - Mental Health and California DHCS for the term May 1, 2013 to June 30, 2017.
3. Authorize the DHHS - Mental Health Director to sign the MHP Contract, MHP Contract Amendment and subsequent amendments or documents related to the original MHP Contract for the term July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022 on behalf of Humboldt County and submit it to the California DHCS.
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board to send the DHHS-Mental Health Administration one (1) certified copy of this Board Order.

Prepared by: Elvira Schwarz, AA II

CAO Approval *E. Schwarz*

REVIEW:

Auditor CD County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

Consent
 Departmental
 Public Hearing
 Other _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor *Bass* Seconded by Supervisor *Fennell*

Ayes *Bass, Fennell, Sundberg, Bohn*
 Nays _____
 Abstain _____
 Absent *Wilson*

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-16, C-9

Meeting of: 8/14/12, 5/14/13

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

Dated: 6/26/18

By: *[Signature]*
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Mental Health Fund

DISCUSSION:

In 1995, the state transferred responsibility for the provision of all Medi-Cal funded acute inpatient specialty mental health services rendered to Medi-Cal beneficiaries to the Humboldt County Mental Health Department. In 1997, the state transferred all Medi-Cal outpatient service responsibilities for county residents to Humboldt County Mental Health.

As part of the state's transfer of responsibility, DHHS–Mental Health is responsible for providing, or arranging for the provision, of all medically necessary specialty mental health services for the Humboldt County Medi-Cal beneficiary population. DHHS–Mental Health continues to operate as the local Mental Health Plan.

The Board approved the last MHP contract (then referred to as managed care agreement) between DHHS - Mental Health and California DHCS on May 14, 2013 (item C-9). That contract was originally for the term May 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018.

On May 29, 2018, DHCS distributed the documents for the new MHP contract and communicated that this contract will be in effect retroactively from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022.

Significant changes have been made to this contract to conform to the updated federal Medicaid Managed Care regulations. DHCS has worked closely with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) of California on the development of this contract. CMS approved this version of the MHP contract. CMS approval of the contract is required pursuant to the Medicaid Managed Care regulations.

This contract comes to your board with a retroactive term of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022 because many of the requirements in the updated Medicaid Managed Care regulations became effective and applicable on July 1, 2017.

In order to avoid overlapping contract terms, DHCS also sent an amendment to the existing contract. This amendment will only change the end date of the existing contract from June 30, 2018 to June 30, 2017.

The MHP contract is a condition of payment of federal financial participation.

DHHS-Mental Health recommends that the Board approves the contract and contract amendment, authorizes the DHHS-Mental Health Branch Director to sign the contract and any subsequent amendments or documents related to this contract and directs the Clerk of the Board to send DHHS-Mental Health Administration a certified copy of this agenda item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The MHP contract for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2022 differs from the previous contract in that it is a zero dollar contract. The MHP's authority to be paid is established in accordance with Chapter 3, Part 2, Division 5 of the Welfare and Institution Code along with Sections 5600, 5750, 5650, and Government Code Sections 11138, 14705 and 14718. Therefore it is not necessary to develop and include individual county funding estimates for the five year term of the contract.

MHPs will continue to submit certified public expenditure (CPE) claims through the state DHCS for federal reimbursement of costs associated with the provision of specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Revenue and expenditure appropriations associated with the MHP contract are included in DHHS-Mental Health Administration budget unit 1170-424 for FY 2017-18 and the proposed budget for FY 2018-19.

Realignment allocations from Local Revenue Fund 2011 will be utilized as matching funds for the federal dollars, for Mental Health Managed Care, Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) and other Mental Health Plan financial responsibilities. Other matching funds include the \$43,803 provided by the County of Humboldt as Maintenance of Effort; this is the only impact on the general fund and is a portion of the ongoing county general fund contribution to DHHS-Mental Health.

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

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose to not approve this contract. This is not recommended because DHHS- Mental Health would lose Medi-Cal provider status, the existing network of care, the associated funding and the State of California would assume direct responsibility for medically necessary specialty mental health services for Humboldt County by contracting these services to some other entity.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. MHP Contract (Standard Agreement) between DHHS-Mental Health and California DHCS for the term July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2022 (one original)
2. MHP Contract (Standard Agreement) Amendment between DHHS-Mental Health and California DHCS for the term May 1, 2013 to June 30, 2017 (one original)