



# County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
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Salinas, CA 93901

## 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%) (\$27,000) 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 County currently has Agreement A-13962 with The Epicenter which will expire on June 30, 2021. The Epicenter (The Epicenter) is a non-profit organization focused on empowering transition age youth ages 16-24 to become self-sufficient as they navigate the transition to adulthood. The Epicenter is a youth led drop-in center that integrates resources and services and works with the entire community to address barriers youth face as they leave systems of care. Currently, there are no drop-in centers in Salinas where young adults can access needed supports. This center helps youth who are at-risk of developing mental health and substance abuse problems access timely services and prevent the need to access higher levels of care.

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 Monterey County Health Department 2018-22 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 and Auditor-Controller have reviewed and approved as to legal form and fiscal provisions, respectively.

### FINANCING:

This Agreement is funded by Mental Health Services Act (MSHA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)

funds. The funds for FY 2021-22 are included in the Health Department's Behavioral Health Bureau (HEA012, Unit 8410) FY 2021-22 Requested Budget. The funds for this Agreement for FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 will be included in the respective Health Department's Behavioral Health (HEA012, Unit 8410) FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 Requested Budget. Approval of this action has no impact on the County General Fund.

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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Attachment:  
Agreement