



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 11/10/2020

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** DHHS: Behavioral Health

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**SUBJECT:**

Participation Agreement with the California Mental Health Services Authority Regarding the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health's Participation in the State Hospitals Program

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Waive the requirements of the Humboldt County Nuclear-Free Ordinance with regard to the attached participation agreement with the California Mental Health Services Authority;
2. Approve, and authorize the Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Director, or designee thereof, to execute, the attached participation agreement with the California Mental Health Services Authority regarding the Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health's participation in the State Hospitals Program for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; and
3. Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Director, or designee thereof, to approve any and all subsequent extensions, modifications, and amendments to the attached participation agreement with the California Mental Health Services Authority after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Behavioral Health Fund (1170)

**DISCUSSION:**

Pursuant to California Welfare and Institution Code Sections 4330, *et seq.*, the California Mental Health Services Authority contracts with the California Department of State Hospitals regarding the use of state hospital facilities on behalf of counties participating in the State Hospitals Program. The attached participation agreement with the California Mental Health Services Authority will allow the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health (DHHS - Behavioral Health) to place Humboldt County clients who require 24-hour supervision at any of the five state hospitals, when no other facilities are available, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June

30, 2021. It should be noted that the attached participation agreement with the California Mental Health Services Authority 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 Board approve, and authorize the DHHS - Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute, the attached participation agreement with the California Mental Health Services Authority regarding DHHS - Behavioral Health's participation in the State Hospitals Program for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020. Staff also recommends that the Board authorize the DHHS - Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof, to approve any and all subsequent extensions, modifications and amendments to the attached participation agreement with the California Mental Health Services Authority, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office, in order to avoid any unnecessary delays in the placement of Humboldt County clients at state hospital facilities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The attached participation agreement has a maximum amount payable of 1,402 per state hospital bed utilized by DHHS - Behavioral Health during the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. There is no cost associated with the attached participation agreement with the California Mental Health Services Authority if DHHS - Behavioral Health does not utilize any state hospital beds during the term thereof. DHHS - Behavioral Health has not placed any Humboldt County clients at a state hospital since December 2019.

Expenditure appropriations related to the attached participation agreement with the California Mental Health Services Authority have been included in the approved fiscal year 2020-2021 budget for DHHS - Behavioral Health Administration budget unit 1170-424. Funding for the attached participation agreement with the California Mental Health Services Authority is available through state realignment revenues received by DHHS - Behavioral Health. As a result, approval of the attached participation agreement with the California Mental Health Services Authority 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:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to approve the attached participation agreement with the California Mental Health Services Authority regarding DHHS - Behavioral Health's participation in the State Hospitals Program. However, this alternative is not recommended since it would prevent DHHS - Behavioral Health from placing Humboldt County clients who require twenty-four (24) hour supervision at state hospital facilities when no other facilities are available.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Participation Agreement with the California Mental Health Services Authority Regarding the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health's Participation in the State Hospitals Program

**PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:**

Board Order No.: C-5, D-7, D-7

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