



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 9/14/2021

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File #: 21-1317

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** DHHS: Behavioral Health

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**SUBJECT:**

Mental Health Performance Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services Regarding the Provision of Community Mental Health Treatment Services to Eligible Humboldt County Residents

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Waive the requirements of the Humboldt County Nuclear Free Ordinance with regard to the attached mental health performance agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services;
2. Approve, and authorize the Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute, the attached mental health performance agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services regarding the provision of community mental health treatment services to eligible Humboldt County residents for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024;
3. Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute all subsequent amendments to, and any other certifications, agreements and documents directly associated with, the attached mental health performance agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office; and
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board to route one (1) certified copy of the Board Order pertaining to this item to the Department of Health and Human Services - Contract Unit for submission to the California Department of Health Care Services.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Behavioral Health (1170)

**DISCUSSION:**

The California Department of Health Care Services ("DHCS") administers the Mental Health Services Act, Lanterman-Petris-Short Act, Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness, Community Mental Health Services Block Grant and Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training programs, and oversees the provision of community mental health treatment services pursuant to the Bronzan-

McCorquodale Act.

The attached mental health performance agreement with DHCS sets forth the conditions, program principles and general requirements that the County of Humboldt must meet in order to receive critical state and federal funding for the provision of community mental health treatment services. The attached mental health performance agreement with DHCS also includes a waiver from the State of California's policy regarding the provision of separate psychiatric treatment for minors. The Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health ("DHHS - Behavioral Health") initially requested the waiver for juvenile hospitalization at the County of Humboldt's inpatient psychiatric health facility and crisis stabilization unit during fiscal year 2013-2014. DHCS approved DHHS - Behavioral Health's request for a juvenile hospitalization waiver on June 3, 2014. This waiver is valid until rescinded by DHCS.

On June 25, 2021, DHCS sent DHHS - Behavioral Health the attached mental health performance agreement for review and execution. DHCS requested that DHHS - Behavioral Health return executed copies of the attached mental health performance agreement by Sept. 20, 2021. On Aug. 9, 2021, the Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board reviewed the attached mental health performance agreement with DHCS in accordance with California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5604.2. It should be noted that the attached mental health performance agreement with DHCS 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 DHHS - Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute, the attached mental health performance agreement with DHCS regarding the provision of community mental health treatment services to eligible Humboldt County residents for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. 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, and any other certifications, agreements and documents directly associated with, the attached mental health performance agreement with DHCS, 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 needed community mental health treatment services.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Although the attached mental health performance agreement with DHCS indicates a zero maximum dollar value, funding for the County of Humboldt's mental health programs is dependent on the execution thereof. DHHS - Behavioral Health must meet the conditions and requirements set forth in Sections 5650(a) and 5847 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code and Section 3310 of Title 9 of the California Code of Regulations to receive state and federal funding administered by DHCS.

Mental health program funding related to the attached mental health performance agreement with DHCS has been included in the approved fiscal year 2021-2022 budget for DHHS - Behavioral Health Administration budget unit 1170-424. As a result, approval of the attached mental health performance agreement with DHCS will not impact the Humboldt County General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

The recommended actions support the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations, creating opportunities for improved safety and health and providing community-appropriate levels of services.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to approve the attached mental health performance agreement with DHCS regarding the provision of community mental health treatment services to eligible Humboldt County residents. However, this alternative is not recommended since it would cause DHHS - Behavioral Health to lose critical funding for the provision of community mental health treatment services to individuals who have a mental health diagnosis or a mental health diagnosis with a co-occurring substance use disorder.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Mental Health Performance Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services  
Regarding the Provision of Community Mental Health Treatment Services to Eligible Humboldt County Residents

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-14, C-8, C-8, C-11, C-6

Meeting of: 8/12/14, 7/14/15, 12/6/16, 12/12/17, 11/12/19

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