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Board Report

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- b. Approve and authorize the Director of Health or Assistant Director of Health to approve up to three (3) future amendments that do not exceed ten percent (10%) (\$29,891) of the original Agreement amount and do not significantly alter the scope of services.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The USC School of Social Work, under the auspices of the University of Southern California, operates a Telehealth Unit (“USCTH”), an online counseling and psychotherapy clinic. USCTH is primarily staffed by graduate student interns pursuing a Masters of Social Work (“MSW Intern”) who, working under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker (“LCSW”), provide traditional mental health services to clients in their homes or other private locations via a remote, video-conferencing platform.

USCTH will provide virtual evidenced-based mental and behavioral health care and related services, hereinafter referred to as “Telehealth,” to remedy geographic health inequities in Salinas and South Monterey County regions. USCTH will provide a range of mental health services to clients ages 12 and above including adolescents, transitioned age youth, adults and older adults with presenting problems including but not limited to emotional, behavioral, family and academic challenges related to mental illness and substance abuse; and trauma related to physical or sexual abuse, neglect, incarceration, and exposure to domestic, school and community violence.

This Agreement contains the County's standard 30-day "no cause" provision (Section IV, B) and an additional defunding provision (Section IV, D), which provides the County the ability to amend or terminate the Agreement in the event of a reduction and/or termination of funding.

This work supports the following Monterey County Health Department 2011-2015 strategic plan initiative: 3) Ensure access to culturally and linguistically appropriate, customer-friendly, quality health services. It also supports one of the ten essential public health services, specifically: 7) Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provisions of health care when otherwise unavailable.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel-Risk Management and Auditor-Controller have reviewed and approved this Agreement as to legal form and fiscal provisions, respectively.

FINANCING:

This Agreement is funded by Mental Health Services Act Community Services and Support (10%) and Federal Financial Participation (90%). The funds for FY 2018-19 are included in the Health Department Behavioral Health (HEA012, Unit 8410) FY 2018-19 Requested Budget. The funds for Fiscal Years 2019-20 through 2020-21 will be included in the Department's requested budget for each fiscal year. Approval of this action has no impact on the County General Fund.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Economic Development:

- Through collaboration, strengthen economic development to ensure a diversified and healthy economy.

Administration:

- Promote an organization that practices efficient and effective resource management and is recognized for responsiveness, strong customer orientation, accountability and transparency.

Health & Human Services:

- Improve health and quality of life through County supported policies, programs, and services; promoting access to equitable opportunities for healthy choices and healthy environments in collaboration with communities.

Infrastructure:

- Plan and develop a sustainable, physical infrastructure that improves the quality of life for County residents and supports economic development results.

Public Safety:

Create a safe environment for people to achieve their potential, leading businesses and communities to thrive and grow by reducing violent crimes as well as crimes in general

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Attachment:

Agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board