



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

San Andreas Regional Center is a community-based, private non-profit corporation that is funded by the State of California to serve people with developmental disabilities as required by the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act. San Andreas Regional Center serves individuals and their families in Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz Counties.

San Andreas Regional Center and the Monterey County Health Department, Behavioral Health Bureau (Behavioral Health) have a long history of collaboration. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) formalizes the protocols for assessment, treatment and payment for psychiatric services provided by Behavioral Health for Medi-Cal beneficiaries with developmental disabilities and severe emotional disturbance/serious mental illness. The mutual goals are to increase continuity of services, optimize service utilization, and improve mental health outcomes. This Agreement is delayed in being brought before your Board due to several factors including lengthy negotiations and fiscal year-end workload issues.

This MOU contains no termination clause, insurance requirements, indemnification or financial provisions as this MOU fulfills a State legislative mandate. The MOU is in accordance with the California Welfare and Institutions Code Division 4.5, Services for the Developmentally Disabled, Chapter 6. Developmental and Support of Community Facilities and Programs, Article 7 Regional Center Clients Requiring Mental Health Services, Section 4696 thru Section 4697.

This work supports the following Monterey County Health Department 2018-2022 Strategic Plan Initiative: Empower the community to improve to improve health. It also supports one or more of the ten essential public health services, specifically: 5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

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

FINANCING:

This MOU consists of operational protocol only and thereby contains no fiscal, insurance or indemnification provisions.

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:

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Attachment:

Memorandum of Understanding