



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Behavioral Health

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Behavioral Health Organizational Provider Services Agreement with Victor Treatment Centers, Inc. Regarding the Provision of Children's Specialty Behavioral Health Treatment Services to Eligible Medi-Cal Beneficiaries Residing in Humboldt County

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached behavioral health organizational provider services agreement with Victor Treatment Centers, Inc. regarding the provision of children's specialty behavioral health treatment services to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022;
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 behavioral health organizational provider services agreement with Victor Treatment Centers, 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 fully executed original copy of the attached behavioral health organizational provider services agreement with Victor Treatment Centers, Inc. to the Department of Health and Human Services - Contract Unit for further processing.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Behavioral Health Fund (1170)

DISCUSSION:

The Board of Supervisors has authorized the Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health (DHHS - Behavioral Health) to operate the County of Humboldt's Behavioral Health Plan. The provision of specialty behavioral health treatment services to all Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County that meet necessary criteria is, and will remain, the responsibility of DHHS - Behavioral Health. Therefore, since April 1998, DHHS - Behavioral Health has contracted with qualified specialty behavioral health providers, including Victor Treatment Centers, Inc., who have historically served Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County. DHHS - Behavioral Health has established a provider network with in-county as well as out-of-county providers for referrals of

Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County to ensure that such beneficiaries have a choice of appropriate providers.

The Short-Doyle program is a component of the California Medi-Cal program that serves the mentally ill, and is operated by the various counties in California which arrange for hospital and clinic services. Short-Doyle Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County currently utilize DHHS - Behavioral Health's maximum clinical, clerical and physical resources. As a result, DHHS - Behavioral Health continues to require specialty behavioral health treatment services from qualified specialty behavioral health providers such as Victor Treatment Centers, Inc.

DHHS - Behavioral Health has previously contracted with Victor Treatment Centers, Inc. on numerous occasions. On each occasion, Victor Treatment Centers, Inc. has demonstrated expertise in providing a full range of children's specialty behavioral health treatment services, including, without limitation, assessment, individual therapy, family therapy, group therapy, case management, behavioral health plan development, behavioral health rehabilitation, medication support, intensive care coordination and crisis intervention services to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County. Victor Treatment Centers, Inc. is an out-of-county organizational provider that is only utilized when necessary to serve beneficiaries with the highest level of needs.

The attached behavioral health organizational provider services agreement will allow eligible Short-Doyle Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County to receive children's specialty behavioral health treatment services from Victor Treatment Centers, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Accordingly, DHHS - Behavioral Health recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached behavioral health organizational provider services agreement with Victor Treatment Centers, Inc. regarding the provision of children's specialty behavioral health treatment services to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County. 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 behavioral health organizational provider services agreement with Victor Treatment Centers, Inc., after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office, in order to avoid any unnecessary delays in the provision of needed children's specialty behavioral health treatment services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The attached behavioral health organizational provider services agreement with Victor Treatment Centers, Inc. has a maximum amount payable of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. However, in the event 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 behavioral health organizational provider services agreement with Victor Treatment Centers, Inc. in its entirety.

Expenditure appropriations related to the attached behavioral health organizational provider services agreement with Victor Treatment Centers, Inc. have been included in the proposed fiscal year 2021-

2022 budget for DHHS - Behavioral Health Administration budget unit 1170-424. Funding for the attached behavioral health organizational provider services agreement is available through federal Medi-Cal financial participation and state realignment for behavioral health managed care and early periodic screening diagnosis and treatment. As a result, approval of the attached behavioral health organizational provider services agreement with Victor Treatment Centers, Inc. will not impact the Humboldt County General Fund.

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STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

The recommended actions support the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations, ensuring 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 behavioral health organizational provider services agreement with Victor Treatment Centers, Inc. regarding the provision of children's specialty behavioral health treatment services to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County. However, this alternative is not recommended since it would require DHHS - Behavioral Health to directly provide the children's specialty behavioral health treatment services currently being provided by Victor Treatment Centers, Inc., which is not feasible at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Behavioral Health Organizational Provider Services Agreement with Victor Treatment Centers, Inc. Regarding the Provision of Children's Specialty Behavioral Health Treatment Services for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-6; C-15; C-9; C-16; C-30; C-26; C-17; C-23; C-35; C-17

Meeting of: 08/20/13; 08/12/14; 12/09/14; 08/18/15; 06/28/16; 06/27/17; 06/26/18; 12/04/18; 06/25/19; 6/23/2020

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