

**Board Report** 

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a. Approve and authorize the Director of Health or Assistant Director of Health to execute a Standard Agreement with Keith Vandevere, Attorney-At-Law to provide hearing officer services, in the amount of \$60,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17, \$60,000 for FY 2017-18, and \$60,000 for FY 2018-19, for a total Agreement amount not to exceed \$180,000 for the term of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019; and b. Authorize the Director of Health or Assistant Director of Health to approve up to three (3) future one year amendments that do not exceed (10%) (\$18,000) 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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b. Authorize the Director of Health or Assistant Director of Health to approve up to three (3) future one year amendments that do not exceed (10%) (\$18,000) of the original Agreement amount and do not significantly alter the scope of services.

# SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Lanterman-Petris-Short Act mandates a certification review hearing for all persons to be certified for involuntary mental health treatment. Keith Vandevere, Attorney-At-Law, provides services as the hearing officer for certification review hearings. Monterey County currently has an Agreement A-12653 with Keith Vandevere, Attorney-At-Law which will expire on June 30, 2016. The Health Department, Behavioral Health is requesting approval of this County of Monterey Standard Agreement to continue these services for an additional three year term.

This Agreement contains the County's standard 30-day "no cause" provision (Section 7.01), a "good cause" provision effective immediately (Section 7.02), and a defunding provision (Section 7.03).

This work supports the following Monterey County Health Department 2011-2015 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 County Counsel and Auditor-Controller have reviewed and approved this Agreement as to legal form and fiscal provision respectively. A copy of this Agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board.

#### FINANCING:

This Agreement is funded by Realignment funds. The funds for this Agreement are included in the Health

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Department's Behavioral Health (HEA012, Unit 8410) FY 2016-17 Requested Budget. The funds for this Agreement for FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 will be included in the Health Department Behavioral Health Bureau (HEA012, Unit 8410) FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 Requested Budgets.

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Attachments: Agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board