



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 6/28/2022

File #: 22-806

To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Behavioral Health

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Agreement between Jamie Lee Evans and Humboldt County to provide coaching, advisement, technical assistance, and professional training services related to implementation of the Humboldt County Transition Age Youth Collaboration Project.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached professional services agreement with Jamie Lee Evans to obtain consultation, advisement, technical assistance, and professional training services related to implementation of the Humboldt County Transition Age Youth Collaboration Project for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024;
2. Authorize the Department of Health & Human Services - Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached professional services agreement with Jamie Lee Evans 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 professional services agreement to the Department of Health & Human Services - Contract Unit for further processing.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Behavioral Health Fund (1170)

DISCUSSION:

Since the inception of the Humboldt County Transition Age Youth Collaboration (“HCTAYC”) Project, Jamie Lee Evans has been an important community partner for the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services’ (“DHHS”) efforts to support transition age youth, including foster youth. She has partnered with DHHS and HCTAYC’s Youth Advocacy Board (“YAB”) providing consultation, advisement, technical assistance, and professional training services to transition age and foster youth in Humboldt County and as well as the staff that support them.

Jamie Lee Evan’s collaboration with DHHS through HCTAYC and more recently the TAY Peer

Coaching programs has affected a number of Humboldt's young people with lived experience in our local systems including foster care, behavioral health, juvenile justice and homelessness prevention settings. These systems when guided by youth-informed policies and programs can lead to better outcomes for young people as they transition into successful adulthood, such as improved housing stability, completion of high school or the equivalent thereof, obtaining employment and physical and mental health maintenance. In addition, such outcomes for youth can lead to more cost-effective systems over time. The partnership between Jamie Lee Evans and HCTAYC will continue to provide enhanced youth leadership, advocacy skills, youth empowerment and policy development improving the systems that serve transition age youth.

It is noteworthy that the pandemic has had an unprecedented impact on the behavioral health of the nation's children and youth. Disruptions in routine, education, relationships as well as grief, trauma and isolation over the last 2 years are hitting young people hard. As the studies proliferate, it's clear that communities and systems need to prepare and strengthen to support the waves of youth experiencing behavioral challenges and increased use of system resources. Jamie Lee Evans is an expert in young people and well equipped to partner with DHHS in being strategic about moving forward and responding to this crisis through the HCTAYC and Peer Coaching programs.

Therefore, staff recommends that the Board approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the attached professional services agreement with Jamie Lee Evans to provide coaching, advisement, technical assistance, and professional training services related to implementation of the Humboldt County Transition Age Youth Collaboration Project for fiscal years 2022-2023 through 2023-2024.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The attached professional services agreement with Jamie Lee Evans has a maximum amount payable of one hundred twenty-three thousand four hundred eighty (\$123,480.00) for the period beginning July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2024. In no event shall the maximum amount paid under this Agreement exceed Seventy-Four Thousand Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$74,088.00) for fiscal year 2022-2023 and Forty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars (\$49,392.00) for fiscal year 2023-2024. In the event that the maximum amount payable for a specified fiscal year is not reached, the remaining balance thereof will be added to the maximum amount payable for the following fiscal year. However, if 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 professional services agreement in its entirety.

Expenditures related to this agreement have been included in proposed FY 2022-23 budget for DHHS-Behavioral Health budget unit 1170478, Transition Age Youth System of Care. Funding for this agreement is available from Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention, therefore there is no impact to County General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by creating opportunities for improved safety and health , fostering transparent, accessible, welcoming, and user-friendly services, and protecting vulnerable populations.

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OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose not to approve the attached professional services agreement with Jamie Lee Evans to provide coaching, advisement, technical assistance, and professional training services related to implementation of the Humboldt County Transition Age Youth Collaboration Project. However, this alternative is not recommended since DHHS does not have enough qualified staff to perform the services that will be provided thereunder.

ATTACHMENTS:

Professional Services Agreement by and between County of Humboldt and Jamie Lee Evans for fiscal years 2022-2023 through 2023-2024

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-10

Meeting of: 10/22/2019

File No.: 19-1425