



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 3/16/2021

File #: 21-136

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Probation

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Mutual Aid Agreement between County of Mendocino and County of Humboldt for the Mutual Provision of Temporary Secure Non-Exclusive Detention Space for Detained youth during an Emergency Evacuation

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the attached Mutual Aid Agreement between County of Mendocino and County of Humboldt; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return two signed copies of the agreement to Chief Probation Officer Shaun Brenneman.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Probation Juvenile Hall Budge Unit 1100-234

DISCUSSION:

Recent Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) have caused the Probation Department to closely review the department's existing Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). One of the challenges identified was the Juvenile Hall. Probation is mandated to operate a juvenile hall; however, in the event of a forced evacuation there is no local suitable secure facility into which staff can move youth. The best available options are contiguous counties. To that end, Humboldt County Probation is seeking to enter into a mutual aid agreement with Mendocino County Probation. The agreements are mutual, meaning that Humboldt County would also receive Mendocino County youth in the event of a disaster forcing evacuation there.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

It is likely that in many fiscal years this agreement will not be activated and there will be no financial impact. However, in the event that Humboldt County Probation must evacuate youth to Mendocino, there will be no cost for the first 7 days. Beyond 7 days, the cost to the sending county will be \$80 per day per youth and should the length of stay extend beyond 21 days, the cost to the sending county would be \$150 per day per youth. The annual amount paid on this agreement is not to exceed \$50,000.

These costs would be absorbed into the existing Juvenile Hall budget unit 234. Similarly, were Humboldt County to receive Mendocino County youth, the funds would be directed back into the Juvenile Hall budget Unit 234 to offset the cost of housing the Mendocino County youth(s).

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by providing community-appropriate levels of service and protecting vulnerable populations.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Mendocino County

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may elect not to approve the mutual aid agreement, however this is not recommended as it would leave detained youth in Humboldt County vulnerable in the event of a forced evacuation. Not having agreements in place could result in serious delays in finding safe and secure detention space for detained Humboldt County youth.

ATTACHMENTS:

Mutual Aid Agreement between County of Mendocino and County of Humboldt for the Mutual Provision of Temporary Secure Non-Exclusive Detention Space for Detained Youth during an Emergency Evacuation.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-21
Meeting of: 03/17/2020
File No.: 20-322