



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 9/21/2021

File #: 21-1264

To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Behavioral Health

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Professional Services Agreement with Arcata House Partnership Regarding the Provision of Peer Coaching and Support Services to Eligible Individuals Living at the Arcata Bay Crossing Apartment Complex

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the attached professional services agreement with Arcata House Partnership regarding the provision of peer coaching and support services to eligible individuals living at the Arcata Bay Crossing apartment complex for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022;
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 professional services agreement with Arcata House Partnership, 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 fully executed original copy of the attached professional services agreement with Arcata House Partnership to the Department of Health and Human Services - Contract Unit for further processing.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Social Services Fund (1160)

DISCUSSION:

There are currently 15 Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health (“DHHS - Behavioral Health”) clients that were formerly homeless or at risk of homelessness living in apartments at the Arcata Bay Crossing apartment complex. DHHS - Behavioral Health has determined that these clients would benefit from receiving peer coaching and support services on-site. The peer coaching and support services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of the attached professional services agreement with Arcata House Partnership will help people experiencing mental health challenges obtain the skills and supports necessary to lead meaningful lives in the community. Arcata House Partnership employs several peer specialists who are trained to promote client recovery by supplementing existing treatment with education, empowerment and assistance in accessing

available resources.

The attached professional services agreement with Arcata House Partnership will allow eligible individuals living at the Arcata Bay Crossing apartment complex to receive needed peer coaching and support services for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. It should be noted that the attached professional services agreement with Arcata House Partnership comes to the Board after the start date thereof due to inadvertent delays that occurred during the contract development process.

Accordingly, DHHS - Behavioral Health recommends that the Board approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached professional services agreement with Arcata House Partnership regarding the provision of peer coaching and support services to eligible individuals living at the Arcata Bay crossing apartment complex for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. It is also recommended that the Board authorize the DHHS -Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the professional services agreement with Arcata House Partnership, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office, in order to avoid unnecessary delays in the provision of essential peer coaching and support services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The attached professional services agreement with Arcata House Partnership has a maximum amount payable of \$83,500.00 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. However, in the event 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 Arcata House Partnership in its entirety.

Expenditure appropriations related to the attached professional services agreement with Arcata House Partnership have been included in the approved fiscal year 2021-2022 budget for DHHS - Social Services budget unit 1160-511. Funding for the attached professional services agreement is available through Intergovernmental Transfer Funds received by DHHS - Behavioral Health. As a result, approval of the attached professional services agreement with Arcata House Partnership will not impact the Humboldt County General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

The recommended actions support the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations, supporting self-reliance of citizens, 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 not to approve the attached professional services agreement with Arcata House Partnership regarding the provision of peer coaching and support services to eligible individuals living at the Arcata Bay Crossing apartment complex. However, this alternative is not recommended since it will not allow for the provision of needed peer coaching and support services.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Professional Services Agreement with Arcata House Partnership Regarding the Provision of Peer Coaching and Support Services to Eligible Individuals Living at the Arcata Bay Crossing Apartment Complex

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-29; C-7

Meeting of: 6/26/18; 10/1/19

File No.: 18-761; 19-1297