



AGENDA ITEM NO.  
**C-17**

# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: June 19, 2018

Date: May 29, 2018

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Connie Beck, Director *CB* for C.B.  
Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: Acceptance of Mental Health Triage Personnel Grant Funding Made Available Through the Mental Health and Wellness Act of 2013

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the attached resolution which authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services – Mental Health Director, or a designee thereof, to accept, and execute any and all documents necessary to secure, grant funding from the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to expand the Humboldt County Mobile Response Team program;
2. Approve the allocation of two (2) full-time Mental Health Peer Coach III positions (class 0577, salary range 300) in Mental Health Administration budget unit 1170-424 effective immediately upon Board of Supervisors approval; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return one (1) certified copy of the Board Report to the Department of Health and Human Services – Contract Unit for further processing.

### SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Mental Health Fund

### DISCUSSION:

Prepared by Blake Hickman, Administrative Analyst I      CAO Approval *[Signature]*

REVIEW:	Auditor _____	County Counsel <i>Sm</i>	Human Resources <i>[Signature]</i>	Other _____
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#### TYPE OF ITEM:

- Consent
- Departmental
- Public Hearing
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting of: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**  
Upon motion of Supervisor *Wilson* Seconded by Supervisor *Bass*

Ayes *Bass, Fennell, Sandberg, Bohn, Wilson*  
 Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
 Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
 Absent \_\_\_\_\_

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: *6/19/18*

By: *[Signature]*  
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

On April 9, 2018, the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) awarded the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services – Mental Health (DHHS – Mental Health) grant funding through the Mental Health and Wellness Act of 2013 for the purpose of expanding the Humboldt County Mobile Response Team program. Such funding will allow DHHS – Mental Health to hire several mental health professionals that will be responsible for providing, in collaboration with various law enforcement, emergency service, educational and mental health treatment agencies and organizations, additional mental health triage services, including, without limitation, necessary evaluation and de-escalation services, to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.

Expansion of the Humboldt County Mobile Response Team program will help DHHS – Mental Health work toward accomplishment of the following goals:

- Increasing participation in mental health treatment and outpatient programs through the provision of culturally sensitive educational and support services to individuals suffering from mental illness and their families.
- Decreasing recidivism and jail overpopulation rates by reducing the number of unnecessary arrests of individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.
- Decreasing the number of transfers to the county’s crisis stabilization unit by law enforcement and emergency service personnel through the provision of culturally sensitive mental health services.
- Decreasing the workload of law enforcement and emergency service personnel by expanding interagency communication and collaboration.
- Decreasing the number of suicides in northern and eastern Humboldt County by strengthening relationships with local tribal and non-tribal mental health organizations.
- Decreasing the number of out-of-county placements of Humboldt County residents suffering from mental illness through the provision of the most appropriate level of services available.

Accordingly, staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the DHHS – Mental Health Director, or a designee thereof, to accept, and execute any and all documents necessary to secure, the above-referenced grant funding for a period of three (3) years. Additionally, staff recommends that the Board approve the allocation of two (2) full-time equivalent Mental Health Peer Coach III positions in order to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant agreement (State Standard Agreement No. 17MHSOAC040).

MHSOAC have also awarded DHHS – Mental Health a grant in the amount of \$726,446.00 over three (3) years for the purpose of hiring Children’s Mental Health Triage Personnel, which will enable DHHS Children’s Mental Health to expand the capacity of the Mobile Response Team to meet the needs of individuals aged 21 and under who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing a mental health crisis countywide. The acceptance of the grant in the amount of \$726,446.00 is also appearing before your Board today.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission awarded DHHS – Mental Health a total of Nine Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars (\$978,964.00) to expand the Humboldt County Mobile Response Team program. Such funds will be used to pay the salary and benefit costs for the following positions for a period of three (3) years: one (1) half-time Supervising Mental Health

Clinician position, two (2) full-time Mental Health Clinician positions, two (2) full-time Mental Health Case Manager positions and two (2) full-time Mental Health Peer Coach III positions.

The above-referenced funding, as well as personnel allocations for the Supervising Mental Health Clinician, Mental Health Clinician and Mental Health Case Manager positions that will be funded thereby, have been included in the fiscal year 2018-2019 proposed budget for DHHS – Mental Health Administration budget unit 1170-424.

DHHS – Mental Health plans to sustain the Humboldt County Mobile Response Team program beyond the three (3) year period covered by the grant through the effective use of Medicare and Medicaid billing and health care reform opportunities, such as expanded benefit enrollment strategies, cross-agency financing strategies and redirection and maximization of federal matching funds.

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

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Arcata Police Department, Eureka Police Department, Fortuna Police Department, Humboldt County Sherriff Department, St. Joseph Health of Humboldt County, Mad River Community Hospital, Jerald Phelps Community Hospital, Open Door Community Health Center, St. Joseph Health – Redwood Memorial Hospital, Waterfront Recovery Services, North Coast Emergency Medical Technicians, Humboldt County Office of Education, National Alliance on Mental Illness and Humboldt County Human Resources Department.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to adopt the attached resolution authorizing DHHS – Mental Health to accept the grant funds that have been awarded by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission. However, this alternative is not recommended since it would not allow DHHS – Mental Health to obtain funding that would be used to support the provision of necessary mental health triage services to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. [ ]: Resolution of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Authorizing Acceptance of Mental Health Triage Personnel Grant Funding from the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to Expand the Humboldt County Mobile Response Team Program
2. State Standard Agreement No. 17MHSOAC040 by and between the County of Humboldt and the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
3. Mental Health Triage Personnel Grant Application Dated March 9, 2018
4. Request for Mental Health Triage Personnel Grant Applications

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
Certified copy of portion of proceedings, Meeting of June 19, 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 18-61

**RESOLUTION OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF MENTAL HEALTH TRIAGE PERSONNEL GRANT  
FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OVERSIGHT AND  
ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION TO EXPAND THE MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM  
PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission has awarded the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services - Mental Health ("DHHS - Mental Health") a Mental Health Triage Personnel Grant in the amount of Nine Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Four Dollars (\$978,964.00) to expand the Humboldt County Mobile Response Team program; and

**WHEREAS**, such funding will allow DHHS - Mental Health to hire several mental health professionals, including, without limitation, two full-time Mental Health Peer Coaches, that will be responsible for providing, in collaboration with various law enforcement, emergency service, educational and mental health treatment agencies and organizations, additional mental health triage and other supportive services to clients and their families being served by the Humboldt County Mobile Response Team.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

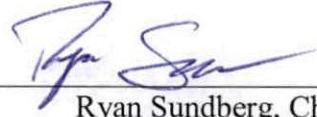
1. The DHHS - Mental Health Director, or a designee thereof, is hereby authorized to enter into, execute and deliver State Standard Agreement No. 17MHSOAC040 ("State Standard Agreement") and any future amendments thereto, along with any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to evidence and secure the Mental Health Triage Personnel Grant and the County of Humboldt's obligations related thereto.
2. The DHHS - Mental Health Director, or a designee thereof, is hereby authorized to enter into, execute and deliver any and all other agreements with other entities, and any amendments thereto, that are deemed necessary for the County of Humboldt to fulfill its obligations under the State Standard Agreement.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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RESOLUTION NO. 18-61

Dated: June 19, 2018



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Ryan Sundberg, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Adopted on motion by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Bass, and the following vote:

AYES:	Supervisors	Bohn, Sundberg, Fennell, Wilson, Bass
NAYS:	Supervisors	--
ABSENT:	Supervisors	--
ABSTAIN:	Supervisors	--

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
County of Humboldt )

I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be an original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.



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By Ryan Sharp  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Humboldt, State of California