



# County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
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## Board Report

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- b. 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.

### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Auditor-Controller and Contracts/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.

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This agreement correlates to the Administration and Health & Human Services Strategic Initiatives adopted by

the Board of Supervisors by allowing the Department to partner with Santa Cruz County so foster children in Santa Cruz County are provided with a safe temporary place to stay when removed from their homes by child welfare.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

☐ Economic Development  
☒ Administration  
☒ Health & Human Services  
☐ Infrastructure  
☐ Public Safety

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Attachments: Santa Cruz County CHERISH MOU 2020-22

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Proposed Agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board as an attachment to this Board Report