

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

For the meeting of: May 24, 2016

for Connic Jork 5/6/16

Date:

April 20, 2016

To:

Board of Supervisors

From:

Connie Beck, Director

Department of Health and Human Services

Subject:

Allocate two full time equivalent (FTE) Substance Abuse Counselor I/II's; one FTE

Community Health Outreach Worker I/II; two FTE Mental Health Case Manager's and two

FTE Mental Health Clinician I/II's in Budget Unit 293.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Approve the allocation of two (2.0 FTE) Substance Abuse Counselor I/II (job class 0491A/B, salary range 334/352) positions in budget unit 293; and
- 2. Approve the allocation of one (1.0 FTE) Community Health Outreach Worker I/II (job class 0511A/B, salary range 326/354) position in budget unit 293; and
- 3. Approve the allocation of two (2.0 FTE) Mental Health Case Manager I (job class 0907, salary range 346) positions in budget unit 293; and
- 4. Approve the allocation of two (2.0 FTE) Mental Health Clinician I/II (job class 0909A/B, salary range 414/444) positions in budget unit 293; effective immediately upon Board approval.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Measure Z Fund

DISCUSSION:

On February 6, 2016, your Board approved the allocation of \$532,926 in on-going Measure Z funding to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to increase rural child welfare/protection services,

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REVIEW:				
Auditor	County Counsel	Personnel	Risk Manager Other	
TYPE OF ITEM: X Consent Departmental Public Hearing Other PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:			BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT Upon motion of Supervisor Fennel Seconded by Supervisor Bass Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Lovelace, Bohn, Bas Nays Abstain Absent	
Board Order No Meeting of: 2/0			and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report. Dated: May 24, 2011e By: Kothy Haves Clark of the Pearl	

mental health and substance abuse treatment and public health services to protect and provide home-based services to the children and families of Humboldt County. In collaboration with Tribes and other community partners, DHHS has identified the immediate need to expand substance abuse prevention and treatment services, with the allocation of direct service providers in the more rural areas in order to provide the most unique, specialized and relevant interventions that will protect and ensure the safety of children and families.

To address this critical need, the allocation of Substance Abuse Counselors will respond to public safety risks due to unaddressed substance abuse. The Community Health Outreach Worker will work with Family Resource Centers, Tribes and other community partners to provide child and elder abuse prevention services and education. Mental Health Case Managers are staff trained to develop and engage natural supports for clients, to ensure health and safety and who live in the communities they serve. Mental Health Clinicians are licensed staff to assess and provide coordinated treatment services.

Measure Z funding allows for the service expansion that will develop efficiencies and use of provider networks through community partnerships, appropriate care coordination and monitoring of outcome measures. DHHS will continue to develop cross-agency financing strategies to ensure the sustainability of services beyond the sunset of Measure Z funding.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Salary and benefit expenditures related to the allocation of positions 2.0 FTE Substance Abuse Counselor I/II, 1.0 FTE Community Health Outreach Worker, 2.0 FTE Mental Health Case Manager and 2.0 FTE Mental Health Clinician I/II is estimated to be \$37,416 for FY 2015-16. This appropriation is included in DHHS Measure Z budget unit 1100-293.

Salary and benefit appropriation in the amount of \$497,926 for these positions has been included in proposed DHHS Measure Z budget unit 1100-293 for FY 2016-17.

This request supports the Board's Strategic Framework by protecting and creating opportunities for improved safety and health for vulnerable populations.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

None are recommended

ATTACHMENTS: