



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 7/19/2022

File #: 22-907

To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Behavioral Health

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Memorandum of Understanding with Mariane Gilbert Regarding the Payments Associated with the Provision of Non-Emergency Medical Care Services

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached memorandum of understanding with Mariane Gilbert regarding payment associated with the provision of non-emergency medical care services;
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 memorandum of understanding with Mariane Gilbert 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 copy of the attached memorandum of understanding with Mariane Gilbert to the Department of Health and Human Services - Contract Unit for further processing.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Behavioral Health Fund (1170)

DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to section 77061(d) of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, the county's psychiatric health facility, Sempervirens, is required to always have a physician on-call for the provision of non-emergency physical health care. On July 7, 2020, the County of Humboldt entered a professional services agreement with Mariane Gilbert regarding the provision of non-emergency medical care services for patients at Sempervirens for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Due to inadvertent oversight, monthly invoices were not submitted for March 2021, April 2021, and May 2021 until March 10, 2022. Upon receipt of delayed invoices and due to additional non-emergency medical care services the contract cap was exceeded and an amendment to increase the cap was unable to be completed prior to the expiration of the agreement.

The purpose of the attached memorandum of understanding is to document Mariane Gilbert's provision of non-emergency medical care services during fiscal year 2020-2021, and to provide for payment of such services. Accordingly, the Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health ("DHHS - Behavioral Health") recommends that the Board approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached memorandum of understanding with Mariane Gilbert regarding payment of the provision of non-emergency medical care services at Sempervirens psychiatric health facility. It also recommends that the Board authorize the DHHS - Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached memorandum of understanding with Mariane Gilbert, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management, and the County Administrative Office, in order to avoid any unnecessary delays in the payment for the provision of non-emergency medical care services at Sempervirens.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The attached memorandum of understanding with Mariane Gilbert has a maximum amount payable of Six Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$6,120.00). Expenditure appropriations related to the attached memorandum of understanding have been included in the approved fiscal year 2021-2022 budget for DHHS - Behavioral Health Administration budget unit 1170-424. Funding for the attached memorandum of understanding with Mariane Gilbert is made available through Medi-Cal financial participation. As a result, approval of the attached memorandum of understanding with Mariane Gilbert will not impact the Humboldt County General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations, creating opportunities for improved safety and health, and providing community-appropriate levels of services.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose to not approve the attached memorandum of understanding with Mariane Gilbert regarding payment for the provision of non-emergency medical care services for patients at Sempervirens Psychiatric Health Facility. However, this alternative is not recommended since it would not allow DHHS - Behavioral Health to pay Mariane Gilbert for the additional non-emergency medical care services provided.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Memorandum of Understanding with Mariane Gilbert Regarding Payment for the Provision of Non-Emergency Medical Care Services at Sempervirens Psychiatric Health Facility
2. Professional Services Agreement with Mariane Gilbert Regarding the Provision of Non-Emergency Medical Care Services for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-24, C-12

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