



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 6/24/2025

File #: 25-723

To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Behavioral Health

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Professional Services Agreement with Casa Serenity, Inc. in the Amount of \$330,000 Regarding the Provision of Long-Term Residential Mental Health Treatment Services to Adults with Severe Mental Illnesses

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached professional services agreement with Casa Serenity, Inc. regarding the provision of long-term residential mental health treatment services to adults with severe mental illnesses for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028; and
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 Casa Serenity, Inc., 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 (1) fully executed original copy of the attached professional services agreement with Casa Serenity, Inc. to the Department of Health and Human Services - Contract Unit for further processing.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The recommended actions support the following areas of the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Plan:

Area of Focus: Safe & Healthy Communities

Strategic Plan Category: 9999 - Core Services/Other

DISCUSSION:

The Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health ("DHHS - Behavioral Health"), in coordination with the Humboldt County Public Guardian's Office, utilizes a variety of placement options to provide long-term mental health treatment services to mentally ill clients who require assistance in locked and unlocked facilities. It is important for the placement team to have a variety of treatment options because vacancies and client needs fluctuate. DHHS - Behavioral Health is statutorily

obligated to provide housing for individuals on Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Conservatorship in a manner that is both protective of the conserved individual but also in the least restrictive setting. This mandate implies the need for multiple Long Term Care housing options to ensure individuals are appropriately placed and to have capacity to manage the number of conserved individuals.

Casa Serenity, Inc. operates an adult residential treatment facility located in Red Bluff, California. Casa Serenity, Inc.'s adult residential treatment facility serves as a sub-acute psychiatric residential facility, offering rehabilitative mental health treatment services for severely and persistently mentally ill individuals. All mental health treatment services provided at Casa Serenity's adult residential treatment facility focus on transitioning clients to independent living within their communities as soon as may be appropriate.

Accordingly, DHHS - Behavioral Health recommends that the Board approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached professional services agreement with Casa Serenity, Inc. regarding the provision of long-term residential mental health treatment services to adults with severe mental illnesses for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. 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 attached professional services agreement with Casa Serenity, Inc., after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office, in order to avoid delays in the provision of needed residential mental health treatment services.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Behavioral Health Fund (1170-496)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures (1170-496)	FY25-26 Projected*	FY26-27 Projected*	FY27-28 Projected*
Budgeted Expenses	\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00
Funding Sources (1170-496)	FY25-26 Projected*	FY26-27 Projected*	FY27-28 Projected*
State/Federal Funds	\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00
Total Funding Sources	\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00

**Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

The attached professional services agreement with Casa Serenity, Inc. has a maximum amount payable of Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$330,000.00) for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. In no event shall the maximum amount paid under the attached professional services agreement with Casa Serenity, Inc. exceed One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00) per fiscal year for fiscal years 2025-2026 through 2027-2028. 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 Casa Serenity, Inc. in its entirety.

Expenditure appropriations related to the attached professional services agreement with Casa Serenity, Inc. have been included in the proposed fiscal year 2025-2026 budget for DHHS - Behavioral Health Adult Services budget unit 1170-496. Funding for the attached professional services agreement with Casa Serenity, Inc. is available through state realignment and Mental Health Services Act revenues received by DHHS - Behavioral Health.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Approval of the attached professional services agreement with Casa Serenity, Inc. will not impact current staffing levels.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to approve the attached professional services agreement with Casa Serenity, Inc. regarding the provision of long-term residential mental health treatment services to adults with severe mental illnesses. However, this alternative is not recommended since it would require DHHS - Behavioral Health to place clients at inpatient facilities which will be more costly and

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may not provide the appropriate level of treatment for such clients.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Professional Services Agreement with Casa Serenity, Inc. Regarding the Provision of Long-Term Residential Mental Health Treatment Services to Adults with Severe Mental Illnesses

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: 2/28/23

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