



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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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 one year amendments that do not exceed ten percent (10%) (\$83,761) 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:

Alliance on Aging in Salinas, CA provides bilingual and bicultural Senior Peer Counseling services that consists of prevention and early mental health intervention support to older adults (age 55 and older) suffering from depression, anxiety, grief, loss, isolation, adjustment to chronic illness, and other stressors that can occur in the latter third of life. Peer Counselors provide short term one-on-one counseling to older adults impacted by stresses associated with aging that result in distressing emotional states and/or impair the person's ability to function. Senior Peer Counselors also facilitate support groups that foster emotional support, encouragement, self-empowerment, connection to others, and a safe venue for self-expression. Alliance on Aging also facilitates The *Fortaleciendo el Bienestar Program* (FeB) which provides Spanish-speaking Peer Counselors who focus on "total health" education. The program emphasizes culturally-competent approaches to improving mental/emotional and physical health.

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 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:

County Counsel and Auditor-Controller have reviewed and approved this Agreement as to legal form and fiscal

provisions, respectively. A copy of this Agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board.

FINANCING:

This Agreement is funded by Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention (MHSA PEI) revenues (100%). The funds for this Agreement (\$279,204) are included in the Health Department's Behavioral Health (HEA012, Unit 8410) Fiscal Year 2016-17 Recommended Budget. The funds for this Agreement for FY 2017-18 (\$279,204) and FY 2018-19 (\$279,204) will be included in the Health Department's Behavioral Health (HEA012, Unit 8410) Fiscal Year 2017-18 and Fiscal Year 2018-19 Requested Budgets.

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Attachments:

Agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board