



## Board Report

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- b. Approve non-standard insurance provision in Agreement as recommended by the Director of Health; and
- c. Approve and authorize the Director of Health or Assistant Director of Health to approve up to three (3) future amendments to each MOU that in total do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the initial liability of each MOU, as shown in Exhibit A, and that do not significantly change the scope of services.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the School Districts expires on June 30, 2021. The School Districts seek to continue their partnership with the Monterey County Health Department Behavioral Health Bureau (MCBHB) for the provision of therapeutic services for students identified as having trouble with their educational goals due to social, emotional or behavioral issues. Through the MOUs, MCBHB will deploy Psychiatric Social Workers (“Therapist”) to School Districts to provide an array of therapeutic services to students including individual therapy, group therapy, family therapy, parent and/or teacher consultation, treatment planning, classroom observation, teacher training, parent education, support with psychiatric appointments, referrals for crisis intervention, and intensive in-home behavioral intervention and support as needed. The School Districts agree to pay the non-Federal Financial Participation (FFP) portion of the costs up to the total maximum MOU amount since MCBHB is reimbursed FFP directly by the Department of Health Care Services.

Both parties have negotiated to Mutual Indemnification, Limitation of Liability, increased per occurrence and aggregate liability limits for Professional and General Liability, and County to include sexual misconduct coverage. The Health Department recommends the modification to the indemnification, liability, and insurance provisions.

This work supports the following Monterey County Health Department 2018-2022 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:

The Office of County Counsel and Auditor-Controller have reviewed and approved this MOU as to legal form and fiscal provisions, respectively. Risk Management has not approved this MOU due to non-standard indemnification, limitation of liability, and insurance provisions.

FINANCING:

These Agreements are funded by Federal Financial Participation (FFP) (69%) and School District reimbursement (31%) as the local required match for FFP. The associated revenue and expenditures are included in the Health Department's Behavioral Health (HEA 012, Unit 8410) Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Adopted 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:

Memorandum of Understanding

Exhibit A