



# County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
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## Board Report

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- b. Approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Social Services to sign up to three amendments to this agreement that do not significantly change the scope of work.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Monterey County Department of Social Services (MCDSS) currently operates the Cherish Center, a 23-hour receiving center for youth at risk of abuse and/or neglect. This center provides services to reduce the trauma inflicted upon youth who have been removed from their home and provides support through the initial crisis. Currently, operation of the center is contracted through Aspiranet, a non-profit family services agency.

Santa Cruz County Human Services Department (SCHSD) has a need and desire to utilize available beds and space in the Cherish Center as an adjunct to the programs they run themselves. Through this agreement, MCDSS will allow SCHSD use of the Cherish Center facility within the existing scope of contracted services from Aspiranet.

Santa Cruz County Human Services Department will reimburse Monterey County Department of Social Services on an "as used" basis for actual time.

This Agreement was delayed in being brought forward for Board consideration prior to the term start date due to complicated negotiations with contractor and extended review timelines due to holidays.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Risk Management and Purchasing have reviewed and approved this Agreement. County Counsel has approved

the Agreement as to form.

FINANCING:

Santa Cruz County will be responsible for costs related to their use of the Cherish Center on an hour-by-hour basis. There is no impact to the County General Fund contributions.

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Approved by:

Date:

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Department of Social Services

Attachments: Santa Cruz County Cherish Center Agreement 2016-19  
Proposed agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board as an attachment to this Board Report