



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 12/14/2021

File #: 21-1794

To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Behavioral Health

Agenda Section: Departmental

SUBJECT:

Request for Proposals No. DHHS2021-04 Regarding the Provision of Outreach, Engagement, Behavioral Health Treatment and Social Rehabilitation Services as Part of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and file the proposals submitted in response to Request for Proposals No. DHHS2021-04 regarding the provision of outreach, engagement, behavioral health treatment and social rehabilitation services as part of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program;
2. Approve the selection of EA Family Services as the organization to provide certain specified outreach, engagement, behavioral health treatment and social rehabilitation services as part of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program; and
3. Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof, to enter into contract negotiations with EA Family Services regarding the provision of outreach, engagement, behavioral health treatment and social rehabilitation services as part of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Behavioral Health Fund (1170)

DISCUSSION:

The Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program furthers the purposes of Sections 5345, *et seq.* of the California Welfare and Institutions Code and all other relevant provisions of California Assembly Bill 1421 and California Assembly Bill 1976. Implementation of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program is intended to support the provision of voluntary and court-ordered behavioral health treatment and social rehabilitation services, including, without limitation, assessment, collateral, crisis intervention, medication support, intensive case management, individual and group counseling and substance use disorder treatment services, to individuals who are deemed to pose a significant risk to the community as a result of their mental health diagnosis.

On April 6, 2021, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors (Board) met regarding the decision to

either implement, or opt out of implementing, the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program in Humboldt County. A motion was made to direct the Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health (“DHHS - Behavioral Health”), in collaboration with the County Administrative Office, to return with a supplemental budget and position allocation to implement Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program, or a similar type of service program, and request an extension from the state to opt out of implementing the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program.

On June 8, 2021, the Board directed DHHS - Behavioral Health to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) regarding the provision of services that are designed to assist in determining the feasibility of implementing the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program in Humboldt County. DHHS - Behavioral Health subsequently issued RFP No. DHHS2021-04, which solicited proposals from qualified organizations to provide specified outreach, engagement, behavioral health treatment and rehabilitation services as part of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program, on October 4, 2021.

DHHS - Behavioral Health received two proposals in response to RFP No. DHHS2021-04. After reviewing and evaluating the proposals in accordance with the applicable evaluation and selection criteria, the RFP evaluation committee decided to select EA Family Services as the organization to provide specified outreach, engagement, behavioral health treatment and social rehabilitation services as part of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program. It is expected that the services provided by EA Family Services will address the unique needs of individuals participating in the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program by using a comprehensive integrated approach to modify maladaptive behavior patterns and guide participants towards wellness.

Accordingly, DHHS - Behavioral Health recommends that the Board approve the selection of EA Family Services as the organization to provide outreach, engagement, behavioral health treatment and social rehabilitation services as part of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program. It is also recommended that the Board authorize the DHHS - Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof, to enter into contract negotiations with EA Family Services regarding the provision of outreach, engagement, behavioral health treatment and social rehabilitation services as part of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program. The professional services agreement with EA Family Services will return to the Board for final approval on January 4, 2022.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The total cost associated with entering into a professional services agreement with EA Family Services regarding the provision of outreach, engagement, behavioral health treatment and social rehabilitation services as part of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program will not exceed \$988,102.50 for the period of January 4, 2021 through June 30, 2023. Expenditure appropriations related to the proposed professional services agreement with EA Family Services have been included in the approved fiscal year 2021-2022 budget for DHHS - Behavioral Health Administration budget unit 1170-424. Funding for the proposed professional services agreement with EA Family Services is available through federal financial participation for Medi-Cal and County General Fund and other fund source appropriation as approved by the Board on June 8, 2021.

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 selection of EA Family Services as the organization to provide certain specified outreach, engagement, behavioral health treatment and social rehabilitation services as part of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program. However, this alternative is not recommended as it will not allow for the provision of needed services to underserved populations throughout Humboldt County.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request for Proposals No. DHHS2021-04 Regarding the Provision of Outreach, Engagement, Behavioral Health Treatment and Social Rehabilitation Services as part of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program
2. Proposals submitted in response to Request for Proposals No. DHHS2021-04

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: G-1; I-3; I-2

Meeting of: 8/18/20; 4/6/21; 6/8/21

File No.: 20-1031; 21-375; 21-695