



Board Report

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

As part of the Monterey County Health Department, Behavioral Health Bureau's Access and Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) outreach, engagement and mental health programs, the County currently has Agreement A-15270 with Harmony at Home (HAH) to meet goals and objectives outlined in the County's MHSA Plan. Since MHSA revenues are higher than budgeted and this agency has the capacity to increase services delivered to the community, this amendment is retroactive to July 1, 2022, adds \$694,120 for FYs 2022-24 and extends the term of the agreement to June 30, 2024.

HAH's proposal consists of the expansion of their Teen Success Program to serve young mothers who become pregnant as teens and their children residing in South Monterey County. The goals for the program participants are: 1) complete high school and post-secondary education; and 2) develop the knowledge and skills to nurture their child's positive development. These goals are accomplished by a comprehensive array of services and supports focusing on the following: 1) educational navigation; 2) early childhood development; and 3) financial well-being, and health and wellness. This proposed Amendment No. 2 provides funds to serve an additional young mothers and their children by the end of FY 2023-24.

HAH has also added the Bullying Prevention (BP) program to educate the entire student body at designated school sites on different bullying prevention strategies in the form of staff and refresher trainings. The goal for this program is to: 1) help create an Anti-Bullying culture on every school campus by having a BP Coach/Specialist present; 2) bring the Upstander mentality to all students and faculty on campus; 3) educate teachers and staff on how to create safe bullying free classrooms; and 4) increase awareness amongst students and their families about bullying behaviors and tendencies. These goals are accomplished by providing a BP Coach/Specialist to: 1) provide training year-round at each of the four (4) Monterey County Behavioral Health designated schools; 2) help create/facilitate a Student Led Assembly; 3) coordinate with administrative school staff on dates to present the Student Led Assembly; 4) be present on campus for the full school day to provide support with on-the-spot interventions, classroom meetings, de-escalations and teacher coaching

sessions; and 5) provide information on all things regarding bullying prevention and to collaborate with staff and campus counselors if a referral is to be made for bullying behaviors.

This proposed Amendment No. 2 provides funds to serve up to 800 students, 45 teachers, and 45 school administrative staff by the end of FY 2022-2024.

This work supports the Monterey County Health Department 2018-2022 Strategic Plan Goal:

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 provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Office of County Counsel and Auditor-Controller have reviewed and approved this Amendment as to legal form and fiscal provisions, respectively.

FINANCING:

This Agreement is funded by Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention funds. The funds for FY 2022-23 (\$264,000) have been included in the Health Department's Behavioral Health (HEA012, Unit 8410) FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget. Funds for FY 2023-24 (\$430,120) will be included in the Health Department's Behavioral Health (HEA012, Unit 8410) Fiscal Year 2023-24 Requested Budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Check the related 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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Approved by:

Date: _____

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Attachments:

Amendment No 2

Amendment No 1

Agreement