



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 6/25/2019

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File #: 19-911

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** DHHS: Mental Health

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**SUBJECT:**

Professional Services Agreement with Star View Behavioral Health, Inc. Regarding the Provision of Children's Psychiatric Inpatient Services to Eligible Medi-Cal Beneficiaries Residing in Humboldt County

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached professional services agreement with Star View Behavioral Health, Inc. regarding the provision of children's psychiatric inpatient services to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020;
2. Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services - Mental Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached professional services agreement with Star View Behavioral Health, Inc. after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to route a fully executed original copy of the attached professional services agreement with Star View Behavioral Health, Inc. to the Department of Health and Human Services - Contract Unit for further processing.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Mental Health Fund

**DISCUSSION:**

The Board of Supervisors has authorized the Department of Health and Human Services - Mental Health (DHHS - Mental Health) to operate the County of Humboldt's Mental Health Plan. The provision of specialty mental health treatment services to all Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County that meet necessary criteria is, and will remain, the responsibility of DHHS - Mental Health. Therefore, since April 1998, DHHS - Mental Health has contracted with qualified specialty mental health providers, including Star View Behavioral Health, Inc., who have historically served Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County. DHHS - Mental Health has established a provider network with in-county as well as out-of-county providers for referrals of Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County to ensure such beneficiaries have a choice of appropriate

providers.

Star View Behavioral Health's psychiatric health facility located in Torrance, California is a qualified and licensed out-of-county treatment facility that provides psychiatric inpatient services, including, without limitation, multi-disciplinary evaluation, treatment, rapid stabilization and coordinated discharge planning services to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries under 18 years of age. Children placed at Star View Behavioral Health's psychiatric health facility are stabilized, treated and transitioned to a variety of less restrictive placements, including without limitation, family, foster families or lower level group homes as part of each child's long-term permanency plan.

DHHS - Mental Health has previously contracted with Star View Behavioral Health, Inc. on numerous occasions. On each occasion, Star View Behavioral Health, Inc. has demonstrated expertise in providing a full range of inpatient psychiatric and rehabilitative services, including, without limitation, 24-hour nursing care, dietary services, medical, psychiatric, psychological and social assessments, crisis intervention, administration and supervision of psychotropic medications, individual and group therapy, art, recreational and vocational therapy, clinical laboratory services, social services and discharge planning services. Star View Behavioral Health, Inc. is an out-of-county provider that is only utilized when necessary to serve beneficiaries with the highest level of needs. The services provided by Star View Behavioral Health, Inc. are not available in Humboldt County.

The attached professional services agreement will allow eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County to receive children's psychiatric inpatient services at Star View Behavioral Health's psychiatric health facility for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Accordingly, DHHS - Mental Health recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached professional services agreement with Star View Behavioral Health, Inc. regarding the provision of children's psychiatric inpatient services to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. It is also recommended that the Board authorize the DHHS - Mental Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached professional services agreement with Star View Behavioral Health, Inc., after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office, in order to avoid any unnecessary delays in the provision of required children's psychiatric inpatient services.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The attached professional services agreement with Star View Behavioral Health, Inc. has a maximum amount payable of \$60,358.00 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. 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 with Star View Behavioral Health, Inc. in its entirety.

Expenditure appropriations related to the attached professional services agreement with Star View Behavioral Health, Inc. have been included in the proposed fiscal year 2019-20 budget for DHHS - Mental Health Administration budget unit 1170-424. Funding for the attached professional services

agreement with Star View Behavioral Health, Inc. is available through federal Medi-Cal financial participation and state realignment for mental health managed care and early periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment. As a result, approval of the attached professional services agreement with Star View Behavioral Health, Inc. will not impact the Humboldt County General Fund.

**STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:**

The recommended actions support the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Framework by creating opportunities for improved safety and health protecting vulnerable populations and providing 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 Star View Behavioral Health, Inc. regarding the provision of children's psychiatric inpatient services to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County. However, this alternative is not recommended since it would require DHHS - Mental Health to directly provide the psychiatric inpatient services currently being provided by Star View Behavioral Health, Inc., which is not feasible at this time.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Professional Services Agreement with Star View Behavioral Health, Inc. Regarding the Provision of Children's Psychiatric Inpatient Services for Fiscal Year 2019-20

**PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:**

Board Order No.: C-16

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