



# County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors  
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## Board Report

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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**SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:**

The County currently has Agreement A-15386 with The Epicenter. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21, the Monterey County Health Department, Behavioral Health Bureau conducted Request for Proposal (RFP) #10787 for Mental Health Services Act, Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Services which are aimed at preventing mental illnesses from becoming severe and disabling. PEI services focus on preventing the onset of mental health issues and/or providing early intervention treatment and referral services. The Epicenter is one of several community agencies that were awarded funding for PEI services through the RFP.

In FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023, The Epicenter will provide mental health outreach and engagement services to educate youth about the importance of mental health well-being and engagement in services. The Epicenter will refer youth to Monterey County Behavioral Health services and make them aware of the resources provided by Monterey County Behavioral Health. They will conduct 4 listening sessions which will be Youth led to improve the outcomes and identification of need regarding Mental Health service support. In addition, The Epicenter will conduct support groups consisting of peers inclusive of homogeneous demographics to include youth who are homeless, LGBTQ+, socio-economically disadvantaged, youth involved with the foster care system and other disenfranchised/underserved populations. This Amendment No. 1 is retroactive to September 1, 2021 due to the timeline of conducting the RFP and prolonged contract negotiations.

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 2018-2022 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 office of the County Counsel and Auditor-Controller have reviewed and approved as to legal form and fiscal provisions respectively.

FINANCING:

Th This Amendment No. 1 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 Adopted 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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Attachments:

Amendment No 1

Agreement