



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 6/2/2026

File #: 26-421

To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Behavioral Health

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Second Amendment to the Professional Medical Residency Affiliation Agreement with St. Joseph Health Northern California, LLC Regarding the Placement of Medical Residents at Various Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Facilities

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve, and authorize the Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute, the attached second amendment to the professional medical residency affiliation agreement with St. Joseph Health Northern California, LLC dated March 27, 2023 regarding the placement of medical residents at various Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health facilities for the period of March 27, 2023 through fiscal year June 30, 2028; and
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 professional medical residency affiliation agreement with St. Joseph Health Northern California, LLC dated March 27, 2023, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office; and
3. Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute placement agreements that are substantially similar to the professional medical residency affiliation agreement with St. Joseph Health Northern California, LLC dated March 27, 2023, and any amendments thereto, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office; and
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board to electronically provide the Department of Health and Human Services Contract Unit with one (1) fully executed certified copy of the Board order related to this item.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The recommended actions support the following areas of the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Plan:

Area of Focus: Safe & Healthy Communities

Strategic Plan Category: 1001 -Support and sustain partnerships between public safety and partner agencies to enhance public safety in our communities

DISCUSSION:

St. Joseph Health Northern California, LLC, doing business as Providence St. Joseph Hospital of Eureka, (“St. Joseph Hospital”) sponsors a family medicine residency program which provides training to medical residents in accordance with the requirements of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. It is in St. Joseph Hospital’s and the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health’s (“DHHS - Behavioral Health”) mutual interest and advantage that medical residents enrolled in St. Joseph Hospital’s family medicine residency program be given the opportunity to utilize DHHS - Behavioral Health facilities for clinical and educational purposes, and it is beneficial to the county to contribute to the education of residents since doing so will help diminish the shortage of qualified doctors in Humboldt County.

On March 27, 2023, the County of Humboldt, by and through DHHS - Behavioral Health, entered into a professional medical residency affiliation agreement with St. Joseph Hospital regarding the placement of medical residents at various DHHS - Behavioral Health facilities for the period of March 27, 2023 through June 30, 2024. DHHS - Behavioral Health subsequently amended the professional medical residency affiliation agreement with St. Joseph Hospital dated March 27, 2023 to extend the term thereof to June 30, 2026, on June 10, 2024.

The attached second amendment to the professional medical residency affiliation agreement with St. Joseph Hospital dated March 27, 2023 allows for the continued placement of individuals participating in St. Joseph Hospital’s family medicine residency program at various DHHS - Behavioral Health facilities for the period of March 27, 2023 through June 30, 2028.

Accordingly, DHHS - Behavioral Health recommends that the Board approve, and authorize the DHHS - Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof to execute, the attached second amendment to the professional medical residency affiliation agreement with St. Joseph Hospital March 27, 2023 regarding the placement of medical residents at various DHHS - Behavioral Health facilities for the period of March 27, 2023 through fiscal year June 30, 2028. It is also recommended that the Board authorize the DHHS - Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments, and additional placement agreements that are substantially similar, to the professional medical residency affiliation agreement with St. Joseph Hospital dated March 27, 2023, 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 medical residents at DHHS - Behavioral Health facilities.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There are no costs directly associated with placing medical residents at DHHS - Behavioral Health facilities pursuant to the terms and conditions of the professional medical residency affiliation agreement with St. Joseph Hospital dated March 27, 2023.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Approval of the attached second amendment to the professional medical residency affiliation agreement with St. Joseph Hospital dated March 27, 2023, will not impact current staffing levels.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose to not approve the attached second amendment to the professional medical residency affiliation agreement with St. Joseph Hospital dated March 27, 2023 regarding the placement of medical residents at various DHHS - Behavioral Health facilities. However, this alternative is not recommended since it would exclude DHHS - Behavioral Health facilities from participating in providing clinical experiences to medical residents in Humboldt County.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Second Amendment to the Professional Medical Residency Affiliation Agreement with St. Joseph Health Northern

California, LLC Dated March 27, 2023 Regarding the Placement of Medical Residents at Various Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Facilities

2. First Amendment to the Professional Medical Residency Affiliation Agreement with St. Joseph Health Northern California, LLC Dated March 27, 2023 Regarding the Placement of Medical Residents at Various Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Facilities
3. Professional Medical Residency Affiliation Agreement with St. Joseph Health Northern California, LLC Dated March 27, 2023 Regarding the Placement of Medical Residents at Various Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Facilities

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: 7/28/2020

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