



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** DHHS: Behavioral Health

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**SUBJECT:**

Mental Health Organizational Provider Services Agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. Regarding the Provision of Children's Specialty Mental Health Treatment, Therapeutic Behavioral, Intensive Home-Based and Therapeutic Foster Care 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 mental health organizational provider services agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. regarding the provision of children's specialty mental health treatment, therapeutic behavioral, intensive home-based and therapeutic foster care services to eligible Medi-Cal Beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023;
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 mental health organizational provider services agreement with Redwood Community Services, 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 mental health organizational provider services agreement with Redwood Community Services, 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 mental 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 mental health providers, such as Redwood Community Services, 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.

Redwood Community Services, Inc. has been providing a full range of children's specialty mental health treatment services, including, without limitation, psychological assessment, plan development, therapy, mental health rehabilitation, case management, intensive care coordination and crisis intervention services, to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries since 1995. The attached mental health organizational provider services agreement will allow eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County to receive children's specialty mental health treatment, therapeutic behavioral, intensive home-based and therapeutic foster care services from Redwood Community Services, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

Accordingly, DHHS - Behavioral Health recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached mental health organizational provider services agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. regarding the provision of children's specialty mental health treatment, therapeutic behavioral, intensive home-based and therapeutic foster care services to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in Humboldt County for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. It is also recommended that the Board of Supervisors authorize the DHHS - Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached mental health organizational provider services agreement with Redwood Community Services, 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 mental health treatment, therapeutic behavioral, intensive home-based and/or therapeutic foster care services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The attached mental health organizational provider services agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. has a maximum amount payable of \$2,682,536 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. 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 mental health organizational provider services agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. in its entirety.

Expenditure appropriations related to the attached mental health organizational provider services agreement with Redwood Community Services, 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 mental health organizational provider services agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. is available through federal Medi-Cal financial participation, Behavioral Health Realignment for early periodic screening diagnosis and treatment and Health and Welfare Realignment revenues received by DHHS - Behavioral Health. As a result, approval of the attached mental health organizational provider services agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. 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 of Supervisors may choose not to approve the attached mental health organizational provider services agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. regarding the provision of children's specialty mental health treatment, therapeutic behavioral, intensive home-based and therapeutic foster care 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 specialty mental health treatment, therapeutic behavioral, intensive home-based and therapeutic foster care services to be provided by Redwood Community Services, Inc., which is not feasible at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Mental Health Organizational Provider Services Agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. Regarding the provision of Children's Specialty Mental Health Treatment, Therapeutic Behavioral, Intensive Home-Based and Therapeutic Foster Care Services for Fiscal Years 2021-2022 through 2022-2023

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-13

Meeting of: 09/17/19

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