

MONTEREY COUNTY



COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CHARLES J. MCKEE
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

April 4, 2022

The California Department of Health Care Services
1700 K Street Unit 4
Sacramento, CA 95811

Re: Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP)

To Whom it May Concern:

The County of Monterey is grateful to the California Department of Health Care Services for the opportunity to apply for the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program Launch Ready Grant that will enable the creation of a much-needed Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) in the five-county Central Coast Region.

Monterey County's entire proposal will repurpose a recently vacated, County-owned 40,000 square foot hub-and-spoke building to eventually house approximately 100 beds. The Phase 1 proposal at hand, in the amount of \$20 million, provides for building infrastructure upgrades (remediation, electrical, plumbing, and HVAC) the buildout consisting of an initial 20 adult beds. The County's financial contribution is the property and existing building, valued at \$8 million. We intend to apply for further funding to assist in the buildout of an additional 80 adult and transitional age youth beds.

With a facility of this magnitude, we will be able to assist our neighboring counties with their MHRC needs. The state and Monterey County will realize cost savings with a decrease in our out-of-county placements, and our neighboring counties will have their MHRC clients in closer proximity.

Monterey County considers its project to be launch ready. Our architectural and engineering firm is expected to provide a preliminary report on March 25, 2022. Our pre-application consultation with Advocates for Human Potential was tremendously positive. Our award of the \$150,000 planning grant is currently funding our pre-design efforts. Monterey County is ready to meet the BHCIP deadlines described in the Joint RFA, section 1.4 Timeline and can begin using BHCIP funds within 30 days of award. Our preliminary construction timeline anticipates project completion by June 2026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles J. McKee".

Charles J. McKee
County Administrative Officer



MONTEREY COUNTY

PROBATION DEPARTMENT Office of the Chief

Todd Keating
Chief Probation Officer

Jose Ramirez
Assistant Chief Probation Officer

March 14, 2022

Monterey County Behavioral Health
1270 Natividad Road
Salinas, CA 93906

RE: Letter of Support for Proposed Monterey County Mental Health Rehabilitation Center

Dear Chief Eckert,

On behalf of Monterey County Probation Department, I am pleased to write a letter in support of building a Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) in Monterey County.

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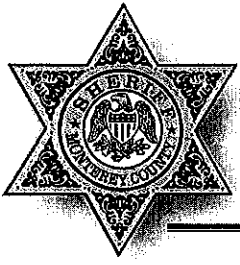
- Patients may be rehabilitated in Monterey County, rather than being transferred to other areas of the state.
- Patients will receive more timely access to treatment. (Current wait times to secure a patient bed providing this level of service is many months and, in some instances, more than a year.)
- Patients may better connect to their families and local supports and improve their ability to safely re-integrate into their home communities.
- Helps advance the goal of achieving equity for behavioral health and community care options. It is currently a hardship for many historically underserved, ethnically and racially diverse families to travel to other parts of the state to visit and support their loved one who is an inpatient at a MHRC.

The Monterey County Probation Department supports building a MHRC in Monterey County and the application of funding to serve this purpose.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Todd Keating'.

Todd Keating
Chief Probation Officer



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STEVE BERNAL
Sheriff-Coroner

Katy Eckert, Behavioral Health Bureau Chief
1270 Natividad Road
Salinas, CA 93906

Joseph Moses, Monterey County Sheriff's Office Captain
1414 Natividad Rd.
Salinas, CA 93906

SUBJECT: MHRC LETTER OF SUPPORT

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The Monterey County Sheriff's Office supports building a MHRC in Monterey County and the application of funding to serve this purpose. We look forward to entering into this collaborative effort with Monterey County Behavioral Health and our community partners and providing the space for this much needed resource.

Sincerely,

Joseph Moses

Captain
Corrections Operations Bureau
Monterey County Sheriff's Office